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*May Peace be your gift at
Christmas and your
blessing all year
through!
~Author Unknown*

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Christmas Dog Treat Recipes

Christmas Mint Cookies

1-1/2 cups whole wheat flour
1-1/2 cups bisquick
1/2 cup mint chopped leaves
1/4 cup milk
4 tablespoons margarine
1 egg
1-1/2 teaspoons corn syrup
Combine all ingredients in food processor, process until well mixed
Roll out on a floured surface to 1/4 to 1/2 inch thickness. Cut with holiday shaped cookie cutters, place on non-stick cookie pan. Bake at 375 F for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool and store in air-tight container

Puppy Dog Egg Nog

1 container plain yogurt
1 jar baby food (any meat flavor)
1 large can evaporated milk
1 egg
1-1/2 cups water
Blend all ingredients and serve in holiday bowls.

Doggie Xmas Cookies

1 cup cornmeal
3-1/2 cups whole-wheat flour
1/2 tablespoon garlic powder
4 tablespoons instant soup stock mix (beef, chicken or vegetable)
4 tablespoons bacon bits
3/4 cup vegetable oil
1-1/3 cup water (approx)
Preheat oven to 350 degrees
Blend all ingredients thoroughly.
Roll mixture 1/4 inch thick onto floured cutting board or other smooth surface.
Cut to desired shapes with cookies cutters or a knife. Be creative!
Bake for approx 35 - 45 minutes, basting lightly with meat or bacon drippings. Cool thoroughly before serving.

Christmas Cheese-a-licious

Cookies

Ingredients:
1/2 cup of low-fat Cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup of low-fat cottage cheese
2 tbsp of canola oil

2 cups of whole wheat flour
3/4 cups of almonds, chopped.
(Optional, but never substitute it with macadamia nuts)
1/4 cup of water
Preheat oven at 375°F Mix cheeses, flour, oil, and almonds thoroughly.
Add water and stir until dough forms a ball. Divide dough into 18 pieces, rolling each into a ball and placing on greased cookie sheet. Use a fork to press down on each ball. Bake for 30 minutes or until brown at the edges. Either serve them when cool or chill them overnight in refrigerator for next day serving.

Gingerbread Bones

2 cups of all purpose flour
1 cup of whole wheat flour
1/2 cup of molasses
1/2 cup of water
1/4 cup of canola oil
2 tablespoons of ground ginger
1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon of ground cloves
Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all the ingredients thoroughly in a large bowl. Roll out dough on floured baking board to about 1/4 in. thick. Using a dog bone shape cookie cutter to cut as many shapes until the dough is all used up. Place cut dough on ungreased foiled baking sheets.
Bake the cookies for 30 minutes. Allow it to cool for at least 2 hours before serving.

Christmas Dog treats

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup wheat germ
1/2 cup brewer's yeast
1 tsp. salt
3 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 cup chicken stock
Christmas cookie cutters
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a cookie sheet or line it with parchment paper and set aside. Mix together the flour, brewer's yeast, wheat germ, and salt in a medium bowl. Combine the oil and garlic in another bowl. Alternating, add 1 cup of the chicken stock and then 1 cup of

the flour mixture. Mix well. Place the finished mixture on a floured surface and knead by hand for 2 minutes. The dough should be sticky. Roll the dough out until it is about a 1/2 inch thick. Cut out festive Christmas shapes with your cookie cutters and place on the prepared cookie sheets.

Icing:

3 cups vanilla white chocolate chips
1 tsp. Vegetable powder for coloring
1 tsp. Vegetable oil

Melt the vanilla white chips and allow to cool slightly. Add the vegetable oil and coloring to the melted chocolate. Remember to use festive colors! Decorate your dog treats in a festive Christmas fashion and place them on waxed paper to dry.

