

Rainy Days and Pets.....



Here are some fun ideas to keep your pets entertained and at the same time, connect and have a great time!

Teach Your Pet a New Trick

OK, so not until your dog gets sick of it! Try shake the paw, roll over, sit up/beg, take a bow. Take some of your pet's favourite treats in very small pieces and reward in increments until you get to the final behaviour. Don't forget that you can teach cats new tricks too. Why not teach your cat to sit?

Nosework Games

Your pet's sense of smell is awesome, so use their nose! Hide some treats around the house and teach them to find, hide some treats under a bowl or cup and see if your pet can tip the object over to get the treat. Make it easy to start with then increase difficulty to keep your pet interested.

Tug and Give games

A rainy day is a great day to practise this exercise. Make sure you choose an area of the house with a bit of room, or outside under cover!



Play Hide and Seek

This game works best with 2 people, so one person can hide, and the other person can encourage your dog to find them. Make sure you give your dog a treat when they find you to make it worth their while!

Practice 'Station' Training

What better time than to practice calm time with your dog. Really work on teaching them to go to their bed/mat/crate or space and make it fun! Treat it like a game and encourage your dog to get to their 'station' faster. Treats await them when they do! Good practice for when the doorbell rings or you have visitors.

Make Enrichment Toys

Use your recyclables (e.g. cardboard boxes/tubes) and make some homemade enrichment toys to use for the next week. Try putting a box within a box, within a box (etc.!) and hide treats in the layers.

Fill KONGs

There are some really fun and exciting recipes to use for KONG toys, check out your pantry for extra tasty treats such as tuna and liver paste, your fridge for cream cheese, peanut butter and cook up some sweet potato or pumpkin. Add these to mince or kibble – remember some of these food are 'sometimes' foods only 😊. There are some great recipe sites for KONG's on Facebook so check them out.



Grooming

Why not spend some time grooming your pet. Create a good experience using treats, and go slowly, never force your dog to be groomed, instead teach them to love it. Break it up with some games and keep it positive.

Chill Out!

There is nothing better on a rainy day to chill out and watch a movie with your pet/s.

Enjoy the rainy days with your pets!