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Ask the AKC Animal Behaviorist - How Can I Help My Old Dog and New Puppy Be Friends?

Meet Mary Burch, American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen director and Paw Nation's expert columnist addressing your questions on animal behavior. Dr. Burch has more than 25 years of experience working with dogs, and she is one of fewer than 50 Certified Applied Animal Behaviorists based in the United States. She is the author of 10 books, including the new official book on the AKC Canine Good Citizen Program, "Citizen Canine: 10 Essential Skills Every Well-Mannered Dog Should Know."

Q: How can I get my recently adopted 1-year-old Maltipoo and my 14-year-old Maltese to be friends?

A: When dogs get much older, sometimes owners bring in a younger dog in order to keep the older dog company. This can work well when a young dog brings some spark and new life to the household. Sometimes, the only reason for adding the younger dog is to anticipate that the older dog may not be around long and this is an attempt to reduce the owner's pain when the loss occurs. (This only works if the owner is fully prepared to meet the needs of the new dog.)

Because there is a wide developmental gap between a 1-year-old dog and a 14-year-old there are different issues that can come up and it can be hard to

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What to Do When Your Dog Gets Diarrhea

By Dr. Becker

If you own a dog, chances are you've lived through at least one bout of doggy diarrhea. It's not a matter of *if* it will happen – just *when*. When will your dog get diarrhea? Knowing ahead of time the steps to take when your dog develops diarrhea or loose, watery stools can give you peace of mind when the time comes. And as we all know, the time will come!

Causes of Diarrhea

There are a lot of reasons dogs develop loose stools. The most common reason is dietary indiscretion, which means your dog ate something she shouldn't have. This was the cause of all the phone calls and emails to me over the holidays.

During the holidays, when people are cooking and hosting a lot of events that involve food, a really ripe environment is created for the ingestion of new foods dogs have not consumed before. Sometimes it's leftovers that cause GI upset. And sometimes, owners don't even know their dogs have gotten into food. That was the situation in my home, actually. My dogs were tearing open the garbage bags that we had put outside by the garage. They foraged all afternoon and into the evening on a feast of leftovers and we were clueless until we came upon the mess.

Many dogs spend much of their time sniffing around the house for morsels and tidbits anywhere they can find them, including gas grill grease traps, bathroom garbage cans, bird feeders, bird baths, ornamental ponds, and certainly the garden.

Another cause of diarrhea is a sudden change in a dog's regular food. Also allergies to certain foods and poor quality dog food in general. I see a lot of kibble-related diarrhea in dogs.

Parasites like giardia can cause intermittent diarrhea. This microscopic parasite causes a wax-and-wane type of diarrhea that just pops up out of the blue. And about the time you think you should call the vet, the stool firms up on its own. You assume all is well – until another bout of diarrhea occurs days or weeks later.

Viral and bacterial infections in the digestive tract can cause diarrhea. So can certain medications such as heartworm preventives.

Even stress can bring about an episode of diarrhea in dogs and puppies. While you may think nothing very eventful is going on in your world, your dog can experience stress over even a slight change in routine.

Suddenly you're looking at a bout of watery

doggy poop that seems to have come out of the blue.

Symptoms of Diarrhea (the obvious and not-so-obvious)

The most obvious symptom of diarrhea is when your dog is standing anxiously at the door and needs to get out quickly.

Once he's out he runs urgently to a spot and often passes loose, watery stool. Or ... you're not around when the urgency hits and you find an accident on the floor when you get home.

A less obvious and often confusing symptom of diarrhea can be when your dog strains to go. It actually looks more like constipation than diarrhea.

Diarrhea upsets the normal rhythm of the muscle contractions in your dog's intestinal tract. This can give him the sensation that he constantly needs to poop. So even though he's hunched over and straining, his colon could be empty from repeated bouts of loose stool.

Other symptoms that can go along with diarrhea include fever, lethargy, malaise, loss of appetite, and dehydration.

Most healthy dogs experience an occasional episode of loose stool or diarrhea and it's done – over with. It resolves all by itself. In this instance the underlying issue is probably something she ate she shouldn't have, or perhaps stress was the trigger. But any dog has the potential to become very ill from chronic bouts of diarrhea. Puppies, small dogs, and seniors are at higher risk of dehydration from just one round of explosive diarrhea.

It's important to make sure that your pet has access to clean drinking water at all times, and encourage your pet to drink if you can.

When to Seek Professional Help

If your dog seems fine after a bout of diarrhea — meaning she's acting normal, with normal energy – it's safe to simply keep an eye on her.

But if you notice she's also sluggish, running a fever or feels warm to the touch, or there's a change in her behavior, I certainly recommend you contact your vet.

If you see blood in your pet's stool or she's weak or shows any other signs of

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Hands-on Care for a Dying Pet

In past articles, I've written about both medical massage and end of life care for dying pets and their families.

