



ALONE AT HOME PET SERVICES

"THE WORLD WOULD BE A NICER PLACE IF EVERYONE
HAD THE ABILITY TO LOVE AS UNCONDITIONALLY AS A DOG."

~ M.K. CLINTON ~

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PAW LICKING: SHOULD YOU WORRY?



Your dog's paws take a beating day in and day out and when they are finally at rest, you probably hear that **incessant**, drawn-out licking that threatens to drive you crazy! But why is your dog so obsessed with his paws?

There are quite a few reasons why your dog won't stop licking his paws! Learn the reasons below and how you can help.

Paw Licking: What's Normal and What's Not?

It's perfectly normal for your dog to lick or clean his feet (once or twice a day). But if it becomes excessive, non-stop or the skin breaks open, **it's time to pay attention!**

Below are some of the **common reasons dogs lick their feet**.

- ♦ **Injuries** including a broken bone, toe or toenail.
- ♦ A **foreign object** stuck between the pads or in the fur including grass seeds/awns, sand/dirt or pebbles, ice, de-icing products, etc.
- ♦ **Skin issues** including dryness, itchiness, infections, corns, etc.
- ♦ **Parasites** including dust mites, ticks, fleas, mange and more.
- ♦ **Allergies** including both food and environmental.
- ♦ Something **smelly** or **tasty**.
- ♦ **Self-soothing behaviors** from boredom, anxiety or stress.

Paw Licking: What to Do Next

Your dog's paws should **always** be thoroughly checked when bathed or groomed (and also after time spent outdoors) to address any immediate issues. Also, regularly condition your dog's paws year-round to prevent dryness, cracking, inflammation, bleeding or irritation.

If your dog is displaying self-soothing behaviors through compulsive licking, redirect his attention to less stressful activities like a stuffed Kong toy, an enrichment or chew toy, a walk or a fun activity to discourage any excessive licking. A local dog trainer or behaviorist can also help you identify and modify this unwanted behavior.

Again, if your dog licks his paws non-stop or the skin has broken open, it's time to visit your vet for a proper diagnosis and treatment.

HERBS TO ENHANCE K9 HEALTH



Natural herbs have been used throughout history for healing and they are just as important to enhance and support canine health.

The Benefits

- Add essential nutrients and proteins to your dog's diet.
- Enhance the taste of your dog's food.
- Use as natural medicine and vitamins.
- Stimulate and support your dog's overall health and body.

There are 10 safe herbs you can give your dog, **but always check with your vet FIRST** when it comes to **YOUR** dog.

Safe Herbs for Dogs

- **Turmeric:** Anti-microbial and anti-inflammatory.
- **Aloe:** External anti-bacterial and anti-fungal.
- **Echinacea:** Anti-inflammatory for the immune system/infections.
- **Dandelion Root:** Cleansing agent for bladder stones/urinary infections.

(Look for the remaining herbs in our next newsletter!)

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YOUR DOG'S NOSE AND THE ODORS TO AVOID!

Your dog's nose is ALWAYS hard at work!

But did you know there are some smells your dog should avoid to prevent burning and irritation in his nose, throat, eyes and respiratory system?

CITRUS

Including Orange, Lime, Lemon and Grapefruit

MOTHBALLS

Toxic causing intestinal upset and poisonous fumes

SPICES

Including Chili Powder, Cayenne Pepper, and Paprika

CHILI PEPPERS

Including Jalepenos, poblano peppers and any vegetables with capsaicin (the active compound/irritant which creates the spicy/hot flavor)

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS

Containing citrus scents, ammonia, bleach as well as vinegar

ALSO, keep fresh herbs (except mint and parsley), all perfumes and colognes, nail polish, polish remover and rubbing alcohol away from sensitive K9 noses!

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COOL STUFF FOR THE DOG LOVER

BIONIC PETS: HANDCRAFTED PET PROSTHETICS AT AFFORDABLE PRICES

As far back as 1974, bionics became a part of our culture with the popular "Six Million Dollar Man" show. The science of bionics combines "biology" and "electronics" and typically involves replacing damaged or missing limbs with mechanical prosthetics.

Since then, bionics has expanded from humans to our beloved animals challenged with mobility issues.

Thanks to a creative pioneer with a deep passion for animals in need, Derrick Campana, a prosthetic-maker for humans, shifted his focus to customizing animal orthotic and prosthetic devices for dogs, horses, cows, ducks and even giant elephants!

One leg (or foot) at a time, Derrick is committed to helping animals regain their mobility and freedom regardless of size or weight. His **customized** and **handcrafted** products include:

- Braces
- Cranial Helmets
- Partial Prosthetic Limbs
- Carts/Wagons with a customized body jacket for the perfect, comfortable fit



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THREE VITALS EVERY DOG PARENT MUST KNOW!

To be able to know if a dog is "under the weather," dog parents must **first** know what is "normal."

- **Body Temperature:** 100.5 to 102.5 degrees F.
- **Respiration Rate** (Breaths per Minute)
Puppies: 15-35 breaths per minute
Adults: 10-30 breaths per minute
- **Heart Rate** (Beats per Minute or BPM)
Puppies: 120-220
Adults: 60-140
Small Breed Adults: 100-140
Large Breed Adults: 60-100

NOTE: The respiration and heart rate can vary due to the dog's overall health, age, breed and size.

If you have **any** concerns, contact your veterinarian immediately!



FAST AIR FRYER DOG TREATS!

Have you ever thought about making dog treats in your **AIR FRYER**? You can and it's easy and fast!

Pumpkin Dog Treats: Using an Air Fryer

- ~ 1-1/4 cups flour
- ~ 1/4 cup pumpkin (NOT pie filling)
- ~ 2 tablespoons peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- ~ 1 egg
- ~ 1-3 tablespoons water

Whisk flour, pumpkin, peanut butter and egg together in a medium mixing bowl. Slowly add water until the dough forms a ball.

On a floured surface, roll out the dough until approximately 1/4-inch thick. Using a pizza cutter, cut dough into small rectangles.

Place into greased air fryer basket without touching. Air fry at 370 degrees F for 5-7 minutes or until golden brown.

Store in a sealed container or bag in the refrigerator to keep fresh. Use within seven days.

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