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A publication of SBIC—the neighborhood association for South Baltimore



December 2007

Youth Council Hosts Congressman Sarbanes

Our South Baltimore Youth Council hosted a town hall meeting for Congressman John Sarbanes on November 10, 2007 at the Ella Bailey Recreation Center. The event was a huge success thanks to our teens. About thirty neighbors came to meet Congressman Sarbanes and ask him questions. Megan Wolfe of the Youth Council introduced our congressman to the gathering. The teens also asked some tough questions of Congressman Sarbanes. One question asked was if the teens were the future of this country, why don't teens have a voice in how government agencies make policy decisions. Congressman Sarbanes paused, and then explained that since the Youth Council had come to Washington to see him and now brought him to the community, that they were using their voice to make a difference. He was very deferential to the Youth Council, thanked them for their hard work setting up the event, and let them know they would remain on his radar screen. Congressman Sarbanes also fielded difficult questions from the adults on health care, the war in Iraq, and services for our returning veterans.

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Tuesday, December 4th

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Thursday, December 6th

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December 8th & 9th

Each year for one weekend only, Downtown's top attractions reduce their admission to just \$1 or less. Visit www.godowntownbaltimore.com for more info.

SBIC Annual Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 11th

6:30p.m.

Don't Know Tavern

1453 Light Street

Gather with friends and neighbors for our annual Holiday Party and donation drive. See page 6 for more info.

Neighborhood Social

Wednesday, December 19th

7:00p.m.—9:00p.m.

Junior's Wine Bar

1117 S. Charles Street

Take the opportunity to meet new neighbors and a great new restaurant. \$7 for members, \$10 for non-members, includes food, beer, wine & sodas. See page 4 for more info.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Saturday, December 29th

Light & Heath Streets

No organized cleanup, just the dumpster and supplies.

Road closures, stadium events, weather emergencies...

Get the news by joining the SBIC email list. Point your internet browser to www.soboimco.org and click on the link that says "email list". We broadcast information as it happens.

REMINDER:

City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas. No trash will be collected.

Community Meeting

There is no General Meeting in December.

Please join us for our annual Holiday Party on December 11th at 6:30p.m at Don't Know Tavern, 1453 Light Street.

Recycling Days

Paper recycling is the 2nd & 4th Fridays, December 14th & 28th.



Bottles, Cans & Jars are the 2nd & 4th Mondays, December 10th & 24th

All recycling collected streetside



SoBoImCo

SoBoImCo is a monthly production of the South Baltimore Improvement Committee, Inc. whose mission is "to encourage, through regular meetings, the formal exchange of ideas; to work with local law enforcement in promoting safety; and to assist individuals and families in the continuing process of neighborhood renewal." We welcome articles, ads and photo submissions via mail or email:

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Membership

Residents of South Baltimore are encouraged to become members of SBIC. Just contact an SBIC officer for more information.

Meetings

Community meetings of SBIC are usually held on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Olive Branch United Methodist Church located at the corner of Charles Street and Fort Avenue.

Website

www.soboimco.org

In a Minute

By Jocelyn Rodgers

At the November General Meeting, we had several presentations. Jason Zink, the owner of No Idea Tavern, was there asking for SBIC's support for him having outdoor table service along Heath Street at an upcoming BMZA hearing. The proposed agreement between Jason and SBIC was published in last month's newsletter, and SBIC voted to support No Idea's outdoor table service in conjunction with that agreement.

Joe Wolman and Mike Burton presented a change in plans for the project at Heath and Clarkson Streets. They plan to historically preserve the warehouse building, but they are moving towards smaller, more affordable condo units (now 52 units instead of 29). The number of bedrooms in the plans has essentially stayed the same, but they have doubled the number of parking spaces. There are upcoming re-zoning and BMZA hearings on changes that would allow this project. The space is currently zoned as R-8, and they would like to have a different residential zoning to allow this higher density project with more affordable units.

