



## Merry Christmas:

We would like to take this opportunity to say a very merry Christmas to you, your family and loved ones. We love the chance we have to take good care of your dog throughout the year. It is our pleasure to be of service to you. May you have a truly blessed Christmas and a safe happy New Year. We look forward to the new year and the chance to continue working with you and your dog.

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOURS OF OPERATION:

We will be open for normal business hours on Saturday, December 23 and will be closed on Monday, December 25, Christmas Day. We will welcome your dog back on Tuesday, December 26. Also, we will be open for normal business hours on Saturday, December 30 and will be closed on Monday, January 1, New Years Day. There will be no daycare on either Christmas Day or New Years Day.

### CHRISTMAS BOARDING:

As of the writing of this newsletter we are booked for Christmas boarding requests and are putting people on a waiting list. If you have a reservation made and know you will not be needing the space, please call as soon as possible to cancel so we can let others have the space for their travel plans. As a small note regarding the spring break travel season, if you have plans for travel and will be needing to have your dog stay with us, please call quickly as we are also close to being booked for spring break. We really want to be able to accommodate your needs, so please take a look at your travel plans and give us a call so we can get your dog in.

## Dog of the Month!

### Emma

This month we would like to present Ms. Emma Vandeborn. Emma is a chocolate Labrador retriever. She lives with her family in Batavia and loves coming in to play two days per week. She comes in all full of Lab energy and runs soooooo fast her bottom is actually up under her front when she runs. Some of Emma's best friends are Katy, Teak, Cooper, Bailey, Nikka, Tucker and Shadow. They are all big "players" and love to run and run and run. As dogs usually either like to play either with other dogs, toys or people, all of these dogs love to play with each other and really don't care if there is a toy in the place. All though when there are toys (especially new toys) they are all about teasing each other with who has the newest toy and who gets to play with it the longest. When you come in on either Wednesday or Friday and see Ms. Emma, please say hi to her.

### CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS:

Each year that **Paws In Time** has been blessed to be open, (which is actually 4 years as of December 3), we have all been blessed with so many wonderful gifts throughout the month of December. Believe me, we love the cookies, the candy, the lunches and all of your special thoughts and gifts. You are our treasures. We would like to ask that if you were planning to share gifts with the staff of **Paws In Time**, please consider giving a donation to a cause of your choosing in our name instead. There are so many wonderful and deserving causes that need our support so anything you would like to do at this time of year or any other time of year, would be wonderful and appreciated by all.

### WEB SITE:

If you haven't checked out our website yet, please take a moment and enjoy. This past month we added a few things that were some very good suggestions. You will now find a photo gallery which you can submit your own photos to as well as links to other sites and several back newsletters. The address is : [www.pawsintime.net](http://www.pawsintime.net). Check it out if you have time.

### **AGILITY CLASSES STARTING:**

Several of you have asked me about getting started in agility and I can tell you that if you choose to do it with your dog, you will love it and most likely so will your dog. The instructor I have taken classes from for the last several years teaches out of this building and will be starting an introduction to agility class on January 2 at 7:40 and it will run for 4 weeks. Her regular beginner class will start when this class concludes. Feel free to go online to check out her website at [www.wiggles-n-wags.com](http://www.wiggles-n-wags.com) for more information and how to contact her to get signed up for the classes. Once you get started in agility, you will love it. I do.

### **OBEDIENCE CLASS STARTING:**

I will be starting the next advanced obedience class on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. Please call to sign up for the class soon as space is limited to 10 dog/handler teams. This class is meant for dogs who have a solid understanding of basic obedience commands (sit, down, stay, heel and come). The dog should be able to walk fairly nicely on a leash and should be fairly proficient at recall/come. I do like to have an adult handler on each dog and ask for the same handler to come to class each week to maintain consistence in the class. This class will meet each week for 8 weeks and will culminate in the final class being the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test. The American Kennel Club's CGC is a good first stepping stone to being able to do therapy dog work should you be interested in eventually wanting to take you dog is to hospitals or nursing homes to be able to visit with people.

### **CRAFT NIGHT:**

We would like to invite you to join us for our first ever craft night. This is something new we are starting and will do periodically throughout the year. Gail (who does the dog of the month posters) and Libby will be leading the crafts. This month we will be making either an ornament or a frame in a Christmas theme. This would be a wonderful outing for your kids if you would also like to bring them. We will be providing the supplies

for the craft and your cost will be only \$5 per craft. Please give us a call to make a reservation as space is limited to 10 attendees. The night of the class will be Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 P.M. If you would like to bring in something special to put on the ornament or frame, please bring that with you too.

### **MAGGIE:**

I don't usually put things in the newsletter about my dogs, but I have to share with you all how Maggie and I have moved into a new phase of her life. Many of you know my dog Maggie as my friend who is always with me everywhere I go. She has been at my side for the past 11 years and 6 months since she was born into my hands. I have had so much fun traveling all over the country with her to shows and field trials. In the last 4 years, she and I took up agility and she has loved it. As many of you know who have gone through my advanced obedience class, she is my distraction dog that I use to test dogs for the CTC, so she is also a working companion for me. I am constantly aware of her needs and her wishes and the weekend after Thanksgiving when I traveled to Arkansas to our national dog show, it became abundantly clear to me that Maggie was ready to be done with dog shows. Gone is the spark and enthusiasm that she has always impressed with in the ring. She is no longer interested in having fun and make it perfectly clear that she wanted to retire from showing. So while she and I started to go to the nationals together 11 years ago when she was just a puppy, it was with much sadness that I made the decision to run her around that beautiful ring for her last time as we began her retirement. Now Maggie is considering taking up visiting nursing homes and hospitals as she did earn her CGC (canine good citizen and TDI (therapy dog international) titles at the nationals. Life continues to go forward and my best gal friend is aging before my very eyes. I just wanted to share this with you so you can remember to love your dog every single day as their lives are short in comparison to ours. Enjoy your dog to the fullest each and every day. Thank you for letting us play a part in loving your dog.