

# SoCal Dog Training Tips & Tricks



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## Spring Changes for Your Dog

After a long hard winter the early signs of spring are a welcome sight, however; to our four legged friend's spring brings its own set of problems and hazards. We would like to share with you some secrets on how to survive spring and move into summer without a hitch. With the weather changing and the days getting longer, 2 things tend to happen:

-  1. Your dog starts to blow his coat. You might start to notice more and more little hair bunnies floating around on your hardwood floors. This time of year it's very important to groom your dog every day. For long coated dogs it's very important otherwise the loose fur will start to mat. These mats can cause irritations and in extreme cases sores. A groomer may have to completely shave the dog to remove all the mats. For dogs with short hair, grooming them every day helps get rid of the hair quicker and instead of on your kitchen floor the hair goes on the dog brush. Plus it makes them more comfortable and not so itchy. Giving your dog a bath can help speed up the shedding process, but be careful of giving too many baths as you will take away all your dogs' natural oils. This will lead to dry skin and make your dog even itchier.
-  2. April showers bring May flowers and tons of mud. Your backyard looks like a swamp and every time your dog goes outside it seems he brings half the backyard in with him. Once again be careful of how often you bathe your dog. On dogs with short coats, you can simply rub them down with a damp towel. Also when it rains for several days, understand your dog still needs to have physical and mental exercise. You can play catch up and down the stairs or in the basement and do obedience exercises to stimulate the brain. A young dog or puppy will also have a higher urge to dig in the soft soil so supervise your puppy.

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Spring is often people's favorite time of year. The days get warmer, flowers start blooming and after the cold winter it's nice to be outside, however; you need to be aware of some hidden potential hazards of spring.

- 🐾 With the spring thaw sometimes things like glass, screws, nails and other debris that were buried for ages surfaces because of the natural freezing and thawing of the earth. Walk around your property and look for such things.
- 🐾 The beautiful spring flowers are so nice to look at. The Crocuses, Daffodils, and Tulips we can't wait until they bloom. A puppy or young dog can also take notice of the flowers and start to dig them up and eat them. Unfortunately, the bulbs if chewed and ingested are harmful to your dog. In fact, Tulip bulbs can actually kill your dog. So please, supervise your young dogs this time of year and don't plant these flowers where they could get to them.
- 🐾 During the winter we all tend to be couch potatoes and now that spring is here we want to get out and start doing things, take a walk in the park and other physical activities. Unfortunately, we get plump and out of shape during the winter and often so do our dogs. If your dog is little older take this new physical activity slowly. A long walk in the park might make you sore the next day, but it could make your older dog lame and off to the Veterinarian.
- 🐾 With all the chocolate in the house from Easter and if your dog wasn't trained properly and unfortunately, steals any of the chocolate they could die. A simple Easter basket left unattended containing lots of chocolate can lead to tragedy. PLEASE BE CAREFUL. If your dog is a thief let So Cal Dog Training fix this problem and you'll never have to worry.