

### Wags' Kids for Kritters Newsletter Third Edition January 2010

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#### DID YOU KNOW???

That your pet really misses you when you go back to school after the long holidays?

If you notice changes in your pet, such as chewing on items that smell like his or her companion or going to the bathroom in inappropriate places, he or she may have a case of the "back-to-school blues."

Other symptoms include:

\* Persistent barking or howling when left alone,

\* Chewing on objects, door frames or window sills, or digging at doors and doorways,

\* Pacing, either in circular patterns or back and forth in straight lines,

\* Trying to escape from an area when he is alone or separated from his guardian

#### HELP YOUR PET ADJUST

Here are a few tips from petfinder.com:

\* Practice gradual departures. Pretend to leave the house, without actually leaving,

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www.WagstoRichesAnimaRescue.org

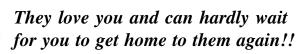
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until your dog shows no signs of distress at you picking up your backpack or coat.

\* Exercise with your dog before you leave. A tired dog is less likely to be stressed when you leave.

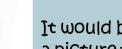
\* Ask Mom or Dad to get them a toy. Leave something for them to play with while you are gone.



### TELL US ABOUT YOUR PET

Do you have a story to tell about your pet?

Send us a story about your pet and we will select the best ones and print them in some of the upcoming Wags Kids for Kritters Newsletter.



It would be great if you could send us a picture too.

# \*\*\*\* CONTEST! \*\*\*\*

Come up with a clever caption for this photo and you could win a prize!!! Send your entry to:



WagsKidsContests@gmail.com by February 5th.

Winners will be Chosen on February 20th and notified

(One entry will be drawn at random to win a prize. A second winner will be chosen for "Best Caption" - to be decided by the Wags Newsletter committee.)

### CRAFT CORNER

#### Plastic Bag Container

Reusable bags are still the best way to go, but if you have lots of plastic shopping bags, don't throw them away, reuse them! Plastic grocery bags can be reused as trash can liners or for cleaning up after your pet. Make this container to store all of the extra bags.



#### You will need:

Large tissue box Plastic bags Decorations: Paper, glue, stickers, etc...

#### Directions:

Decorate a large tissue box with animal pictures and stuff plastic shopping bags into it. The kitchen is a great spot to place the container. Take a bag with you when walking your dog!

Wags to Riches Animal Rescue PO Box 3177 Union Gap, WA 98903

BE A WAGS KID!!!

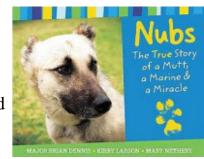
### WAGS WANTS TO KNOW

Q: What do you call a litter of young dogs who have come in from the snow?



## A WAGS BOOK REVIEW

Befriended by a Marine on duty at the Iraqi border, a mutt named Nubs became so devoted to the Marine that when he was relo-



cated, Nubs followed him on foot to his next post more than 70 miles away, in this amazing true story.

Children of all ages