

# DR. MULDER TALKS PET CARE



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serve the client, helping to meet all their pets' needs. This advice column is provided to help loving pet owners to make decisions in the care of their pet. If you have a question for Dr. Mulder, please send an email to [drmulder@fairviewpet.ca](mailto:drmulder@fairviewpet.ca) or call the Pet Hospital at 519-753-7257.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

**F**inally its here! Only a few more sleeps till the big day. As we celebrate with family and friends we can't help but realize how blessed we are. Spending more time at home over the holidays and enjoying uninterrupted time with family, I realize even more how the little things make the difference. Going on walks and playing outside with my son, preparing festive feasts with my wife and enjoying some down time together. My 13year old dog nuzzles at my hand mid afternoon as I read a book and my 17 year old cat can't get enough of me...Life is good.

Pets give us unconditional love so pure that many people say that they would rather interact with pets than people. Why do they love so much? Where does this love come from? Could it just have evolved by chance? More likely this amazing love comes from the One who made them. Now, if someone created them, they must reflect in some way their Creator. He must have an endless supply of love. Truth is, He does. During Christmas we are celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. He is True Love in person. The Bible which claims to be the Word of God, says that God so loved us that He sent Jesus, His Son, to make a way possible for us to have a relationship with Him.

Baby Jesus , born in the manger, went on to die on a cross at Easter, to pay for my sin and failings, so that I can have a relationship with Pure Love. He paid the price and now I enjoy the benefits of God's grace. Not only now, this good life keeps on going, forever! What a gift!

Every day I see the gift of love in pets. They keep on giving to their dying breath. Always seeking to please their family. The lessons for life we can learn from them are countless. One I am learning is how to respond to the good things in my life. When my dog is happy she shows it. When I am content, do I? Did you know that the Greek word for worship *Proskuneo* means "to kiss like a dog licking the master's hand," So much to learn from our pets! As you celebrate this year, are you wagging your tail? If you have enjoyed the unconditional love from your pets, this Christmas get to know your Creator and start to enjoy the amazing blessings of a relationship with Him.

*Merry Christmas!*



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