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Canine Blood Banks in Washington

Similar to human medicine, injured or sick dogs and cats sometimes require life-sustaining blood transfusions. The demand for blood products continues to rise. It takes dedication—for both people and their pets—to commit to becoming a Blood Donor. Blood donation is a gift of hope and life for companion pets that are in need. Donating blood is your chance to help save a pet's life.

Here is an article from National Public Radio (NPR) on canine blood banks:

<http://www.npr.org/2013/08/13/211655240/red-cross-for-rover-inside-americas-canine-blood-banks>

Below is a list of some of the canine blood banks in Washington State. To find a blood bank near you, talk to your local vet.

- <http://www.svsvet.com/services/pet-blood-bank-kirkland-wa>
 - <http://www.northwestbloodbank.com/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/ACCESBloodBank>
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 - <http://www.wandermereanimalhospital.com/local-canine-blood-bank.pml>
 - <http://www.vcaspecialtyvets.com/ckfinder/userfiles/files/NWVS%20-%20Blood%20Bank%20Brochure.pdf>
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Four Ways to Trick & Treat Your Dog (And Stay Dry At The Same Time)

Written by Kate Ice

We all love the glorious Autumn colors on display this time of year. Unfortunately, just like the leaves, the weather is turning and the rain is starting to fall. Nasty weather combined with earlier night-falls mean many dog owners barely get home in time to let the pooch out to potty before it becomes too dark and icky to be outside. This also means fewer trips to the dog park and a severe shortage of other outdoor activities such as fetch, long walks, and endless hours of chase-the-squirrel. So how do we manage all of Spot's pent up energy? Trick & Treat, of course!

Here are a four, indoor-friendly activities to keep your canine happy on those less-than-dry days.

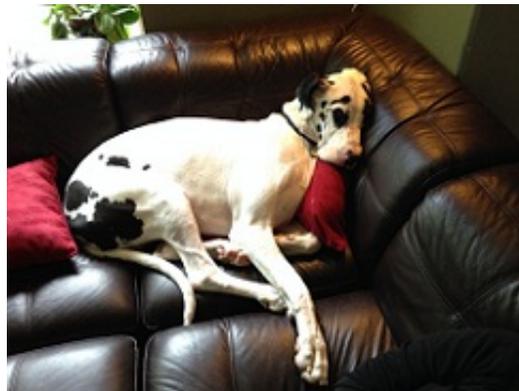
1. Old Tricks, New Tricks: Mental stimulation is a sure-fire way to take the edge off a restless dog. By brushing up your dog on her basic commands and/or teaching her something new, you not only expend your dog's energy, but are rewarded with a nice, well trained companion your family can enjoy. And because it's said 10 or so minutes of mental stimulation can be equivalent to 20 minutes or more of simple exercise, you'll have a happier dog in no time! So get out a few bits of your pup's favorite treat and reward her tricks with a tasty nibble and some pats.

2. Hide & Seek: Exactly as it sounds. Toss a treat in the other direction and then go hide while your dog is distracted. If your dog has a strong STAY or WAIT command you can also use that to your advantage. Once situated, call your dog to you and enjoy as your pooch scampers around the house in search of her elusive human. If she is new to the game, be sure to choose a somewhat easy place to be found and reward her with excited praise and a little treat once you're spotted. If multiple people would like to play, all the better, as one person can find a new place to hide while the dog is searching for the other.

3. Doggie Puzzles: Don't have much time to supervise an entire play session? Get your pooch a puzzle! These fun canine toys

Hank--Success Story Email

We received this email from a recent adoptive parent and wanted to share this success story.



Hello! I wanted to give a brief update on Hank. First, Hank did a great job at the vet on 9/5/14. Rabies, Bordetella, Leptospirosis, and DHP-PV all on board. His best walking results are with a gentle leader (we've tried multiple types of harnesses with him). Our wedding was this weekend and he got to meet several new people at the house – he did not come to the gig.