John Hargrove, the current owner of Sky Lounge, described a new project planned for the space at Banjara's. He and two partners plan to renovate the space and create an upscale French bistro, including a restaurant, bar, and sommelier. He

expected plans to be available soon. The hearing at the Liquor Board for the license transfer was coming up soon in November, and he just wanted to introduce himself and this project. This project is within Federal Hill Neighborhood Association's boundaries, and he is talking with them also.

Judy Meltem, the owner of the Garden Restaurant at Fort and Charles, came by to introduce herself to the residents. She is trying to sell the place, and she is also trying to clean up the drug problems. She is working with the police officers, and she also hopes to work with SBIC to clean up that corner.

Officer Vaught (aka Butterbean) was also at the meeting. He noted that a regular car thief is currently in jail, and that the state of the neighborhood is pretty good. He encouraged residents to continue calling into the police even if it's the same issue on multiple days. If you don't call, the officers probably don't know that there's a problem at that moment because they cover a broad area.

Come join us at the holiday party in December, and then come out to the January meeting to hear all the presentations and to hear what's going on in SBIC's active committees.

Lots Happenings at the Light Street Branch Library

CHILDREN'S BOOK CHAT

Monday, December 3, 6 p.m.

Ages 6-12.

Read and discuss *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Monday, December 17, 6 p.m.

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President's Corner

By Donnie Fair

More good things are happening for SBIC and the community it represents. We, as an association, continue to be on the forefront of the issues that are facing our community and we continue to set the standard for how a community represents itself. Most notably, in the last month alone, our Liquor Advisory Committee was recognized by both the Baltimore City Police Department as well as the Police & Community Relations Council for its organization to establish working relationships with liquor licensees to ensure a great quality of life in the neighborhood.

Congratulations to Al Evans and to his committee for helping SBIC to navigate the liquor laws and to establish the relationships and channels of communication to put us, the community, in a position of power to make the changes we want to see happen in our neighborhood. Al's continued perseverance is a testament to the dedication of the people working for the community. I'm glad that I helped establish our Liquor Advisory Committee over a year ago and I'm glad that Al continues to be a part of the team I'm working with.

If you want to be a part of this team that works together to take care of our neighborhood, please get in touch with me and let me know what you'd like to bring to the table. The continued success of SBIC and the continued progress of our neighborhood is a community effort. I am working with an excellent team and there is room on it for everyone.

Current SBIC Projects

Below are a few of the projects that SBIC is working on.

Greening and Re-Treeing Task Force

Peter Shapiro is leading the effort to plant more trees in South Baltimore. So far, he and his volunteers have cut 11 pits and have applications for 25 trees.

Homeless Task Force

The Federal Hill Neighborhood Association has organized a Homeless Task Force to address the increasing vagrancy in Federal Hill and South Baltimore. SBIC is aligning with FHNA to work in parallel with the Baltimore City Police Department and Health Department to mitigate this problem in South Baltimore.

Race Street Task Force

SBIC is looking for volunteers to join a Task Force that will work with CSX and the Baltimore City Department of Transportation to make capital improvements along Race Street. For residents on Race Street: Think sidewalk, curbing, fencing, lines on the street, etc.

Projects like these provide an excellent opportunity for you to get involved in the neighborhood without making a huge commitment. In general, these projects are focused on specific tasks, they have established goals, work within a predetermined scope, and usually require only a few hours of a person's time per month. If you have any questions about or interest in any one of these projects, please get in touch with Donnie Fair at donnie@soboimco.org or (443) 450-4700.

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(Congressman Sarbanes, Continued from page 1)

The Youth Council prepared for this event by creating and distributing flyers and contacting the press. They determined that they wanted to share with the community by providing food after the town hall meeting. Hot dogs, hamburgers, coleslaw, and potato salad were prepared and served. Neighbors got to eat and spend one on one time with the Congressman. Prior to his arrival, the teens set up chairs, cleaned the Rec, and made a poster welcoming our congressman. At the end of the event, Congressman Sarbanes was treated to a tour of the Rec. The teens were amazing hosts to the community and to Congressman Sarbanes. They worked really hard and had a very successful day.

