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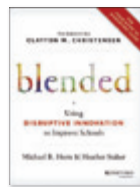
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## NEWS & NOTES FROM THE DCA

### Bridge

Tuesday evenings at 7:30p.m. They always welcome new members of all levels of bridge playing ability. I believe you will enjoy the company and laughter that goes with it. Contact Trudy Vangilst at 403-938-3436.

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## BOOK CLUB

The DeWinton Community Book Club offers an interesting discussion group on selected readings through the year. Book Club will meet the third Thursday of each month at the DeWinton Community Hall at 11:00 am.

The book title selected for the January 21 is "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt.

The Club will not meet in February, but will reconvene on March 17. The book to be discussed at that time will be announced at a later date.

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# Keep Your Paws Warm!

Well we are about to enter the heart of winter when we see temperatures of minus 20 degrees and lower outside and I don't want to walk my dog, although he is always ready and willing. Most dogs are amazingly well equipped to deal with the cold weather, but not every breed or individual can deal with this kind of cold without precautions.

When dogs first walk on the cold snow you often see them limp or hold a paw up as they run around. Then given some time they seem to become more comfortable. A dog's pads are equipped with a very effective heat exchange system. Once the paw's blood vessels adjust to the cold, and as long as the pad is dry and healthy, the average dog can tolerate most very cold surfaces. Smaller dogs tend to be less tolerant than large breeds. There are exceptions. Dogs with long guard hairs and thick downy undercoats like shepherds and huskies do fine, but dogs with short fine fur like Dobermans have little tolerance for cold. Fortunately stores now stock doggie coats from your basic knitted sweater to fine sartorial splendour depending on the taste of the human companion.

Some people believe a mat of hair over the dog's foot pads will protect them. Not true. Matted fur and excessive hair tends to stay wet, collect ice balls, and hold chemicals such as de-icing agents and salt against the skin. A dog's paws will adjust to the cold more effectively if the hair is kept reasonably short and clean. After walks rinse and dry your pet's feet if you suspect he has walked through chemicals.

Some dogs just can't tolerate cold paws no matter what you do. Consider booties for these individuals. Booties and mukluks come in all shapes and sizes for dogs. It is important that the boot breath and not compromise the blood flow to the paw. Most animals readily tolerate comfortable well-fitted boots. Online pet stores and local pet stores carry an array of boots for dogs. If you have a large active pet that will need heavy-duty boots you may want to consider custom-made footwear.

Along with their fur keep your pet's nails clipped. In our winters nails may split as your pet goes in and out from the cold and damp and nails may benefit from supplements such as omega fatty acids or fish oils.

My old Labrador would push through the roughest ground cover on the scent of a bird, but in the city he had very sensitive feet and could not tolerate rock salt on his paws at all. Nor would he tolerate boots. I used a paw wax on his feet. Applied to the pad these waxes seal the paw and protect the skin from ice and chemicals. They also protect the pads from cracking with dryness as the dogs go in and out. As long as your dog tolerates his feet touched the paw waxes are very easy to use. Vaseline is a cheap alternative but lasts only a short time outside and can pick up unwanted dirt adhering to the paw.

New products are always coming on the market. Check with your veterinarian and don't forget to protect the rest of your pet from the cold by keeping them well groomed. A clean well-groomed coat insulates from both cold in winter and heat in summer better. Finally remember, like us, as dogs become elderly or arthritic they may require more protection from the elements than they did in their prime. Be as conscious of a senior pet potentially slipping on the ice as you would be of an elderly relative.

*Jennifer L. Scott, D.V.M.*



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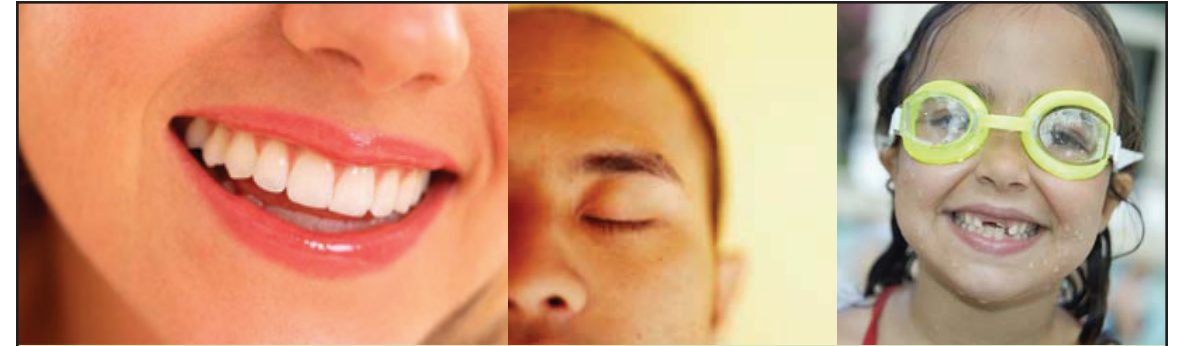
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