TIPS AND WARNINGS: There are a number of different vegetable powders available for coloring your icing, but the most popular are beet powder for red, spinach powder for green, and turmeric for yellow. You can store your Christmas dog treats in a plastic freezer bag in the fridge or freezer. Dark and milk chocolate are very dangerous for dogs and should never be used. White chocolate is safe, because it lacks the caffeine content of actual chocolate

Turkey Treats

Ingredients:

2 cups cooked turkey -- cut up
2 cloves garlic
4 teaspoons grated cheese
1 tablespoon parsley -- freshly chopped
2 egg

2 cups whole wheat flour
2 tablespoons brewer's yeast
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
Preparation & Cooking:
Combine turkey, garlic, cheese, parsley and mix well. Beat the eggs in a bowl and pour over turkey mixture. Add the flour, yeast, and oil. Stir until thoroughly mixed and all ingredients are coated. Drop into small lumps onto ungreased cookie sheet. Cook in a 350 degree oven for about 20 minutes, until brown and firm. Store in refrigerator.

Merry Christmas!!

MSEM Christmas Party

Saturday, December 8, 2007



Coral Gables Restaurant

2838 E. Grand River Avenue
East Lansing, MI
Ph. (517)337-1311

**Dinner, Business Meeting, Election of Officers,
Presentation of Awards, & Christmas Party with
Gift Exchange and Games!**

For the Gift Exchange
bring a wrapped gift
marked for a lady or
man. Limit \$10



Dinner at 4:00 pm.

Open Menu

Business Meeting and Party to follow!

As Always, Guests are Welcome!!

E-mail or call

Karin Jaeger by December 5th to let her know that you are coming
(karinjaeger@voyager.net) (517-351-0412)

Directions: Take I-96 to Exit 110 (Okemos Rd.) Go North on Okemos Rd. to M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Businesses on that corner include: Bennigan's Restaurant, Marathon Gas Station, BP/Amoco Station. Turn Left on to M-43 (Grand River). After the bridge over the railroad tracks, there is a traffic light at Park Lake Rd. and another at Northwind Dr. (there's a Farmer Jack's on the southwest corner of the intersection). **Coral Gables** entrance is the 4th on the right following this light (after Tom's Party Store, a Hollywood Video & the new Oriental Market). If you get to the Brookfield Shell gas station, you've gone too far.

From the North: From Business 69 left onto Park Lake Rd. Right (East) onto M-43 (Grand River Ave.) Follow directions from there as detailed above.

2007 Calendar of Important Events



NOVEMBER 30

MSCM Membership **EXPIRES TODAY** if dues are unpaid!

DECEMBER 5

Reservations due today for the Christmas Banquet. Call Karin (517-351-0412) or email (karinjaeger@voyager.net)

DECEMBER 8

MSCM Christmas Banquet & Awards-Coral Gables Restaurant, East Lansing 4:00 p.m. (Details on page 2)

In Loving Memory



Bandit, RDX (Rescue Dog Excellent), 9-1-93 to 8-7-07



Member Profile-Pat Alexander

Hi! My name is Pat Alexander and I am from Grand Blanc, MI. I retired from Mott Community College in 1995 where I was an English teacher. I now am an Advanced Master Gardener. I enjoy the 40 hour volunteer work requirement annually as well as maintaining my own garden. I also serve as a peer counselor and a team member in the Healing Prayer Ministry at First Presbyterian in Flint. I share my home with a black female Miniature Schnauzer named Liesel. Liesel entered my life as a very pregnant 1-1/2 year old. I had gone to look at puppies at the Indiana breeder's home when Liesel, bulging with puppies, gently greeted me, placing her paws on my legs and gazing into my eyes. I learned later that she had delivered with a slow uterus, prompting the vet to spay her and the breeder to offer her for sale. So, on a second trip to Indiana, this little momma came

home with me to Michigan. In the two years since, she has increased in confidence, no longer hiding her toys from the "others", weathering two obedience classes, diligently monitoring our street from window or door, and playfully greeting me with a "rooster-crow" bark when I walk in the door. She freely expresses her opinion, muttering when shushed, and is an excellent timekeeper, notifying me at meal-time, playtime, walktime and bed-time. A gourmet, Liesel enjoys variety in her diet, especially favoring sweet potatoes, carrots, and lettuce (discovered when she stole my salad). Her sweetness and spirit are a constant blessing to me, and I'm excited to be partnering with her now as we learn together and reach out to others in the Mid Michigan Therapy Dogs program.



