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WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HANUKKAH!

Season's greetings to all! Welcome to our very own winter wonderland right here in L.A. We hope all of your holiday celebrations are filled with love, cheer and happiness. This month is among the busiest of the year here at Paradise Ranch. Our spirits are up and you can feel the joy in the air. Every single guest who will spend the holidays with OUR family will definitely feel it too! Keep in mind that our holiday hours are as follows:

Holiday Hours

Christmas Eve: Close @ 2pm

Christmas Day: Closed

New Years Eve: Close @ 2pm

New Years Day: Closed



Safety Tips:

The holidays are a wonderful time to celebrate with family and loved ones but it can also be a stressful and dangerous time for your family pet. With Christmas, Hanukkah and New Years just around the corner here are some tips to help keep your pet safe during this joyous season.

- Hang breakable decorations and tinsel well out of paw's reach: Tinsel, ribbon and ornaments can be dangerous if your pet decides to chew or swallow them.
- Metal ornament hooks can get caught in curious mouths: Instead use colored ribbon or yarn to replace those sharp hooks to hang ornaments.
- Make sure strands of lights, loose wires and extension cords are out of reach: Pets, especially puppies, often try to chew on them and may get burned, shocked or electrocuted. Hardware stores sell tubes that can hide loose cords.
- A Christmas tree should stand on a flat, wide base: Anchoring the tree with a fishing line tied to a drapery, ceiling rod or wall hook can prevent the tree from falling over on your pet should they decide to start a game of ring around the tree.
- If you have any gift packages that contain food, don't leave them under the tree.
- Place holiday plants out of pet's reach: Some seasonal plants can be poisonous such as mistletoe, holly berries, poinsettias, evergreen trees, and Christmas tree water. Keep an extra eye on your pets around these hazards.
- When you have company, make sure your pets have a safe, quiet place to escape.

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Check out our holiday styles!

Membership

Paradise Ranch is pleased to announce a new yearly membership opportunity to all of our clients. With this beneficial membership card you will receive many special services that are not normally offered. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity especially around the holidays! The special services include:

- Priority standing on our holiday waiting lists
- Reservations can be made without a deposit
- Reservations can be cancelled or shortened without any penalty
- Paradise Ranch complimentary ID tag
- Holiday picture package
- Membership card with his/her picture ID
- Free Birthday Celebration with Grooming
- Retail product discount of 10%

\$300 per year first dog
\$150 per each additional dog

Employee of the Month

This month will be a little different because Kris Goddard, owner of Paradise Ranch, decided to honor all of our staff for their hard work and dedication. Every single employee has played his or her part in making Paradise Ranch the unique and special place that it is. She would like to thank Nancy, Penny, Sandi and Daryl for all of their hard work in the office, Elias, for his expert training and commitment to the clients, the awesome crew of k-9 techs, Natalie, Erika, Mandi, Phil, Alicia, Orlando, Jimmy and Oscar, the wonderful evening crew Sue, Joan, Caryn, Jose, Francisco, and Cecilia, the excellent cleaning staff Angela and Dora, the talented Groomers Melissa and Cathy, and the amazing garden/landscape/maintenance crew Jerry and Danny. You are all very much appreciated and keep up the remarkable work you do at Paradise Ranch!



Nancy McIntosh - Facility Director

Guest of the Month



This month we would also like to present ALL of our guests as guests of the month! We feel that each one deserves some recognition because every dog and cat that has come through our doors has been special to us. They each bring their own set of lovable characteristics and silly quirks that bring life to Paradise Ranch. We'd like to thank them for their ability to get along with each other, for not discriminating against dogs of other breeds as play pals, for having the most adorable faces while they sleep, for the

countless kisses they give, for being #1 in the cuddling department, and being the beautiful, unique, unrepeatable miracles that they are.

Ask the Trainer

Q: When our family sits down for a meal our dog is always right next to one of us begging for food. We know table scraps aren't good for dogs but it's so hard to resist when they are giving "the" look. How can I stop him from begging at the table?

A: : The reason your dog is begging is probably because he has been given little tidbits from the table before and knows that if he sits there long enough a tasty morsel will come his way.



The first step you need to take is to NEVER give any treats or food from the table. A little slip-up during this training process can take you all the way back to square one. The second step is to prepare and feed your dog his meals in a different room from where your family eats and make sure you eat BEFORE your dog. There are a few different ways to go about discouraging this begging behavior and one is simply separating the dog from the family at meal-time. You can put him in any other room where he isn't able to see you eating. The other way is to use vocal correction whenever your dog is too close for comfort. A verbal correction such as "no", followed by either putting the dog outside or in another room is very effective if done consistently. Doing this will let the dog know that if he gets too close to the table he will be put outside away from his family. He will most likely take to watching from a distance. If your dog is a jumper or food stealer you may want to try a stricter method. This method involves you setting the table up complete with food and place settings and walking your dog around the table with a leash and training collar. The slightest pull or sniff towards the table from the dog should be corrected with a "no" and firm tug on the leash. Do this ring around the table until the dog stops showing interest in the food on the table. Never use a rawhide or bone as a substitute for the dog while you eat, it will only increase begging. Be consistent with your training and when correcting use a dominant body language and tone. Basic obedience is the key to any successful training because it enhances respect, listening skills and quick responses.

If you have a question about your dog that you'd like to ask our trainer feel free to e-mail it to Paradise4pet@earthlink.net.

Training Graduates

These are the dogs who have recently graduated from our various training programs at Paradise Ranch.

"Dodger, Angel and Tackie" Long- 3 weeks on leash

"Million" Igaki- 3 weeks puppy manners

"Diego" McLaren- 4 weeks Behavior Modification

"Faith" Altman- 4 weeks Behavior Modification

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



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