



Did You Know That Being A Proud Pet Parent Might Make You A Better Neighbour?

A recent study conducted by State Farm found that pet owners are some of the most engaged neighbours. Quite simply, all that extra time outdoors creates opportunities for interactions with neighbours—and having a cute dog certainly breaks the ice!

If you'd like to improve your relationship with your neighbours, nationally recognized advice columnist and etiquette expert Hariette Cole has some advice: when a neighbour shows interest in your dog, take it as an opportunity to introduce yourself, or even invite them along for the walk! You never know, you just might find a new walking companion, best friend, or, heck, even soul mate! But the best way to win your neighbours' respect? Control that barking dog. The survey found that 72 percent of neighbours consider a good neighbour a quiet neighbour—that goes for humans and dogs alike!

PICKY EATER SOLUTION

Has this ever happened to you? You bring home a new brand of dog food—one that came highly recommended—and feed it to your pup, only to have him snuff his nose at it and refuse to eat? We've been there plenty of times, and it's costly! PickyPuppySamples.com has found a solution. They offer a huge range of dog foods, from which you can choose as many 3 oz sample bags as you like! Make your selections from four categories—adult, puppy, sensitive systems, or pre-picked sample packs—and they'll conveniently be delivered to your door, allowing you to test exactly what your pup is craving. Each sample is around \$2, or you can choose a pre-packaged sampler for \$9 - \$18. And if your dog cools on a particular food? Order some more samples! What an ingenious—and money saving—solution to our picky puppies' ever-changing taste buds.

Make It! D.I.Y. Dog Treats

Don't overlook these simple, healthy, and reasonably priced treats you can easily make from ingredients picked up at the grocery store!

SWEET POTATOES

are a great source of dietary fibre and contain vitamin B6, vitamin C, beta carotene, and manganese. Try slicing and dehydrating them to make a healthy, chewy, single-ingredient treat for your dog!



POPCORN that has been air popped with no butter or salt makes a terrific low calorie treat for your dog. (No hot air popper? You can pop it in a paper bag in the microwave, no oil needed!) Popcorn contains potassium as well as the bone-

building minerals phosphorous, magnesium, and calcium. So snuggle up and share that popcorn (try adding a sprinkling of nutritional yeast!) with your furry friend next time you watch a movie.