The most inspiring thing I can say is that with three new people in the house that he'd just met and was excited to see – the doorbell rang. Hank was excited and RAN to his bed and threw himself down. I had no idea what he was doing until I realized that he was doing what we'd been working on him with. Doorbell means 'go to bed'. I got him a treat. Opened the door – FedEx had dropped off a box. Brought box in, told Hank 'OK'... he ran over, got his treat, and inspected the box. Fifteen minutes later, doorbell rang again. Hank did it again! It was an unexpected guest (the dude Hank had previously bitten). Guest came in, I told Hank 'OK'... Hank ran over and inspected guest, got a treat... and the world was good!

He's an amazing little boy and such a welcome addition to our family.

are designed to challenge your dog by hiding tasty bits of food inside the toy. In order to release the food, the dog must work the puzzle by flipping, pawing, gnawing, shaking, or rolling the toy about. There are many different kinds of doggie puzzles to be found at your local pet store, or you can get creative and make your own. If your pup is young or new to these interactive toys, be sure to choose an easy one to start with so that she doesn't lose interest and give up before extracting her reward. A simple Kong stuffed loosely with strong smelling treats is a great starting point.

4. Meal Time Scavenger

Hunt: Especially helpful for a dog who likes to scarf her food and then stares at you with that look of, "Now what?" Time to stretch out the highlight of her day and turn it into a fun, energy consuming game! Simply separate her normal rations into a few different servings and place them strategically throughout the house. It's helpful to let her watch what you are doing, especially the first few times, so that she realizes she should search the whole house before becoming satisfied that she has consumed every morsel. As she becomes used to the game you can get more creative with the places you stash her rations. With a full belly and freshly exercised brain, she is sure to be ready for a nap afterwards. But a quick reminder: if you teach your dog to explore her house in search of food, you'll want to ensure there are no other tasty items accidentally left out for her to find!

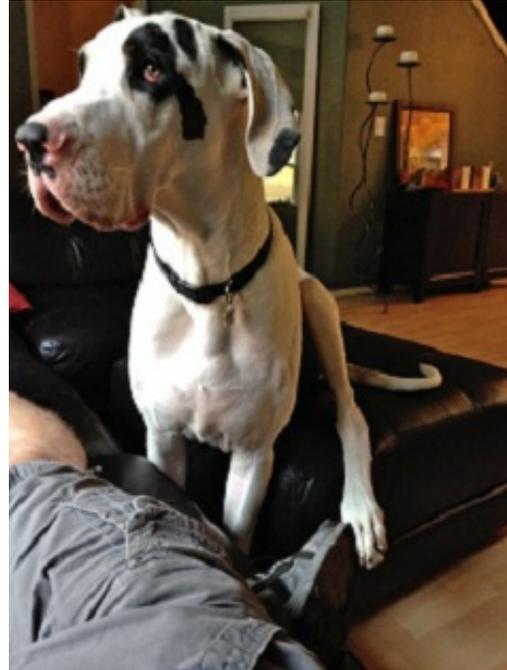
Remember, these are just a few ways to keep your dog engaged while stuck indoors. You can add variations to the same games to create an endless array of activities. Also, your dog will still need consistent physical exercise to maintain her proper overall health. With a large dog such as a Great Dane, this may still mean braving the weather for a few walks. However, if the night's blustery storm has you slow to take her on her usual outing, you are now armed with alternative exercises that'll keep her both dry and entertained.

Please Note: Information in this article was written for pet owners by a fellow pet owner. It is meant to be suggestive only and is not a replacement for professional training advice.

I need to get back to work... but I have really been wanting to drop y'all an update (y'all = Dr. Pachel, Animal Behavior Clinic, & Nola, Hank's awesome foster mom!)

Thank you!!

~Andrew



Hank was adopted by Andrew Rohr and Doug Keeney, and shares his home with their 17.5 year old twins, Alex and Kate (as Andrew stated, "Hank owns them."). The other dog in the house that Hank has adopted is Ashke, an eight year old Shepherd mix.

Dane Outreach would like to thank your family for giving Hank a loving forever home.

Upcoming Dane Outreach Events

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