



# Leash on Life

## January 2017

### Baby It's Cold Outside...

Yep, it is winter in Iowa and we all need to have our cold weather gear ready to go. We have doggie coats and sweaters. They are easy to put on, washable and oh so stylish. Warm sweaters, fleece coats and windbreaker jackets should be just what is needed to keep old man winter at bay. Don't forget about the tender feet. Salt on the sidewalk, snow balls stuck in paws and just the bitter cold can all be painful. Pictured is Cooper sporting his insulated boots. Paw rub, to moisturize and protect the pads is another option. Come in, take a look and see what you think will work best for your dog.



If you are not bringing your dog in for a "fitting" please take a few measurements. For coats measure around the neck, chest behind the front legs and then length along the back from collar to base of tail. For boots simply ask your dog to stand on a piece of paper and make a paw tracing.

### Chew, Chew, Chew...



Dogs love to chew, it is their job. Think of it this way, the first thing your dog considers when she sees something is 'can I chew it?' This is normal, happy, healthy dog behavior. Of course you want your dog's behavior to also make you happy and healthy. To help keep the peace in your home and your home in one piece, be sure that your best buddy has appropriate chewing objects. We have a long list of options covering bully & steer sticks, pig ears and lamb ears...my goodness nothing goes to waste. It is true, our canine friends like to chew on all sorts of things, and variety is the spice of life!

### Now What?

Need something more than chew items to keep your dog busy on these cold winter days? Interactive toys are good any time of year. To quote trainer Jean Donaldson, "*The vast majority of dogs are under challenged in their day to day life.*" (Culture Clash, 1996). We have a plethora of toys which can be stuffed or dispense treats. These give your dog a puzzle to solve and you a chance to enjoy a good book.



### Adoptable Dog of the Month, Dolce...

Dolce is a special, mature Chihuahua mix. She has had a rough go of it, but has a big heart and love of people, cats and life. Dolce is available through the Iowa City Adoption Center, call (319) 356-5295 or visit [www.icanimalcenter.org](http://www.icanimalcenter.org) to learn more about the animals at the Center.

#### Iowa City

M-F 10 to 6

Sat 10 to 4

Sun noon to 4

319-354-4334

#### North Liberty

M, T, W, F 10 to 6

Th 11 to 7

Sat 10 to 4

Sun 11 to 2

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