

Rockin' Roxy's Newsletter # 21
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Stella and Mr. Kibbles



Little Lulu

Split personality plus
By Manon Veillieux

Lulu is a fixture on Rockin' Roxy's red couch in the mornings. She is slow to wake, but once she's up, it's go, go, go! Here's the story of how Lulu got Manon and Dave.

When our dog, Suula, died at age 17, Dave stated he didn't want another dog for a couple of years. Our 14 year-old cat agreed with him. About 7 months later, however, a plea came from a friend, his son's pit bull had a litter of 9 and he

desperately needed to find good homes for the pups. Our friend had taken one of the pups, and all it took was one visit - and serious pit-bull puppy cuddles - for Dave to know it was time to get



another dog. Dave picked out Lulu because she playfully bit him on the nose and made him bleed.



Otto



My clan on the couch

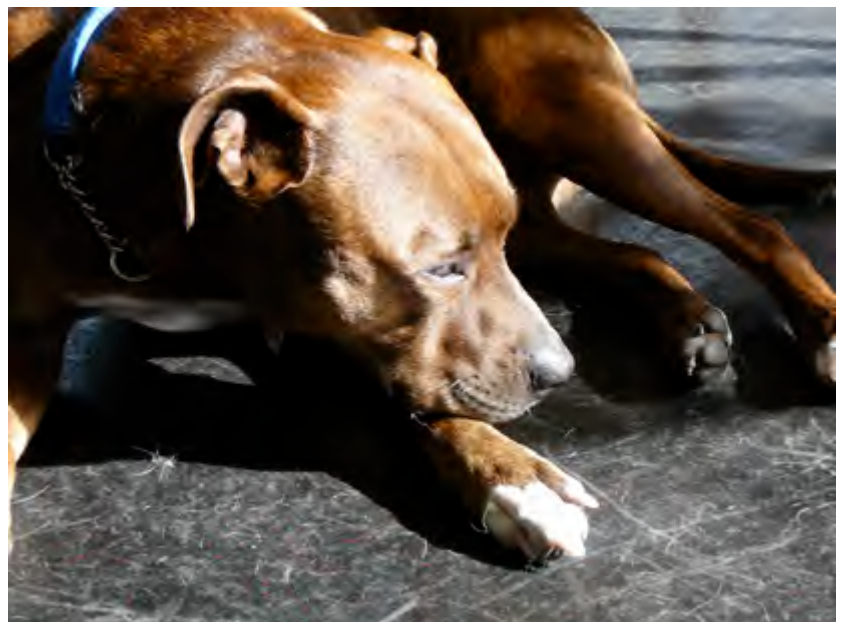
Lulu, continued...

Lulu is a special needs dog. She went through puppy obedience training class, but we found some of her personality traits make her difficult to manage at times. We hired a behavior specialist who came to our home and helped us develop a behavior plan, which we tried for about 4 months before deciding we still needed more help getting through to Lulu. The next step, Prozac, in combination with the behavior plan helps a lot.



This summer we bought property in Central Oregon, so Lulu has been adjusting to desert life. One morning Dave let her out to go potty and she disappeared. After calling her for a few minutes with no response, Dave went looking for her. Suddenly Lulu came tearing up the driveway, and on her heels was a doe, biting at her butt as she ran! The deer chased Lulu up to the house, where she stopped and paced and hissed while Lulu barked at her. We grabbed Lulu and brought her into the house so the deer would leave, and noticed a foul smell. I checked my feet for dog poop, and then realized the smell was coming from Lulu. The deer had literally scared the crap out of her, and it was all over the front stoop, the rug, and Lulu! Good time, good times.

Whatever Lulu is doing at any given moment, she is at 110%. She is a world-class snuggler. Although kitties are the bane of her existence, she treats her own kitty with respect. And although Lulu is a pit bull and can appear pretty vicious at times, she is really a scared-puss.



Vet page

Country Disease, City Disease
by Dr. Kristin Shaw, DVM

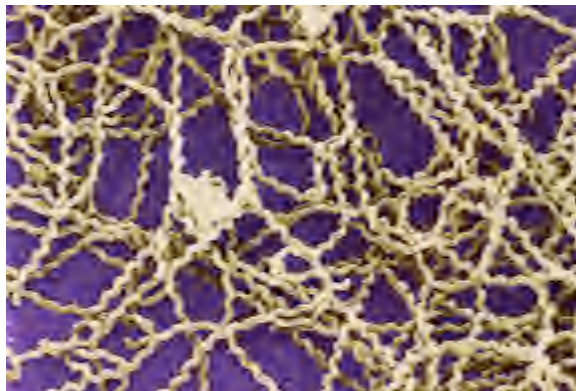
Many city dog owners have hesitated to give their dogs the vaccine against leptospirosis, because until now it has been primarily a rural disease.

