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## HELLO AND HAPPY TAILS !

The doggies are all excited about their new mode of travel! Have you seen the new Paw In Hand van? You can't miss it – it's bright, fun and funky! It is roomier, has more comfy seats, bigger windows and air-conditioning!!! Maren seems much more relaxed not having to worry about old van problems and breakdowns anymore.

The winter snows were quite the news this year. End of March we were still hiking in snow some days! Difficult to get around in but oh the doggies had fun! Clean doggies were a bonus too!

Back to the wet and the mud and the dirty towels and the soggy gear out or have a garden hose easily assessable or a bucket of water to give your muddy buddy a quick clean up if needed ... but I can't do it want me to leave doggie in a "mud room" let me know...

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions or requests regarding your doggie or the service.

I will keep you informed on what I observe in your doggie as well.

As always, looking after your dogs is a pleasure and an honour. Taking care of their physical and mental well-being is not something I take lightly! Thank you for trusting me to care for your special furry family members!

Arrrrrooooo!  
Maren (Auntie M)



### HOLIDAYS

Our family is going to try for two holidays this summer. We will go away for one week in early July and two weeks at the end of August. Sheri will be the leader of field trips during those times but will only be going out limited days. I will check with everyone when the time gets closer and hopefully find a schedule that will work for you and your doggie.

### HELP!

The Paw In Hand Pet Services' website is sadly outdated and in the process of getting a face-lift. If any of you (or your doggies) can send me a "testimonial" that you would be willing to have on the new site it would be grrrrreatly appreciated! Grrrrr ..... Ruff!! I will add some photos that I have taken but if you have any other brag pictures I'd be happy to consider adding them as well!

### Wise Dogs

"I think we are drawn to dogs because they are the uninhibited creatures we might be if we weren't certain we knew better." - George Bird Evans, "Troubles with Bird Dogs"

"If dogs could talk it would take a lot of the fun out of owning one." - Andy Rooney

"I've seen a look in dogs' eyes, a quickly vanishing look of amazed contempt, and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts." - John Steinbeck

### WEBSITES TO CHECK OUT

[www.dogwise.com](http://www.dogwise.com) Dog books and more!

### THE BOOKSHELF

**For the Love of Dogs** - by Patricia McConnell

**Bones Would Rain From The Sky** – Deepening our Relationships with Dogs - by Suzanne Clothier

**Life Lessons from a Ranch Horse** – by Mark Rashid.  
Good for relationships with dogs or other...

### SERVICES

Prices increases will be going into effect on May 1st. This follows the lead of other dog service providers in the area.

- Field trips \$20
- Sleepovers \$35/day with \$50 minimum charge

Discounts may be offered in some cases such as multiple dog households, frequent FIDO field trips or long-term boarding.

Book ahead for field trips or sleepovers, as spots are limited.

- Private training sessions can help you have a better relationship with your dog and have an obedient companion! Puppy classes and new puppy owner consultations are also services I offer. \$100 for initial 2 hour consult and \$50 hourly for follow-ups.

### TRAINING TIPS

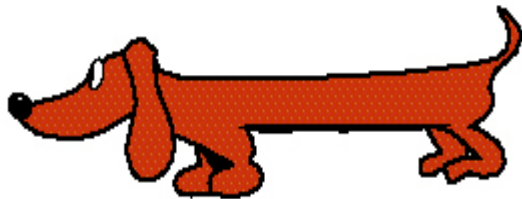
**A LONG LINE** is a 10 – 50 foot length of material with a loop handle on one end and a snap or clip to attach to a collar on the other. The material is normally nylon but can also be rope and in some rare cases chain. When using a Long Line, the dog should always be desensitized to the long line before any actual work is done with it. The idea behind using a long line is to have it there for safety only but to give the dog the illusion that he/she is "off leash" and can go anywhere he/she would like. The long line is a safety measure to use when introducing distance and distraction to an already trained dog and understood cue. It also has many other uses including safely working on the come command at a park.

**ONE OF MY FAVOURITE WEBSITES** for pet dog training information is found on the Marin Humane Society site. You do have to sign in but the handouts are worth it. I have lots of favourite websites but this one has such a nice name don't you think? Here is the url:

[www.marinhumanesociety.org/Behavior/handouts.asp](http://www.marinhumanesociety.org/Behavior/handouts.asp)



## Safe & Health



- **Dog Safe** presented a Canine First Aid course for Paw In Hand a couple of years ago. Maren and Sheri are both certified and both carry basic first aid kits when out with the dogs. The Dog Safe website has many great safety tips that you should familiarize your self with! Check out [www.dogsafe.ca](http://www.dogsafe.ca)

- **Flippin' Fleas and Icky Tickies!** There are some great new products to prevent both from harming your dog and harassing you! There was also a dog with lice in our pack last year and some preparations prevent lice as well. Ask your vet for details.

