

Wagging Tales

The unofficial newsletter for the small dogs and their people of Barkland Dog Park

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Yoda Melanson and Santa are ready and eager for the holidays — well, Santa is.

Say “Bacon” for the Camera

If you're like me, you include your dog in your holiday plans. That always means that Finn is front and center on my Christmas cards. Both [Petco](#) and [PetSmart](#) are offering keepsake photos this month.

PetSmart's [Paws for the Camera](#) event in Saugus provides you with a free holiday photo keepsake with custom overlays on December 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 12-4pm. They'll email you the digital image.

Petco is featuring their annual Photos with Santa event in area stores on December 6 and 13 from 1-4pm. For \$9.95, you and/or your pet can pose with Santa and receive a 4"x6" photo in a keepsake frame. All profits benefit homeless animals through the Petco Foundation.

Do you have news or photos of you and your dog that you'd like to share? Is there a particular topic you'd like to have covered? Email it by the first of the month to make it in the next issue. Send your email to: pwehbi@yahoo.com.



(L-R) Sam Guillama, Rusty Houlihan, Lisa Brinkley, Magnet Mapes and Jean Houlihan check out the playroom at North Shore Dog during the November doggie play date.

12 Pups Attend November Play Date

It's getting cold outside, but that doesn't stop the boundless energy our pups seem to have. About a dozen Lynn dogs and their owners attended the first winter indoor play date at [North Shore Dog](#) in Danvers.

The facilities are ideal for running, ball playing, climbing and chasing. For the humans, chairs are set up along the perimeter, making it easy to chat and see what's going on. Clean up of the inevitable "markings" is easy, too, with a station set up with a mop and pick-up bags.

If your dog needs more socialization or additional play time, North Shore Dog offers doggie day care Monday through Friday from 6:30am to 7pm and on Saturday from 10am to 5pm.

Boarding and grooming are also available on site in Danvers. For more information, call 978-777-1428.



Upcoming Sunday Play Dates
11am to 12:45pm, \$5 per dog

December 7
January 11, 25
February 8, 22

Just remember to have proof of rabies vaccine with you. For boarding and day care, North Shore Dog also requires that you show proof of bordatella vaccine.

Wagging Awesome Gifts ABOUND



New England Dog Biscuit Company is in historic downtown Salem, just two doors down from Red's Sandwich Shop.

Now is the time to be a dog. When we were kids, dogs didn't have a lot of choice when it came to treats, toys and food. Times have changed. If you're looking for a special holiday gift for your four-legged friend, consider shopping at one of the local pet boutiques.

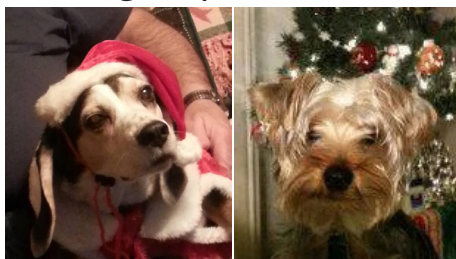
[New England Dog Biscuit Company](#) in Salem bakes their own treats and biscuits in seven healthy recipes. They also sell packaged, bulk and decorated bakery-style

treats, as well as an assortment of pet food, supplies and toys.

Other area stores you might want to visit include [The Barking Cat](#) and [Penelope's Pet Boutique](#) in Salem, [Worldly Pets](#) in Marblehead and [Polka Dog Bakery](#) in the MarketStreet Lynnfield shops.

All offer chews (many are American made), specialty dog and cat food, toys, collars, harnesses and leashes.

Naughty or Nice?



Magic Tibbetts and Benji Cyr are about as nice as they come, and Santa Paws is not likely to overlook them this year. You can make every month special to your good dogs, thanks to two online services that deliver treats and toys monthly. Sign up online and choose the dog's size and the length of time you'd like to subscribe. Then each month, your dog receives a box of surprises. Two subscription services to try are [Bark Box](#) and [Bugsy's Box](#).

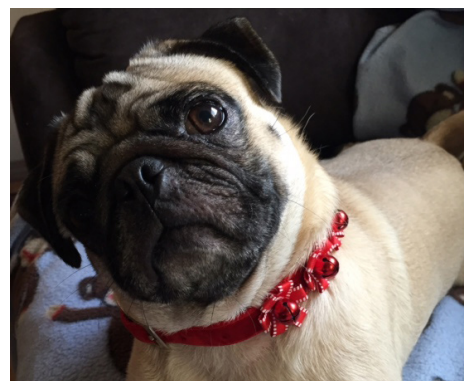


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Salem, MA 01970
978-360-6776

Monday - Friday: 10am - 7pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 11am - 5pm

Expires December 31, 2014



Selkie Says ...

She loves her holiday collar, but Selkie Gotimer would also love to have a nice, warm sweater. If you know how to knit or crochet, your dog might appreciate the same thing.

Stephanie Kourembanas (Lilly's person) said there is a good web site that offers free dog sweater patterns. Check out [My Savannah Cottage](#) for instructions on how to make your pooch's winter wardrobe. Can't knit? Head to the fabric store and look at the pattern books. McCall's, Butterick and Simplicity all have an assortment of cute coat and hat designs.

Paws for Thought

When you and your pup are out walking in the cold weather, pay attention to his paws. Excessive exposure to frigid weather can cause the paw pads to dry out and become chapped. They can crack and bleed and make walking miserable. Give him a foot massage while you rub in a doggie pad moisturizer (NOT a human lotion). You can also slather on Vaseline before a walk, which keeps salt from getting on the pads. Make sure to wipe his feet well when you come inside or rinse them in warm water to wash away sidewalk salt and chemicals. An alternate solution is to put doggie snow boots on him. Good luck with that one.

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