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ARPO REACHES 2000th ADOPTION MILESTONE!!!

Congratulations to Mike Bird and Ame Piroaska, ARPO's 2,000th adopters! Mike & Ame adopted a miniature schnauzer named Channing (now known as Sophie). Petsmart provided a gift basket of goodies that included free training classes. ARPO presented them a basket of toys, treats, grooming tools, and doggy essentials.



ARPO has now proudly placed over 2,000 dogs and cats in loving, adoptive homes. Through ARPO's efforts, each of these pets has been vet checked and spayed/neutered. Because of our commitment to ensure each pet has been altered, potentially tens of thousands of offspring from our 2,000 adopted animals have been prevented. Considering the sad fate of most unwanted puppies and kittens, a great deal of suffering has been avoided thanks to our committed spay/neuter program.

ARPO has a thorough screening process to ensure our adopters will be responsible pet owners. We are committed to finding adoptive families that are emotionally and financially prepared for adding a new pet to their homes. Every potential adopter receives a home visit prior to pet placement, thus making sure every pet has a suitable home environment.

ARPO believes that every animal deserves a happy and healthy home of its own. Here's to the next 2,000!



Top 10 Reasons Why It's Great To Be A Dog...

1. If it itches, you can reach it. And no matter where it itches, no one will be offended if you scratch it in public.
2. No one notices if you have hair growing in weird places as you get older.
3. Personal hygiene is a blast: No one expects you to take a bath every day, and you don't even have to comb your own hair.
4. Having a wet nose is considered a sign of good health.
5. No one thinks less of you for passing gas. Some people might actually think you're cute.
6. Who needs a big home entertainment system? A bone or an old shoe can entertain you for hours.
7. You can spend hours just smelling stuff.
8. No one ever expects you to pay for lunch or dinner. You never have to worry about table manners, and if you gain weight, it's someone else's fault.
9. It doesn't take much to make you happy. You're always excited to see the same old people. All they have to do is leave the room for five minutes and come back.
10. Every garbage can looks like a cold buffet to you.

Thank You!



ARPO's animals would like to say thanks to all who contributed to the Howl-O-Wine fundraising event at Mallow Run Winery. A big two paws up goes out to the following for donating auction items:

*Stephanie Clancy
Christine Jeschke
Lotus Heart Yoga Center of Carmel
Fort Harrison Veterinarians
Jennie DeVoe
Crackers Comedy Club
Lucky Dog Retreat of Indianapolis
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Amanda Hennessy
Tim and Mary Rohrman
Carrie and Donnie Stark
Trish Main
Amy Frazier*

A special THANK YOU to Mallow Run Winery for allowing ARPO to hold the event in the tasting room and for donating a percentage of the evening's wine sales to ARPO!!



Memorials - Remembering Best Friends

Lori Arnold in memory of Keeper & Jessie
Shannon Bahler in memory of Rick Jester's beloved dog Dozer and Kathy McKeen's beloved dog Sam
Bob and Barbara Biesterfeldt in memory of Lucy
Herb and Delpha Bobbett in memory of Bob Stiehl
Leonard Briggs in memory of Norene Briggs
Karen Buttrey in memory of Bob Stiehl
Steve & Diane Castner in memory of Max
Mark & Kathleen Costa in memory of Bob Stiehl
Mary DeWitz in memory of Budha
The gang at McCready and Keene, Inc. in memory of Sally Trulock's beloved dog Sadie
Linda & Frank Field in memory of Lee Harris Willman
Jeannine Foley in memory of Bob Stiehl
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Franklin in memory of Bob Stiehl
Deb & Steve Leyndyke in memory of Bob Stiehl
Karen Locke in memory of Roscoe
Billie Joan Main in memory of Bob Stiehl
Bryan & Amy Marr in memory of Max
John & Pam Marvel in memory of Bob Stiehl
Kathy McKeen in memory of my precious angel Sam
Jon & Carol Meeks in memory of our beloved kitty, Joy, who lost her life on July 3rd
Bethany Phyne in memory of Aspen, my beloved Akita
Pat Purvis in memory of Sadie
Dean & Krisandra Reskevich in memory of Bob Stiehl
Michael Shinn in memory of Lady, my childhood Beagle
Linda Stanton in memory of Jack & Dahlia
Family contribution in the name of Mary Sullivan
Rachel Tabler in memory of Bob Stiehl
Twin Lakes Gold Club, Women's 18 Hole League in memory of Bob Stiehl
Mickey & Jo Wildin in memory of Bob Stiehl
Anne Wolpert in memory of Clown
David Yearwood in memory of Fergette