- **Shots.** One member of our canine pack had a case of kennel cough even though he was vaccinated. (There are different strains of the virus) Please make sure your dog gets a yearly update. The nosode seems to be more effective.

- **Collars.** They are needed for safety and identification but there are also risks with having them on. What do I mean? Twice in my life now I have personally had an emergency situation where a dogs tooth or jaw was caught on another dog's collar during play and the collar twisted and one dog was getting strangled and the other dog was caught and panicking. I carry scissors in my backpack so the dogs were quickly separated thankfully! Please ensure your dog has a quick release collar on or better yet a breakaway collar. Stiff collars that don't twist can also be an option.

- **Dog Nutrition.** There are many different opinions and studies out there from just as many different sources. Basically good nutrition is good nutrition. Fresh, nutritious food is fresh nutritious food. Forget the "human food" fallacy. Canines are primarily carnivor though. Beware of marketing. Become informed so when the next pet food recall happens you won't ha Check out [www.dogfoodproject.com](http://www.dogfoodproject.com). For impartial ir on pet foods see [www.raw4dogs.com/10-secrets.ht](http://www.raw4dogs.com/10-secrets.ht) thought! You might never think the same way about food again ...



### MY DOGS LIVE HERE

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.  
You don't like pets, be on your way.  
They share my home, my food, my space  
This is their home, this is their place.

You will find dog hair on the floor,  
They will alert you're at the door.  
They may request a little pat,  
A simple "no" will settle that.

It gripes me when I hear you say  
"just how is it you live this way?  
They smell, they shed, they're in the  
way.."  
WHO ASKED YOU? Is all I can say.

They love me more than anyone,  
My voice is like the rising sun,  
They merely have to hear me say  
"C'mon girls, time to go and play."

Then tails wag and faces grin,  
They bounce and hop and make a din.  
They never say "no time for you",  
they're always there, to GO and DO.

And if I'm sad? They're by my side  
And if I'm mad? They circle wide  
And if I laugh, they laugh with me  
They understand, they always see.

So once again, I say to you  
Come visit me, but know this too..

My dogs live here, they're here to stay.  
You don't like pets, be on your way.  
They share my home, my food, my space  
This is their home, this is their place..

*Author Unknown*

### GOOD TO BITE

Maren has no qualms about experimenting with all types of strange meat treat goodies but for those of you who aren't into boiling liver, tripe, tongue and heart ... open a can of tuna and bake up some super delicious treats!

#### Tuna Brownies

- 2 cans Tuna with liquid
- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 Tbsp garlic powder or minced garlic
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup of grated Parmesan cheese

Process the tuna, garlic and eggs in food processor or blender (or mix in bowl). Add flour and Parmesan cheese and mix to a brownie-like consistency. Spread to a half-inch thickness on a greased cookie sheet. Mixture will only cover 1/3 of the sheet. Bake at 350 degrees F for 15 minutes. When cool cut into small sized training treats. Portion into several baggies and freeze what won't be used right away.

### IMPORTANT DOGGIE INFORMATION

Please ensure I have all your current contact information and your pets' details up to date. For your pets safety please have at least three tags on your dogs collar: 2008 Municipal Dog Licence, an ID tag with your contact information on it and the green Paw In Hand tag. It has my cell phone number on it so I can respond if a rescue is ever needed. Follow your veterinarian's advice for vaccinations including yearly updates for Bordatella or Kennel Cough. Please also have your dog on a flea preventative program.

#### YOUR DOGGIE(S)!

Your doggie may be on the Paw In Hand Pet Services web album! Check out [picasaweb.google.com/marenand/PawInHandClients02](http://picasaweb.google.com/marenand/PawInHandClients02) and if your doggie isn't there I will bring my camera next time!

Opal our Hungarian Wirehaired Vizsla turned one year last month. She has quite the repertoire of tricks! She knows sit, down, stand, wave, rollover, speak, touch, paw, left, right, and more. We hope to compete in Agility and Rally-O later this year. She can almost read and count too by the way! Yeah – proud mommy! Check out her web album at [picasaweb.google.com/marenand/OPALVidorSArcadia](http://picasaweb.google.com/marenand/OPALVidorSArcadia)

## THINGS WORTH MARKING

**Agility classes** for dogs of all shapes and sizes. Check the Brennan Park Leisure guide for details or contact Sheri Newman 604-815-9836

**Puppy's First Steps** socialization classes and **New Puppy Owner** private consultation. Contact Maren to register. 604-892-4278

**Volunteer Dog Walking** at the Squamish Municipal Dog Pound and Animal Control Office. 604-815-6867

**Whippet Races** in August – contact Penny Wilmot at 604-898-5385

**Squamish Needy Animals Foundation** – Contact Wendy at the Animal Control Office 604-815-6867

**It's A Dog's Life Festival** will sadly not be held this year due to lack of interest in organizing the event.

Submit your doggie events to Maren [pawinhand@telus.net](mailto:pawinhand@telus.net) 604 892 4278