When the teens went to Washington DC this summer, they decided they wanted to see the inside of the Capitol building. Congressman Sarbanes' staff graciously provided a tour of the building on two hours notice. After the tour, the teens wanted to meet their congressman. He was unavailable, but his staff suggested that they invite him to South Baltimore. The teens took the staff up on their offer and invited Congressman Sarbanes to the Rec. It was with great pride and joy that our teens shared that opportunity with the community. We thank them.



The Youth Council with Congressman Sarbanes

Social

Please join us on Wednesday, December 19th from 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. for our Winter Social. The newly-opened Junior's Wine Bar will be showing off its menu of appetizers and gourmet pizzas for \$7 for SBIC members and \$10 for non-members, including beer, wine and sodas.

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Sanitation & Beautification

By Amy Mutch

My responsibility as your beautification chair is lightened up a little as we **LIGHT UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!!** Yes, happy holidays to one and all in South Baltimore. Get out those lights and garlands to decorated your windows, doors, railings, and decks. Residents and visitors to our community will appreciate the festive experience as they walk our streets. We will bring in the New Year filled with hope for a bright future!

As always we have arranged for a monthly dumpster provided by solid waste, Baltimore City. Saturday, December 29th the dumpster will be located at the corner of Light and Heath Streets. Due to the holidays we will not have an organized clean up but supplies will be present at the location and you may help yourself to bags, brooms, and shovels to clean your block. Cleaning up your leaves at curbside does help a lot to avoid trash accumulation. Parking is easier if the curbside is clean. Once snow and sleet begin to fall we have big messes if the leaves have not been removed! Everyone enjoys trees on their block so please take some time to care for the foliage.

My last comment is directed to the problems with the bocce ball court. Dog feces has filled up the park. We must temporarily close the park in order to clean up the mess left behind by a few irresponsible dog owners. As always a few have ruined the enjoyment of many! John Wood is helping SBIC develop a plan for future use. We will keep you informed of our progress. Anyone reading this article and feeling compelled to get involved please contact John Wood at lits3532@yahoo.com.

Annual Holiday Party & Donation Drive

Please join us on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:30p.m. for the SBIC Annual Holiday Party. The party will be hosted this year by Don't Know Tavern at 1453 Light Street, and food will be provided.

In keeping with our tradition of collection donations for local charities, this year we are supporting our neighbors at the South Baltimore Station, a men's resident drug recovery program at 140 W. West Street, and ask that you bring any of the following items for our donation drive. Please visit www.baltimorestation.org for more information about this program and the services they provide.

Food:

milk, meat, cereal, bread, coffee, creamer, sugar, canned foods, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter & jelly, applesauce, non-perishables.

Toiletries:

towels, washcloths, bed linens, pillows, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hairbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, mouthwash, razors.

Clothes (for men):

socks, underwear, sleepwear, pants, shirts, shoes, sweaters, jackets, winter coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, hats.

Household Supplies:

laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, hot pads, dish towels, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, paper products.

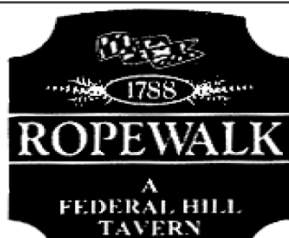
Youth Council

Youth Council Events for December

December 6, 2007 - Movie Night at the Inner Harbor Meet at the Rec at 6:30 p.m.

December 13, 2007 - Scavenger Hunt begins - teams will be hunting for clues all over South Baltimore. Cash prizes for the winning team. 7:00 p.m.

December 20, 2007 - Holiday Party at the Rec! 7:00 p.m.