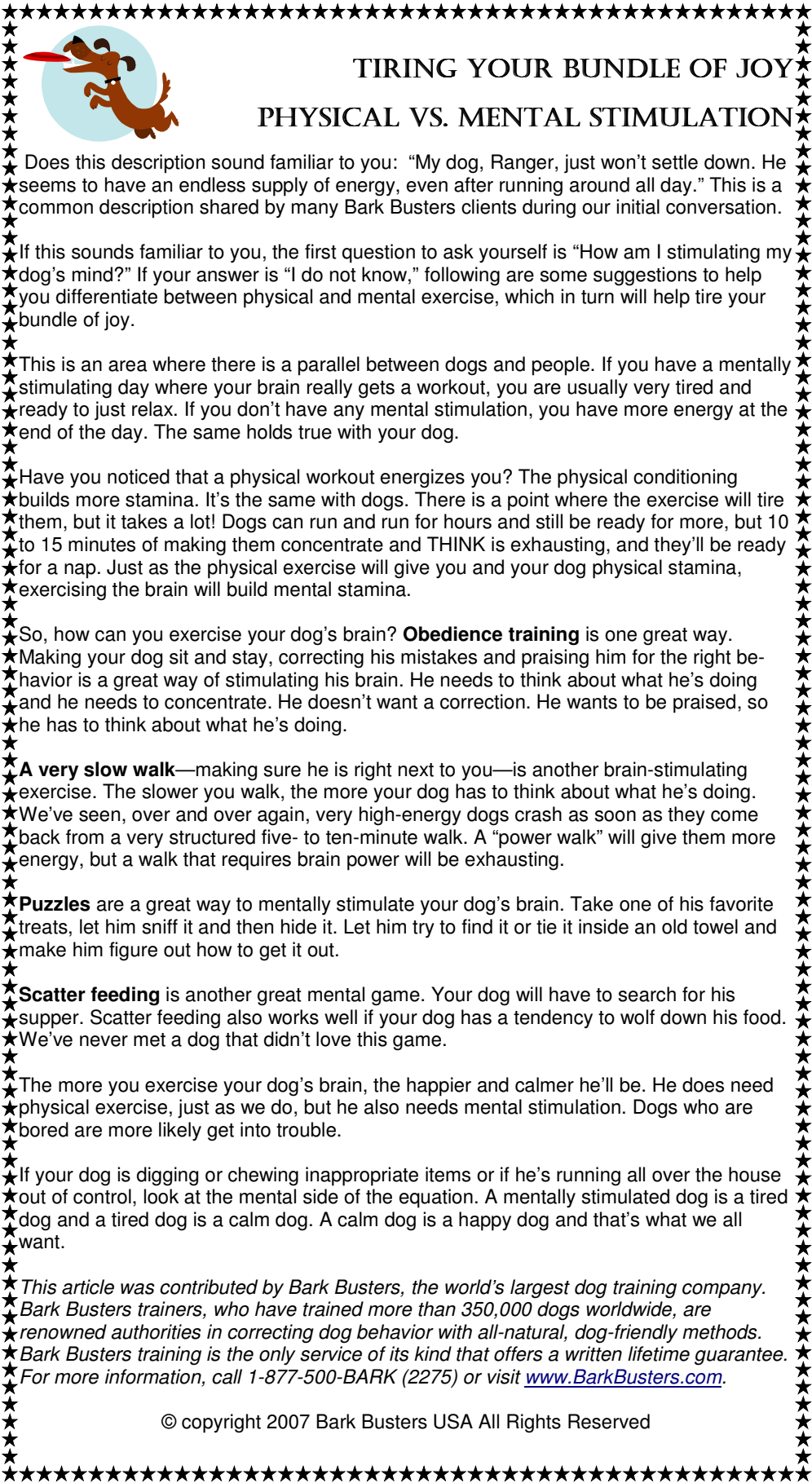
Holiday Safety For Cats

The holiday season is a time for celebration, but can also be a time of trouble for your family cat! For example:

- Mistletoe and artificial snow are poisonous.
- Christmas ornament fragments can perforate the stomach.
- String, ribbon, and tinsel, if swallowed, may cause painful intestinal problems.
- Frayed light cords cause shock or burns.

Don't spoil your holiday with a medical emergency!!





TIRING YOUR BUNDLE OF JOY PHYSICAL VS. MENTAL STIMULATION

Does this description sound familiar to you: "My dog, Ranger, just won't settle down. He seems to have an endless supply of energy, even after running around all day." This is a common description shared by many Bark Busters clients during our initial conversation.