Today I'd like to discuss the benefits of massage for terminally ill pets. According to Dr. Narda Robinson, who oversees complementary veterinary education at Colorado State University, "Massage is establishing a foothold as a critical piece of hospice. It has received widespread acclaim from staff, patients and families in the human hospice setting."

Benefits of Massage for Terminally Ill Pets

In an article for Veterinary Practice News, Dr. Robinson notes a number of benefits of massage for end-of-life patients, including:

- Reduces pain and medication requirements
- Benefits circulation
- Lessens feelings of isolation
- Relaxes muscles
- Increases feelings of peace and comfort
- Calms the nervous system
- Relieves constipation;
- promotes elimination of metabolic end products from tissue
- Relieves anxiety

In a study published five years ago in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, medical massage coupled with aromatherapy reduced both anxiety and depression in human patients for up to two weeks.

The veterinary hospice movement borrows principles and practices from human hospice work and applies them in animal hospice settings. A five-minute massage delivered on a regular basis – either daily or several times a week – is something veterinary hospice personnel and pet owners can often easily manage. And regular hands-on treatment can help a pet's caretakers pick up on the sudden decline in quality of life often seen in animals with cancer.

Pet Owners are Often Eager to Learn Massage Techniques

Sadly, many terminally ill pets spend most of their time in a crate or bed, often in near-constant pain – sometimes for weeks or months. Painkilling agents and fluid therapy ease discomfort, but as is often the case with humans as well, emotional, physical and psychological needs for touch and movement are overlooked.

Families of dying pets often feel helpless and are eager to learn simple, beneficial massage techniques — for example, a gentle backrub or neck massage. This gives owners a way to help their animal relax and rest more comfortably. It gives them the sense they are doing something useful for their pet beyond medicating him when he seems upset or frustrated.

Massage also helps maintain a powerful physical connection between owner and pet.

According to Dr. Robinson:

"Learning how to massage appropriately alleviates their fear of touching a sick cat or dog, afraid that they will hurt them. Educated about where and how to touch, for how long and with what pressure can go far in removing barriers to physical connection and revitalizing the bond."

Hospice Home Visits

Families of terminally ill pets can also enlist the help of a veterinary caregiver trained in massage to step in from time to time to give the pet owner an emotional break.

An added benefit of this arrangement is that someone visiting your home can more easily identify potential environmental stressors for your pet such as loud noises, hygiene or skin and coat issues, or problems with bedding or mobility.

It's also good to have a second pair of hands on your pet that can identify new areas of pain or physical dysfunction that signal a need to re-evaluate the animal's medication protocol.

I think regular massage of a terminally ill pet – especially performed by the pet's owner – can provide an invaluable healing experience for both the animal and human family members. I hope it becomes an integral part of palliative and hospice care for every beloved pet at the end of his or her life.

Assume the Alpha Role

How to raise and train a great dog

"Your dog will always look to you for leadership. He wants it," says Brian Kilcommons, a dog training expert and the author of *My Smart Puppy*. "You can't let him get the best of you."

Take the Pole Position

The dominant role is ceded when you least expect it. Take the front door, for example: Pack leaders go through narrow openings first. If you let your dog dart out in front of you, you've been demoted to beta boy. When out on walks, stay even with your pooch and control the stops yourself, says Kilcommons. Start with short walks (just a few steps) and use food as a reward when your dog doesn't dash. When it comes to chow time, the primal pecking order of meals is important to your dog. Always eat first, then feed Fido. It sends a clear message: "Me master, you dog."

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debilitation along with the diarrhea, you should make an appointment with the vet.

If your dog seems fine but is experiencing recurrent bouts of diarrhea, you should make an appointment.

It's important to bring a sample of your dog's stool to your appointment, even if it's watery. Use a plastic baggie and shovel a bit in there to take with you. This will help your vet identify potential underlying causes for the diarrhea.

Home Care for Diarrhea in Healthy Dogs

If your pet is an adult, otherwise healthy, and behaving normally except for the diarrhea, I recommend you withhold food – NOT WATER – for 12 hours.

At the 12-hour mark, offer a bland, fatfree diet. I recommend cooked ground turkey and plain 100 percent pumpkin.

Cook the ground turkey to remove grease and extra fat. And make sure the pumpkin isn't pie filling, just plain canned or fresh cooked. If you can't find plain canned pumpkin, substitute cooked sweet potato or even instant mashed potatoes.

This is a different bland diet from the traditional ground beef and rice combination that is often recommended. Even the leanest ground beef contains a lot of fat, and fat can worsen a case of diarrhea. Rice, even though it's bland, is very fermentable. Fermenting rice in the colon of a pet with diarrhea tends to increase gassiness. Also, rice tends to just zip right through the GI tract, exiting with the next bout of explosive diarrhea totally undigested.