"Be a Splitter, Not a Lumper" – Bob Bailey

Anyone that recognizes that quote is aware of Bob Bailey and his wife, Marian (deceased) and knows of their famously clicker trained chickens. Yes, you read that correctly – they clicker train chickens, but also used operant training methods for dolphins, whales, and many other animals.

FMI: www.hsnp.com/behavior

Hmm, exactly what does that quote mean anyways? I've spent a few days talking about it at shows and

Performance Corner-by Lynn Baitinger

with friends, and very few people have any idea what I'm talking about. Clicker trainers are just as much in the dark as are other type trainers.

Simply stated, my interpretation of "*Be a splitter, not a lumper*," means to break things down into small parts when training. I believe that clicker trainers think in smaller pieces, but this philosophy works with any type of training, with a clicker or without. None of us would begin to train an obedience "Go Out" in it's full capacity. We wouldn't dream of asking our dogs to run 50 feet to the opposite end of the ring, in a straight line; turn and sit, wait for the command before take the correct jump on the left or right side of the ring, come into front position and finish on command. We would break this very

complicated exercise into many separate parts and not even think of putting it together till each piece was pretty solid; and then, we would help the dog succeed.

When training problems occur, this simple quote could come in handy in helping us decide where our dog's training needs help. When we break a behavior down, we make it simpler for the dog to succeed and for us to feel a sense of accomplishment in determining what needs work. Of course, planning and thought must be given before any attempt is made to train or retrain the dog – think first, plan your action; and, then train.

.... Be a "splitter, not a lumper" !



Due to the rising cost of printer ink and the amount of mailed copies that have to be printed, **Toplines** will be printed without color, starting with the Jan/Feb 2008 issue. Those receiving by email will continue to have their choice to print their own copy either way :-)

Tips

There is something that very simply removes the odor from urine. Its rubbing alcohol. Isopropyl Alcohol. The alcohol destroys the bacteria which is what causes the odor in urine. It doesn't change the color of the carpet either. Also, for blood on carpet pour on some hydrogen peroxide. Away it goes!

Braggs

Lynn Baitinger's Connor and Morgan both earned their Rally Advanced Title at the Companion Dog Training Rally Trial on November 2, 2007.
WAY TO GO!!!!



Christmas - that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance - a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

~Augusta E. Rundel



Beth Santure's Loneacre's Check Yes Or No (Quiz) went Winners Bitch and Best of Opposite for a 4 point major at the Columbus Specialty in Ohio on Friday, November 16, 2007



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A Dog's Christmas Promises

Christmas is for humans, and I will not ruin the surprises by opening all their presents.

Christmas light bulbs, Christmas ornaments, Christmas stockings, and tinsel from the Christmas tree are not food.

I am the alpha dog, therefore I do not need to protect my new Christmas rawhide from the omega dog by taking it outside to eat when the wind chill is -10 F.

I will not demolish the Christmas tree and drag the string of lights out into the backyard through the doggy door.

I will not dive into the Christmas tree to get the candy canes (which I will eat -- paper and all).

I will not eat my Christmas

doggie treats until after they're out of the stocking!

I will not even THINK about going underneath the Christmas tree and piddling on the dining room rug.

I will not get into a fight with the bigger dog next door, making my human have to call the vet's at Christmas.

I will not get tangled up in the Christmas tree lights and pull the tree down while trying to get at a cat through the conservatory window.

I will not pee on Grandma's Christmas presents that are under her tree as soon as we enter her house.

I will not pee on the Christmas tree.

I will not steal the neighbor's

Christmas light bulbs.

The bowl underneath the Christmas tree is not a dog dish. I will not drink from it. It will make me sick.