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Liquor Advisory Committee

By Al Evans

In response to the many complaints about late-night problems in the Federal Hill bar district, the Liquor Advisory Committee and Police/Community Relations representative organized an 'unusual' COP Walk which was held on November 3rd at 1am in the business district. It had the highest attendance (30+ people!) of any COP walk ever! We were joined by Major Mike McDonald and Officer Kevin Vaught, several members of the Southern District Police & Community Relations Council, a Liquor Inspector and numerous residents and bar owners. It was enlightening as well as a great success!

sent their ideas to the community at an upcoming SBIC general meeting, and proactively answer or address any concerns that residents may have. The letter was well received and the spirit of cooperation is growing.

At November's SDPCRC meeting, Liquor Board Chairman Steve Fogleman and Director Sam Daniels specifically recognized SBIC for the work we have invested in our own community, as well as our work to help other neighborhoods. Police Commissioner Frederick Bealefeld has also acknowledged our efforts.

To continue our mission of promoting a positive relationship between residents and liquor licensees in our neighborhood, I recently sent a letter to all SBIC liquor licensees to introduce myself and reach out to them 'be a good neighbor' and partner with us in further improving our South Baltimore community. We asked that they provide us with a minimum thirty (30) day advance notice of any request for license expansion or extension requests, as well as any participation in "pub crawls". This will allow sufficient time to meet to discuss their plans, pre-

Effective October 15th, 2007, if you are having problems with a liquor establishment in your neighborhood, please call 311. You can also go on line at the 311 web page for Liquor Board/Adult Entertainment complaints. Inspectors will respond based on complaints to 311.

Great things can be accomplished if we work together! I welcome any comments or suggestions, and encourage you to feel free to contact me at any time via email at al@soboimco.org or by phone at 410-935-1295.

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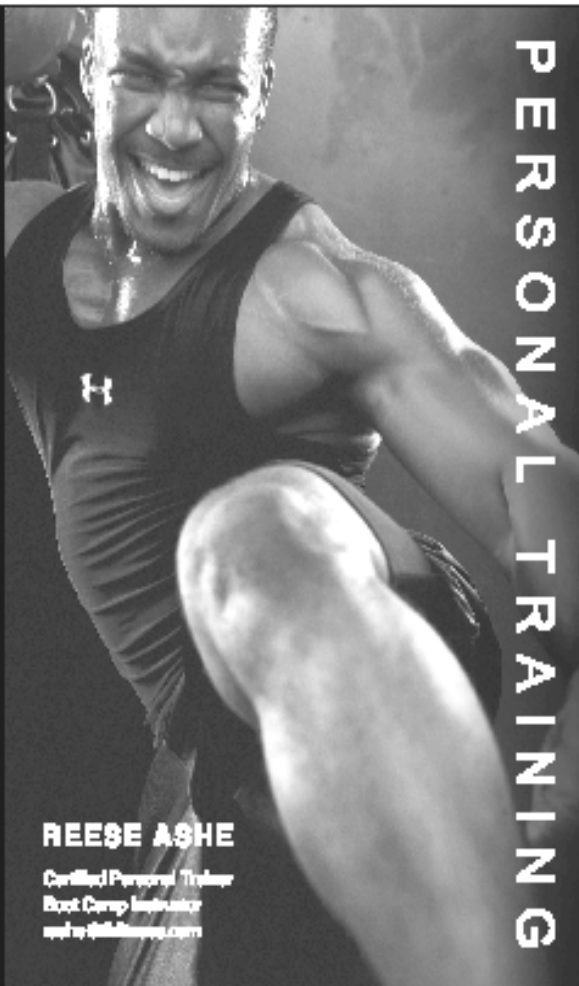
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By Nicole Killion, RN, bmoregreen@yahoo.com

We all know what antibiotics are, but have you heard of probiotics? Antibiotics are “anti” bacteria, while probiotics are “pro” bacteria. Now you may be wondering why would anyone want to be pro-bacteria? As it turns out, not all bacteria are bad, and lots of the good ones actually live inside of us.

