

THE LATEST SCOOP FROM ALL ABOUT LABS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Twinkling lights, brightly wrapped packages, mugs of hot cocoa... there's nothing quite like the holiday season. This December, as you put together your gift lists, we're hoping that you can take a moment to remember All About Labs. We've included a special section in this issue of **Top 5 Ways To Help AAL**. And one of them is even free!

Every donation we receive goes straight to helping the dogs at AAL, and every little bit helps. We hope to continue to save lives in 2008, and we're grateful to all of you who have adopted from us and continue to support us.

Thank you again, and we wish you the very happiest of holidays!



"Could you add me to your gift list?"



"We've been nice, not naughty, we promise!"

TOP 5 WAYS TO HELP AAL

5. Our Doggy Wish List

We've set up a Charity Wish List on Amazon.com of toys, treats, and supplies for the dogs. Click [here](#) to see a current list of what our pups need. All items will be sent directly to the ranch.

4. Have A Glass of Wine!

We've partnered with Carivintas Winery and their Dog Lovers' Wine Club. You can buy individual bottles, join a wine club, or personalize a bottle with your dog's picture! Click [here](#) to learn more.



Sampson would love to have you sponsor him!

3. Order Supplies for YOUR Pets!

Use [1-800 Pet Meds](#) to order supplies for your cats and dogs, and the company will donate supplies to us! Just enter "**AALRescue**" in the "Offer Code" section when you check out. This is absolutely **free** for you, and it really helps us.

2. Sponsor A Dog

Can't adopt right now, but want to help? You can sponsor one of our dogs for a week, a month, or a year. Just email us at Info@allaboutlabs.org with the name of the dog you'd like to help.

1. Help with the Vet

Use the PayPal tab on [our website](#) or send a check to All About Labs, Inc. to help with our biggest cost: veterinary care. Remember that your donations are tax-deductible, and that any amount will help us.

ASK OUR DOGGY EXPERT!

Q: “My newly adopted 4 month-old puppy poops in her crate. When I come home from work after 3.5 hours, I have to clean the whole crate and give her a bath because she is covered! Is there anything I can do to stop this?”

—Amy K.

Poor you, and poor puppy! Here are some thoughts that hopefully will help with the problem:

- Depending on when you feed, your puppy may need to go during that particular window that she’s in her crate. Puppies have small organs, so whatever goes in needs to come out pretty quickly. Try feeding her earlier so that she’ll go before you crate her.
- Speaking of which, be sure to have set feeding times. Though it’s tempting to leave food in a bowl for them (called “self-feeding”), this interferes with house training. It’s always good to time the “in” with the “out,” and you might even want to start keeping track (6 p.m. feed = 9 p.m. poop). A fixed feeding and walking schedule should help more than anything else. Generally, puppies up to 4 months should eat four times a day. From 4-7 months, they should eat three times a day. After 7 months, they should eat twice a day.
- Check the amount that you’re feeding. Loose stools are a sign of overfeeding; straining or dry stools are a sign of underfeeding.
- Be sure to use an enzyme-based cleaner like Nature’s Miracle to clean her accidents. If the odor isn’t neutralized, she’ll be attracted to the same spot.
- Remember not to scold your puppy unless you catch her in the act of going. Dogs can’t associate cause and effect; if you point to her poop and reprimand, she won’t understand that she was the cause of it.
- Finally, make sure that her crate is a place she likes. If she enjoys being in there, she is less likely to soil it because of dogs’ “den instincts.”

One last thing: puppies control elimination better with age, usually at a rate of one hour per month. So, it makes sense that 3.5 hours is tough at 4 months. The good news is that it will get easier! At five months, she should have an easier time while you’re at work.

Questions for our Doggy Expert? Email us at Editor@allaboutlabs.org

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Find yourself talking about AAL with people who ask about where you got your well-behaved boy or girl? Cut out these cards and pass them on!