Because of its large surface area (when compared to kernels of rice), many pets do much better with pureed pumpkin or sweet potato. Even through a bout of diarrhea, it is readily absorbed.

Mix the cooked ground turkey and pumpkin or sweet potato 50-50 in your dog's bowl. Feed 2 to 3 small meals a day until stools are back to 100 percent, which should happen in about 72 hours.

My favorite all-natural anti-diarrhea remedy is an herb called slippery elm bark. I recommend always having some on hand so when you need it, it's right there. You don't have to run to the store.

Slippery elm is safe for puppies, adults, and geriatric dogs and it is completely safe blended with other medications. I recommend about a half teaspoon for each 10 pounds of body weight, mixed into the bland diet twice daily.

I also recommend you add in a good quality pet probiotic once the stool starts to firm.

Feeding a bland diet and supplementing with slippery elm bark is a good plan for about 3 days, at which time your dog's stool should be back to normal. If after 3 days

the diarrhea hasn't cleared up, it's time to check in with your veterinarian.

Ed.'s Note: As we all know, the faster we stop a problem, the faster it will disappear. I always have some ground turkey frozen flat in a plastic bag. Flat because then I can break off whatever I need. Frozen flat also, is Pumpkin. Whatever is left after I open a can of pumpkin is frozen flat for another use. It is always handy and ready to go. I also have liquid Imodium AD on hand. One teaspoon usually stops the loose stool or diarrhea on the spot. I also add water to the food so that I am sure that they are getting some water.

AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN ... BECOMES AN OFFICIAL AKC TITLE

New York, NY – In celebration of dogs with good manners at home and in the community, beginning January 1, 2013, passing the AKC's Canine Good Citizen® test can be recognized as an official American Kennel Club® title for all dogs.

Since the program began in 1989, the CGC® has been considered an "award." Dogs that passed the 10-step test received a certificate, but CGC was not listed on the dog's title record. Now as a result of frequent requests from dog owners and instructors, owners of dogs registered or listed with AKC will be able to use the CGC suffix after the dog's name and include Canine Good Citizen on their dog's official title record.

"We're pleased to celebrate the accomplishments of the thousands of dogs that pass the Canine Good Citizen test each year by offering CGC as a title," said Mary Burch, PhD, director of AKC's Canine Good Citizen program. "The CGC program tests the skills that make dogs a joy to live with and many owners have expressed the desire to officially add this 'badge of honor' to the end of their dog's official AKC name. We hope that CGC is the first of many titles these dogs earn."

For dogs that pass the test on or after January 1, 2013, owners will be able to choose from two options on the CGC test form: CGC as a title or CGC certificate only.

CGC as a title: CGC will be listed on the dog's official AKC title record. The dog must be registered or listed with AKC (via an AKC registration number, PAL listing, or AKC Canine Partners listing). Owners will receive the CGC certificate and may

MS Booth from Eukaneuba 2012!

SLIDE SHOW put together by Helen Carter for the MS booth for Meet the Breeds at the Eukaneuba 2012.

(thank you).

This playlist is a compilation of 6 videos. I uploaded the slideshow and this is how YouTube placed them in 10 min increments:

http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjFziDKhv8aRn6kpT3x56imgM1coAkpgo&feature=view_all

use the suffix "CGC" after the dog's name.

CGC certificate only: CGC will not appear on the dog's official AKC title record. Owners whose dogs earned the CGC award from January 1, 2001 onward may convert the award into a title by filling out and submitting this form.

AKC began accepting CGC title applications on Monday, December 17, 2012. The processing of all CGC title application will begin Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Learn more about CGC as a title here.

To compete or earn any AKC titles, including the new CGC title, dogs must have an AKC number: an AKC registration number, a Purebred Alternative Listing (PAL) number or an AKC Canine PartnersSM number. If your dog doesn't already have an AKC number, learn how to obtain one here.

The Canine Good Citizen program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. Many dog owners choose Canine Good Citizen training as the first step in training their dogs.

The program lays the foundation for other AKC activities such as obedience, agility, tracking, and performance events and also serves to enhance the bond between owner and dog, making dogs a pleasure with which to live. Get started or find a CGC instructor or approved AKC CGC evaluator.

Bouquets & Biscuits

*** MACH2 Southcross Vote For Me VCD2, UDT, GO RA ME AMSC VAX** (Finch) by CH Bravo's The Great Gatsby x CH Cholet's Dangerous Devotee completed the requirements for her MACH 2 (Master Agility Championship) on 12/7/12 at the Hounds for the Holidays agility trials in Milwaukee. These trials span 4 days and are the best trials of the year. Christmas is the theme including fantastic gifts for those who complete their MACHs, decorated crates and setups and people in holiday attire. Finch was bred by Sonny Lelle. Although Finch believes she's the boss, she is owned, trained and loved by Lynn Tamms.