Your intestinal tract is full of bacteria, about three pounds worth! These good bacteria are collectively called beneficial intestinal flora. These intestinal flora play a crucial role in human health. Some doctors believe that about 90% of our immunity originates in our gut. These intestinal flora line our entire digestive tract, providing a physical barrier against pathogens (bad microorganisms), undigested food particles and toxins. They produce antibiotic, anti-viral and anti-fungal substances, neutralize a variety of toxins and absorb some carcinogens. The

beneficial flora also help us digest certain foods, like fiber and milk, and synthesize vitamin K and B vitamins.

Along with all the good bacteria in our digestive tract, there are also bad bacteria. All the bacteria must compete for food and space. A healthy digestive tract will have more good bacteria, and due to the limited food and space, the bad bacteria can't overpopulate the gut. This is called “bacterial competition.”

Sadly, most of us don't have enough beneficial flora in our intestines. If you've ever taken an antibiotic, it killed all the good and bad bacteria in your intestines. Afterwards, your intestines had to repopulate with bacteria. There is no guarantee that the good bacteria won the bacterial competition unless you eat a lot of fermented foods. If you have any sort of intestinal problems, such as bloating, irregular bowel

movements, poor digestion, gas, or abdominal cramps, your intestinal flora is most likely out of balance. If you're on birth control pills or steroid medications, your good bacterial populations have been harmed.

So how do you repopulate your gut with beneficial flora? You can take a probiotic supplement. Make sure that the cultures are guaranteed to be alive at the time of delivery, not at the time of manufacture. You should also include plenty of fermented foods in your diet, preferable on a daily basis. These foods include yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut (made the traditional way), hard cheeses, cultured cream, cottage cheese, cultured cream cheese, and natural sodas (like the recipes in last month's B'More Green). When you have to take an antibiotic, start taking a probiotic supplement during the course of therapy and continue afterwards as well.

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Play Ball!

Home Ravens games:

December 3—vs. New England Patriots

December 9—vs. Indianapolis Colts

December 30—vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

Other Stadium Events:

December 1—Army-Navy Game

December 6-8—MPSSAA

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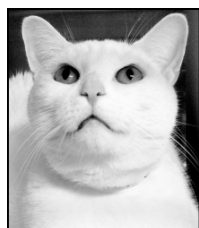
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Snowman, Domestic Shorthair,
kennel # 97

Snowman hopes to be elsewhere come wintertime. He is a gentle giant with beautiful, amber eyes, who absolutely loves to be scratched under the chin. If you need some additional reasons why Snowman is the one for you, we've come up with this list:

Top 5 Reasons Snowman the Cat is better than Snowman Made of Snow:

5. Won't melt
4. Is portable
3. Doesn't require vegetable accessories to look fabulous
2. Can be used as lap warmer
1. Is sweet and cuddly

2 years old as of arrival date. Brought to the shelter on 9/1.

Swebo, Jack Russell Terrier mix,
kennel # 83

Swebo is a cute little guy looking for love. He enjoys quiet cuddling and pets. He walks calmly on leash. While he enjoys the company of people, Swebo would probably do best as an only dog.

2 years old and 13.8 lbs as of arrival date. Brought to the shelter on 11/7/07 when he lost his way home.



To learn how to adopt these orphans, stop by BARCS at
301 Stockholm St (near Ravens' Stadium),
phone 410-396-4695 or visit
www.BaltimoreAnimalShelter.org

Keeping Your Pet Healthy During the Holidays

By Jill Shook, DVM—CityPets Veterinary Care & Wellness, jssdvm@aol.com

For the three faithful readers I have you may recognize this article as a repeat. I wrote this article for last year's holiday season but decided it's a good one for new readers and new pet owners and a good review for everyone else.

The cold weather is upon us and the holiday season is quickly approaching. Amid this busy season of shopping, baking, decorating, and visiting family and friends, there are some things to keep in mind concerning your pets. There are certain hazards, injuries, and poisonings seen in animals more commonly this time of year. Simply being aware of potential problems and doing a little "pet proofing" around the house will go a long way toward heading off any problems.

