

School for Dogs & Their People



The Flowers that Bloom in the Spring...

Yes, it's that time when the earth renews itself and it's time to get the gardens ready. Last month, I did a talk on what dogs should eat--that'd be healthy, nutritious food--so this month, I want to remind everyone that there are things that dogs definitely **SHOULDN'T** eat that may be springing up right now.

A lot of plants can be toxic to dogs (see links for more complete info); one accidental invader to consider is mushrooms. It's that time, especially with all the rain we're having, when fungi start having fun. Some mushrooms are yummy, some harmless, some mildly toxic and some downright deadly. Telling them apart is a job for serious experts, not puppies or dogs. So now is a good time to start checking your yard and removing any 'shrooms that your dogs might get into.

A common gardening product that has been accused of causing problems is cocoa mulch. For a full discussion on the hazards, Snopes (believe it or not?!) does an excellent job of weighing all the pros and cons; as ever, it's wise to be thoughtful and informed in our landscaping choices.

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/cocoa-mulch/>

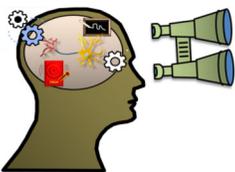
Some Helpful Links

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/6-poisonous-mushrooms-are-toxic-dogs>

<https://www.petmd.com/dog/slideshows/emergency/poisonous-plants-to-dogs>

<https://www.aspc.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants>

<https://www.plantsnap.com/blog/dog-safe-plants/>



Resources & People to Know

Want to know more geeky fun stuff about dogs? Who ya gonna call--er, read? Well, one person I myself always want to read is the wonderful blogger **Eileen Anderson**, author of *Remember Me? Loving and Caring for a Dog with Canine Cognitive Dysfunction*. In addition to being an entertaining writer, Anderson is a no-nonsense show-me-the-data person who has stuck many a fine pin in a dog myth balloon. Plus, though she writes very knowledgeably about dogs, she *isn't* a professional dog trainer, so she brings a refreshing just-folks perspective to her blogs. You can visit her page at <https://eileenanddogs.com/>

Agility will be returning soon!

With all the rain we've been having, I expect it will be May before we're up and running again. If you'd like to be on the notification list or have any questions, please e-mail me at clickercoach@snowcrest.net

Upcoming Classes

Puppy Manners 1

Pups 12 wks - 6 months

5 Thursdays at 6 pm

Beginning April 18th

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Need more information about classes or events? Visit my website at:

www.clickercoachdogtraining.com