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*Our Purpose: Enhancing the community of Galveston Island by improving the life of animals through exceptional and compassionate veterinary care.*

# The Animal Connection

## Homemade Dog Biscuits

**Ingredients:**

- 3/4 cup beef broth
- 1/3 cup margarine
- 1/2 cup powdered milk
- 1 egg
- 3 cups whole wheat flour



Source: Eating Bird Food

1. Preheat oven to 250°F
2. In a large bowl, pour heated beef broth over margarine to melt.
3. Add powdered milk, beaten egg, and a pinch of salt.
4. Slowly add flour 1/2 cup at a time, mixing well. The dough will be stiff
5. Roll dough to 1/2" thickness, and cut with cookie cutter.
6. Place on cookie sheet treated with fat-free non-stick baking spray. Bake for 45 min.



Source: Two Healthy Kitchens

## Happily Ever Afters

*2 Stories that start out sad, One a happy ending, the other...still in progress.*

She came to us through Animal Control very underweight and filthy, with dirt and fleas. Such a tiny little thing, so Dr. Fistein dubbed her Schmutzie. It was so sad to see how she was neglected, yet still such a sweet girl, craving love and cuddles. Everyone at the Clinic loved her. She started gaining some weight, and a bath revealed an adorable little white fuzzball! It didn't take us long to find her a new forever home that is full of the love she deserves! She now has a great new name that is bigger than her! Look at how cute she is in her new Christmas sweater. A Happily Ever After story for sure!



Our second story is also sad, but we are optimistic for a happy ending for her as well! We call her Sweetpea. No chip and no one claimed her. Their loss, she is a sweetheart! She came to us after being hit by a car, and has been with us longer than Smutzie due to her serious condition. She has been healing well and just had her last surgery to put her hip back in place. She will soon be ready for a new home, hopefully with a family with lots of love for her. She loves to play, and plays well with our office cat and other dogs. Can you help her Happily Ever After story come true? If you would like to meet her, just call the Clinic to make arrangements to visit!



# Did you know?



Pets are susceptible to fleas, intestinal parasites, and heartworms year-round. Make sure your fur baby is protected! Ask your veterinarian about prevention medication that is best for you and your pet.

*Thank you...  
to all of our wonderful  
clients who brought  
us all kinds of  
delicious treats this  
Holiday season!  
We appreciated  
(and devoured) them all!*



## Dog Breed Word Search



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- AIREDALE
- AKITA
- BASSET HOUND
- BEAGLE
- BOXER
- BULLDOG
- CHIHUAHUA
- CHOW CHOW
- COLLIE
- DACHSHUND
- DALMATIAN
- GERMAN SHEPHERD
- GREAT DANE
- LHASA APSO
- MALAMUTE
- MALTESE
- MASTIFF
- PEKINGESE
- POMERANIAN
- POODLE
- PUG

- ROTTWEILER
- SAINT BERNARD
- SAMOYED
- SCHIPPERKE
- SHAR-PEI
- SHIH-TZU
- WEIMARANER



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## Congratulations to our Employee of the Quarter Drew Smith



Nominated by his Co-workers.

- Drew is always happy to help when anyone has questions.
- He takes care of difficult situations with kindness & diplomacy.
- He goes out of his way to help clients and staff.
- He is friendly and calm and never complains.
- Drew helps keep things on task from behind the scenes.
- And is well loved by all of us.

## Ask Bruce!

Please email your request to [petinfo.TAC@gmail.com](mailto:petinfo.TAC@gmail.com) for his advise on an animal related topic and who knows, you may be the next pick for his column next newsletter!

Today's letter is from Penelope, lets see what she has to say and what advice Bruce's will pass along...



*Dear Bruce,*

*I hope your holidays were great! Mine definitely were! I got to play with a bunch of visiting family I don't see very often, and got a lot of treats and toys from Santa Paws too! But now, I think I have the "after holiday blues." No more excessive treats, and the family all left, so less people to play with. How do you get past the "after holiday blues"?*

*Sincerely, Penelope*

Dear Penelope,

Sounds like you had the best holiday ever! I had a great holiday season too, thanks for asking. "**After holiday blues**" are very common. Too many treats, tired out from all the excitement, and new toys lose their shine. You'll actually begin to feel better once you're back to your old routine, eating more regularly which will help you to start dropping those extra holiday pounds! Once you feel better, your toys will be exciting all over again. It's like having TWO Christmases! But If you're still filling a little under the weather, have you master make an appointment for a checkup with us at The Animal Clinic!

Until next time! **Bruce**