Dr. Kristin Shaw, DVM, of Southgate Animal Clinic, has something to say about lepto. The information here is intended to help you protect your pets from getting lepto. If your pet becomes infected, see your vet right away. Antibiotics, if administered quickly, can kill the infection. Left untreated, however, lepto can be fatal to both animals and humans.

What is leptospirosis?

Leptospirosis, commonly called, "lepto," is a disease caused by the bacteria, leptospire. It is traditionally considered a rural disease as it is more common in wild animals, but urban sprawl has brought it us. Lepto occurs worldwide and can be serious for humans as well as many wild and domestic animals, including dogs.

Lepto has been diagnosed much more frequently in the past few years, and Oregon and Washington are seeing a significant rise in infections.



In people, the symptoms are often like the flu, but sometimes lepto can develop into a more severe, life-threatening illness.

How do people and animals get lepto?

Lepto bacteria spread through the urine of infected animals, which, once in water or soil, can survive for weeks to months. The bacteria can enter the body through skin or mucous membranes, especially if the skin is broken from a cut or scratch.



Drinking contaminated water can also cause infection.

Lepto in urban areas

Increased development in areas that were previously rural brings into town non-domesticated animals – raccoons, rats, skunks, squirrels, opossums, deer – that might be infected with lepto. These animals live in our parks and yards, and if infected, leave behind the disease-carrying bacteria.

Preventing Lepto

Keep rodent problems under control. Watch for standing water in your yard that might attract pests or even squirrels and raccoons. Most importantly: get your dog vaccinated against lepto. The vaccine can be given as early as six weeks old. Cats, by the way, are not vaccinated as they do not get the disease.

Signs of Lepto in Dogs

- fever
- vomiting
- diarrhea
- dehydration
- weakness
- depression
- lethargy
- jaundice



I have a great dog. She's half Lab, half pit bull. A good combination. Sure, she might bite off my leg, but she'll bring it back to me.

—*Jimi Celeste*



Something smells funny...

At Roxy's we always know when a dog has been sprayed by a skunk. Here's the best remedy we have found, although frankly, nothing works better than time.

SKUNK SOLUTION

- 1 quart (or liter) of 3% Hydrogen Peroxide, H_2O_2 . Use **fresh (unopened)** hydrogen peroxide (H_2O_2). Hydrogen peroxide eventually turns into water (H_2O).
- 1/4 cup (50 ml.) of Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon (5 ml.) of Liquid Soap
- 1 pair of plastic or latex gloves

Mix together and scrub away, avoiding eyes and sensitive places, open wounds, etc.

Halloween Tips from Dr. Shaw

- **Keep candy away from pets**

This one may seem like a no-brainer, but in the hustle and bustle of Halloween, it's easy to leave the bowl of candy at dog-level. Watch out too for gum, candy or breath fresheners containing the sweetener xylitol. Xylitol can cause a surge of insulin in your pet, followed by a quick and dangerous drop in blood sugar. If your pet eats chocolate or xylitol, call the vet or animal [poison control](#) center right away.

- **Keep pets in when trick-or-treaters are out**

Don't let your pets run out when you answer your door to trick-or-treaters. Make sure your pets have tags and are microchipped in case they do get out. Outdoor pets, especially black cats, should be kept

Hmmm... Halloween or Thanksgiving photo? You decide!



Book Holiday Boarding NOW!

It's that time again and we will not be overbooking, so if you know your dates, please call and book your boarding now. A 50% deposit is required at the time you make your reservation.

Call 503-232- ROXY



**Baby
Boarder of the Month**

Baby is a 12-year old Poodle mix with a taste for oatmeal. His mom, Janice, says he loves car rides and long walks in the twilight hours. Baby looks just like a lamb, which is funny because his favorite stuffy is a lamb. He is sweet and cuddly and loves to be held. We love taking Baby for walks and watching him strut his stuff around Sellwood.

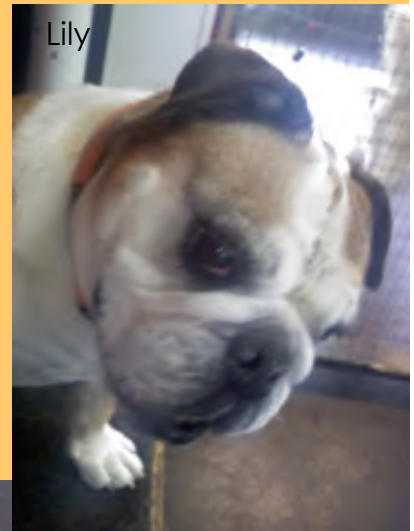


Big or small, daycare or boarding, we love them all. Here are a few photos from this month's visitors to Rockin' Roxy's.

If you want to see more photos and videos, become our Facebook friend!



Bella



Lily



Kibbles and the ball

Catch up on old newsletters and read our sporadically-updated blog on [wordpress](#).

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