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This month's featured breed is the Labrador retriever.

Pablo, a yellow Labrador retriever, shows off his playful side dressed up as one of Santa's elves.

## Luvk9s Dog Training December newsletter

Luvk9s Dog Training would like to wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and all the best in 2017.

Click on the links below for more training tips:

- [Teach your dog to run into his crate when visitors come to the door](#)
- [How to survive your dog's arousal biting](#)
- [What to do if your dog won't come when called](#)

Luvk9s will be offering indoor group classes at Red Barn Kennels starting the third week in January. We'll be offering puppy and basic classes, agility, tricks and scent work (nose work) classes. [Click here for more info.](#)

## Canine Holiday Safety

Keeping your canine companions safe during the holidays can be a challenging task.

That indoor tree must be an unexpected delight for our dogs, but remember that Christmas tree pine needles are not easily digested and can cause stomach irritation, vomiting and worst case scenario can puncture a dog's intestines. Drinking Christmas tree water can also cause irritation and vomiting. Dangling ornaments (and hooks), tinsel and ribbon are a dangerous temptation.

Holiday plants including holly, poinsettias, amaryllis and mistletoe can be toxic to pets.

Chocolate, alcohol, and cakes and cookies containing xylitol (an artificial sweetener) can be fatal if consumed in large enough quantities. Well-meaning guests should not feed your dog from their plates; turkey bones can choke pets and rich, fatty foods can cause stomach ailments.

Be sure to have a list of emergency vets handy: [click here.](#)

## Labrador retriever

## Quote of the Month

***"I think dogs are the most amazing creatures. They give unconditional love. For me, they are the role model for being alive."***

***Gilda Radner***

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Did you know that the Labrador retriever was named for the sea they first worked in – the Labrador Sea?

Did you also know that:

- You can have all three colors of labs in one litter – black, yellow and chocolate?
- Their “otter” tail is used as a rudder as they maneuver in the water to retrieve birds?
- Their strong haunches allow them to leap into the water; the world record jump is 27 feet.
- Labs can hit speeds up to 3 MPH in the water. While this doesn't sound fast, it's fast enough; it's about twice as fast as a duck can swim.

To learn more about the Labrador retriever, [\*\*click here.\*\*](#)

To view one of my favorite winter Labrador YouTube, [\*\*click here.\*\*](#)

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## Ending with a smile....this month's VIDEO

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