



Dog Meadow – March 2022

Welcome to our March newsletter. Last month was a busy month and we had our hands full every day as demonstrated by our cover photo. Thank you for being with us and supporting us. Join us for a summary of some of the goings-on at Dog Meadow.

Soul of The Dog

A collection of photography
by Kleber Santos

"A dog has the soul of a philosopher"

— Plato

The Millbrook Library

March 1 – April 30



SOUL OF THE DOG

I have always been a creative person. Since I was a child, able to hold a pencil, I was drawing, painting, sculpting, and even spent many years creating all sorts of design in the creative field of marketing. My love for photography is a few years old and through self-challenge, my skills continue to grow. In the past, I have done corporate headshots, some portrait work, as well as events such as weddings and celebrations. With the pandemic, the opportunities to shoot have been less than I hoped. As a result, comes **Soul of the Dog**.

If you are a follower on our social media feeds and have had your dog stay with us, you may have seen your dog captured on camera during their stay. Several of these dogs were photographed separately in a studio setting and I am very excited to say that the photographs are currently on display at the Millbrook Library in Millbrook, NY.

This large collection of photographs highlights the thoughtfulness, intensity, and depth of emotion of the dog, our devoted companion. These one-light, Renaissance-inspired portraits beckon the viewer to connect with the spirit and mood of the subject. There are additional photographs that capture the magnificent rural setting of the 2+ acres in which the dogs run. And finally, there are several photos of the dogs engaged in the sport of play. I wish we could include many more photos but the library only has so much wall space.

Head over when you can. The exhibition is on display through April 30th. We invite all of you to please join us at the opening reception to be held on March 12th at 4 PM.

All photos are available for purchase and all profits will be donated to the Millbrook Library in gratitude for their continued support of arts in the community.



PHOTOGRAPHY AT DOG MEADOW

Speaking of photography, as stated on our website, your dog's likeness will be featured on our Instagram feed, Facebook feed, our website, and marketing material as well as other platforms. We encourage you to share our posts to your social media feeds, but please credit Dog Meadow and do not alter them in any way. You also have the option to purchase digital images of your dog from us. The photography taken at Dog Meadow is of professional quality and available for purchase as high-resolution files. We're happy to work with you on your orders. It is possible that, in the future, Dog Meadow will offer holiday cards and similar items for purchase.

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IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?

One of the number one dangers in the home for pets is medications—either pet medications or human ones. Whether they're over-the-counter, prescription, or even vitamins, lots of them are often left out where dogs or cats can knock them down and find a way to eat what's inside.

One might also drop a pill or pills or supplements on the floor where pets can scarf them up quickly. Next thing you know, your pet is seriously ill, and you have to take him to the ER. Pain relievers like acetaminophen and ibuprofen, anti-depressants, and sleeping pills are of particular concern to both cats and dogs. Even something as seemingly harmless as cough drops can sicken a dog who eats too many.

Pill Pet Safety Precautions

Separate prescription pet medication from human medications so you don't mix them up. If you keep meds in a pillbox, shut it and stow it away; otherwise, your pet may think it's a toy since it makes a rattling noise.

Counters and night tables

Keep counters free of any medicine bottles. In general, it's a good rule to keep many things off counters, especially if your dog can easily place its paws on the counter. This goes for the bathroom counter as well. Place all medicine high in cabinets. Purchase a large container or recycle a box to keep them tidy. This way when you reach for them you can bring the box down instead of one by one. Don't keep any medicine on a night table. Night tables are much lower than a counter and easier to access by smaller dogs. Often a small dog is left alone on a bed only to later be found having gone into a medicine bottle.

Backpacks and purses

Don't leave bags or your purse on the floor—any drug or interesting item they find is fair game for curious furry critters. Children are notorious for stashing things in their

backpacks and leaving them on the floor. Sometimes you have to take the time to "train" your kids.

Be careful when traveling

Take the same precautions when traveling or visiting someone as you would at home. Make others aware of the dangers that your pet may encounter. It isn't easy at times, but you'll find that most people will be more than happy to comply.

What we do at Dog Meadow

Safety is of the utmost importance at Dog Meadow. This is the reason why the dogs spend their indoor time specifically in the specially designed dog living room. There is not a chance in the world that any dog will have access to anything that may be a danger to them while in there. In fact, we don't even have toys for them to play with since some dogs will tear them and swallow them. We use indestructible kongs and always with supervision. Every now and then when someone can't be accommodated with a last-minute reservation they may find themselves seeking a friend or one of the services such as rover.com and we always recommend that they take the steps to ensure that they choose with care when it comes to this.



Laura, joins the pack during one of the many snow days in February.

Dog Meadow Blog

Laura Evans, Lady of Dog Meadow, writes a Dog Meadow blog entry on a weekly basis (more or less). She shares life at Dog Meadow as well as trials and tribulations in life as a whole. Every entry includes an easy-to-follow recipe at the end. We encourage you to read it ***here*** and please subscribe.

Did you know...

you can do something to help Dog Meadow? Yes, you can! And it takes less than a minute. If you follow us on Instagram or Facebook, "liking" and/or sharing our posts greatly increases our exposure and ensures that your dog will always have doggy friends to play with here at Dog Meadow.

Bookings

Please remember to book your dog's stay early at Dog Meadow. Booking requests must be made and confirmed via email. As of January 2022, we will be requiring deposits for all stays. It is up to you to reach out to us if and when you are ready to book your dog's stay. Booking requests must be made and confirmed via email. If you do not have an email confirming a reservation for specific dates, you do not have a reservation.

With that said, we remind you to make sure that your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date. We encourage you to check your records and make appointments with your dog's vet if needed to ensure that he is in good health. You can find our **requirements** on our website.

Finally, let's all be safe and kind to one another.



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