Toxic Plants:

There are several plants that can be harmful or poisonous to pets. Below are some of the more common ones encountered this time of year.

Poinsettia: Low toxicity, chewing or ingesting the leaves and stems can result in vomiting and/or diarrhea, and increased salivation.

Christmas greens: All parts of these plants are low toxicity, but can cause vomiting and diarrhea after ingestion.

Holly: The leaves and berries have mod-

erate to severe toxicity. Symptoms include vomiting, diarrhea and central nervous system (CNS) depression.

Mistletoe: All parts of this plant are very toxic, but especially the berries. Vomiting and diarrhea are common, but other symptoms include changes in heart rate, trouble breathing, seizures, and coma. Death can occur in severe intoxication. (I would recommend using fake mistletoe.) If your pet has ingested any of these plants, and you notice symptoms, please make sure to seek veterinary assistance.

The Holiday Kitchen:

There are many hazards in the holiday kitchen, and most pets keep a watchful eye during holiday baking and cooking, in hopes that a tasty morsel might drop on the floor. Many foods can cause serious illness and danger to our four legged friends. Baked goods, ham, turkey, and other rich food are among many of the culprits which cause problems. Chocolate of all kinds, but especially semi-sweet and baking chocolate, is toxic to pets. Symptoms of chocolate toxicity can range from vomiting and diarrhea, to high blood pressure, tremors, heart arrhythmias, seizures, and death. Bones from turkey, chicken, ham, etc. can cause gastrointestinal (GI) upset, choking, or intestinal obstruction, and should

not be given to pets. A friend of mine accidentally left the trash can unattended during Thanksgiving dinner, and her small terrier ingested the turkey bones, cooking bag and kitchen twine which resulted in emergency surgery. Table scraps, or any food that is not your pet's normal diet, can cause GI upset. Be careful about treats and table scraps and caution any guests to not feed your pet any of these "special treats".

Trees and Decorations:

"Decking the Halls" can provide some hazards as well. Christmas trees and glass ornaments can prove to be dangerous, particularly to cats. Since cats are notorious for trying to climb trees, make sure to stabilize it properly to avoid the tree falling over. In the past I have wired ornaments to the tree with floral wire to prevent my large dog from knocking off the ornaments with his overly aggressive wagging tail. Place breakable ornaments out of your pet's reach to avoid cuts from broken glass. Any ornament, decoration, tinsel, yarn, or ribbon can be a choking hazard or cause an intestinal obstruction if ingested. Electrical cords should be covered and tacked down because chewing on electrical cords can result in electrocution.

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Holiday Pet Supply Drive!

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- Treats: Variety

MONETARY DONATIONS? PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BARCS!

For more information refer to:

<http://www.baltimoreanimalshelter.org/donating/>

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Safe Travel:

If you are traveling with your pet for the holidays, make sure to have proper identification on your pet, including a local phone number or your cell phone. Microchipping your pet is always the best way to ensure its safe return. If you are traveling a long distance, make sure to bring plenty fresh food and water for your pet. Holiday traffic jams can keep you in the car much longer than expected and it is always a good idea to have emergency needs for your pet readily available.

Giving Pets As Gifts

Remember that there are thousands of animals in Shelters each year in the months following the holidays. Many of these animals were impulsive purchases, and once the recipients realized the impact of training a puppy, or the daily routine of changing the litter box, they decided to turn in their animals. If you do plan to give a pet to loved one for Christmas, don't forget to stop by the local animal shelters and rescue groups. There are hundreds of wonderful animals for adoption in need of loving homes.

Helping Pets in Need

In the spirit of giving during the holiday season, keep your local shelter and rescue group in mind for a holiday donation. Food, litter, towels and other items are always needed.

Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy holiday season. Please don't hesitate to contact my office with any questions. The following websites offer accurate information on several pet health issues including the topics discussed above.

Animal Poison Control Center – www.aspc.org/apcc



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