If this sounds familiar to you, the first question to ask yourself is "How am I stimulating my dog's mind?" If your answer is "I do not know," following are some suggestions to help you differentiate between physical and mental exercise, which in turn will help tire your bundle of joy.

This is an area where there is a parallel between dogs and people. If you have a mentally stimulating day where your brain really gets a workout, you are usually very tired and ready to just relax. If you don't have any mental stimulation, you have more energy at the end of the day. The same holds true with your dog.

Have you noticed that a physical workout energizes you? The physical conditioning builds more stamina. It's the same with dogs. There is a point where the exercise will tire them, but it takes a lot! Dogs can run and run for hours and still be ready for more, but 10 to 15 minutes of making them concentrate and THINK is exhausting, and they'll be ready for a nap. Just as the physical exercise will give you and your dog physical stamina, exercising the brain will build mental stamina.

So, how can you exercise your dog's brain? **Obedience training** is one great way. Making your dog sit and stay, correcting his mistakes and praising him for the right behavior is a great way of stimulating his brain. He needs to think about what he's doing and he needs to concentrate. He doesn't want a correction. He wants to be praised, so he has to think about what he's doing.

A very slow walk—making sure he is right next to you—is another brain-stimulating exercise. The slower you walk, the more your dog has to think about what he's doing. We've seen, over and over again, very high-energy dogs crash as soon as they come back from a very structured five- to ten-minute walk. A "power walk" will give them more energy, but a walk that requires brain power will be exhausting.

Puzzles are a great way to mentally stimulate your dog's brain. Take one of his favorite treats, let him sniff it and then hide it. Let him try to find it or tie it inside an old towel and make him figure out how to get it out.

Scatter feeding is another great mental game. Your dog will have to search for his supper. Scatter feeding also works well if your dog has a tendency to wolf down his food. We've never met a dog that didn't love this game.

The more you exercise your dog's brain, the happier and calmer he'll be. He does need physical exercise, just as we do, but he also needs mental stimulation. Dogs who are bored are more likely get into trouble.

If your dog is digging or chewing inappropriate items or if he's running all over the house out of control, look at the mental side of the equation. A mentally stimulated dog is a tired dog and a tired dog is a calm dog. A calm dog is a happy dog and that's what we all want.

This article was contributed by Bark Busters, the world's largest dog training company. Bark Busters trainers, who have trained more than 350,000 dogs worldwide, are renowned authorities in correcting dog behavior with all-natural, dog-friendly methods. Bark Busters training is the only service of its kind that offers a written lifetime guarantee. For more information, call 1-877-500-BARK (2275) or visit www.BarkBusters.com.

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Hi!! I'M MISO! I'M AS SWEET AS I LOOK!!

Hi! My name is Miso and I'd really like to find a forever home!

Someone left me at an apartment complex and I was going to have babies. Remarkably, a good Samaritan took me in and called ARPO. They gave me a nice home and I had 6 babies under my foster mom's bed. They were all beautiful babies so everyone was eager to take them home and make them "theirs". Now I want to be taken home and made "yours".

I will give you lots of love in return! I'm a very good girl - no bad habits, except maybe staying by the food bowl too much. I love to eat and be loved on!

I would be very excited if you would consider making me a part of your family! If you would like to meet me, please visit the Adoptions link on our website (www.adoptarpo.org) to review our adoption process and email us your Pre-Qualification Form.



ARPO's Yankee Candle Sale 2007

This year's Yankee Candle sale was our best to date!! We raised over \$7,000 for our animals! This is about \$2,000 more than last year's sale. This is also our third straight year in which the sale has generated \$5,000 or more in profits.

Thank you for helping us with this historic success so we can take care of the animals who are and who will soon be in our care!!



UPCOMING ARPO EVENTS



Hi! My name is Myrtle and I am around 8 years old and looking for my forever home! If you visit www.adoptarpo.org, you can find me and many other cute and loveable pets waiting for THEIR forever homes! Come take a look!!

PICTURE YOUR PET WITH SANTA!!

WHEN: DECEMBER 1ST, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

WHERE: THREE DOG BAKERY IN BROAD RIPPLE, COST IS \$15.00 PER PICTURE (PICTURES COURTESY OF CASEY JO OF FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY)

WHEN: DECEMBER 8TH AND 9TH, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

WHERE: PETSMART IN CASTLETON, COST IS \$10.00



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