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KINDER K9

# PUPDATES

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## Fluffy Paws, Cozy Fires, and a New Adventure

I don't know about you, but I'm ready to shake off hibernation! This winter brought a first for our old girl, Lucy—she actually grew fluffy fur on her paw pads. I'm hoping that's not her way of predicting six more weeks of winter! That extra fluff has made me even more grateful for my decision to keep classes limited to Elmvale these past few months. I don't think I would have made it to Wasaga Beach too many evenings... unless Lucy pulled me there on a sled!

While staying warm, I've also stepped into a new volunteer role with COPE Service Dogs, and it's already been an incredible learning experience. Thanks to the amazing experts at COPE, I've been gaining new skills to continue the important training of their program dogs as a "sitter." As I write this, one of the Canines in the Classroom dogs is curled up in front of the fireplace, making the most of this chilly March day!

## A Fun New Something!

I am having a lot of fun with the Poker Box Puzzle Toy! The base comes with four puzzles that slide into a plastic board. You can buy other puzzles to swap these out and slide them into the board to keep things interesting for you and your dog. My advice on puzzle toys is to sit with your dog. Encourage them to solve things in a different way. Do they always use a paw? Can you shape them to use their nose instead?

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**FOUNDATIONS FOR  
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\$240/6 WEEKS**

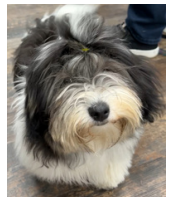
PERFECT FOR PUPPIES, YOUNG DOGS,  
NEW RESCUES AND MORE.  
3 SPOTS.  
APRIL 24-MAY 29 THURSDAYS AT 6PM.

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 5 AND 19  
6:30PM-7:30PM

**TRICKS FOR KICKS  
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A FUN INTRODUCTION TO TRICKS!  
MARCH 11-APRIL 1  
TUESDAYS AT 6PM



## Wasaga Beach Pet Valu

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NEW RESCUES AND MORE.  
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## A Fresh Start: Goodbye Socials, Hello Newsletter

A few weeks ago, I made the decision to close my Instagram and Facebook (Meta) accounts. As a micro-business owner, this was a scary step—am I worried? A little. So why did I do it? There were many personal reasons (and a few political ones), but at the heart of it, I realized I could be a healthier and happier person by stepping away from the endless scrolling. I also found that social media was making me feel more disconnected from the people who truly matter. Without it, I'm reaching out more—picking up the phone, sending personal messages, and having real conversations again.

This newsletter is my way of staying connected with my Kinder K9 family. I hope you enjoy it, and I look forward to keeping in touch this way instead!



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