*** Southcross Ground Rule Double RN** (Sparrow) by GCH CH Southcross Bad Moon Rising x CH Southcross She's Got A Way completed the requirements for her Novice Rally title at the Oshkosh Kennel Club trial on 12/15/12. She was bred by Sonny Lelle. Sparrow is off and running on her performance career. She is owned, trained and loved by Lynn Tamms

Lande's Silv'r Great Expectations (GCH Gough's Frosty Classic Landmark x Lion'l Rocky Point Pullman Car) completed his requirements for AKC Championship at the Tucson Kennel Club Show on November 16, 2012 under judge Anne Katona. "Dickens" is owned and loved by Marilyn Lande and Lyle Harstad.

Black Ribbons

Am/Can Ch Caylaways Cool Hand Luke (Ch Minuteman Hide the Cat X BIS Ch Caylaways La Femme Nikita) bred by Linda McHugh (Caylaway) and owned by Kim Griffin (Daystar) and Linda McHugh.

Luke came to live with me as a young dog after he completed his championship, Luke proved to be an awesome sire with 6 champions and more pointed.

Luke was my heart dog, he will be sorely missed.
RIP Luke boy...

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Marie Murphy has had Miniature Schnauzers for 17 years. She has had one litter over five years ago but does not plan to have more. She is involved in conformation, agility, obedience, rally and flyball and attends approximately 24 events per year. Marie belongs to the Nashville Kennel Club and the Music City Road Dogs, which is an organization for flyball. Marie is an attorney. She volunteers with 4-H and other community events.

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Ronnie Smith has been breeding Miniature Schnauzers for 20 years. She has had a total of 14 litters averaging three a year for the past four years and prior to that, maybe one litter per year. Her stud dog has provided three stud services in the past two years. Rhonda attends 6-12 shows per year. She belongs to the Portland Miniature Schnauzer Club, where she has been the club Secretary and Social Events Coordinator. She also belongs to the Southern Oregon Terrier Club, where she has served as a board member and publicity and website administrator. Rhonda is active with several non-profit organizations.

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Sue Tubman has had Miniature Schnauzers from 1969 to the present. She is not a breeder. She has attended a couple of shows this past year. Sue is retired. She grooms her own dogs and is interested in furthering her education in conformation. Sue has advanced skills in computing.

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Your 2013 membership dues for the American Miniature Schnauzer Club are due **by January 1, 2013**. Dues will be in arrears after that date and you will be ineligible to vote. Membership will lapse if dues are not paid before March 1, 2013.

There is no change in the amount of dues this year - dues will continue to be based on the method by which you receive the newsletter. All members who wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter sent through regular mail will continue to pay an increased amount to offset the additional costs for printing and postage.

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anticipate which way it will go. The new addition could work out well, or the 14-year-old may be totally annoyed by the new 1-year-old pipsqueak who is jumping around and causing a ruckus.

I wouldn't force the issue trying to make the two dogs be friends; however, I would try to make the time they spend together very reinforcing, and if there is any fighting, I would not put up with it.

1. Make sure the younger dog has plenty of exercise. She will need more than the 14-year old.

2. Schedule time to do activities with both dogs together and be sure to reward good behavior. Try sitting with them and watching a movie together or taking a casual walk. If they are both behaving nicely, give them both plenty of positive attention.

3. Take time to teach the new puppy basic skills such as sit, down and down-stay. You can use these skills to manage the little one's behavior. If she is excessively rowdy, shows aggression or is just generally bothering the older dog, use a down-stay command or put the party girl in her crate for a brief timeout.

4. Until you can absolutely trust both dogs to behave well together, keep them safely separated when you are not home.

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Pay Out Treats, Not Slack

Without consistency and clarity, you create confusion for your dog. Give nothing for free. At the very least, make him sit before you give him a treat. "It reminds him who has the opposable thumbs," says Jean Donaldson, director of the Academy for Dog Trainers at the San Francisco SPCA. Always correct mistakes, even when things are going well. "The problem most owners have is that they use commands only when they need to," says Kilcommons. "Then you've already lost the game."

Be a Benevolent Master

Dominance isn't about inspiring fear, it's about earning respect and loyalty. Correct bad behavior with a firm voice and direct eye contact. Skip the yanking, shouting, and chair chucking. And make sure you initiate any lovefest: It's cute when the dog nudges you for some belly rubs, but it's a telltale sign that he's trying to be top dog.

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Sweepstakes: David Owen Williams
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Regular Classes: David Kirkland
Sweepstakes: David Williams
MSC of Southern CA June 21, 2013
Regular Classes: Jon Cole
Sweepstakes: Mary Bradley
MSC of Southern CA June 22, 2014
Regular Classes: David Alexander
Sweepstakes: Ken Allen

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Regular Classes: John Constantine
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