

'The Boss'

A man goes into a pet shop to buy a parrot. The shop owner points to three identical looking parrots on a perch and says, "The parrot on the left costs \$500."

"Why does the parrot cost so much?" asks the man.

The shop owner says, "Well, the parrot knows how to use a computer."

The man then asks about the next parrot and is told that this one costs \$1,000 because it can do everything the other parrot can do plus it knows physics and math.

Then the man asks about the third parrot and is told that it costs \$2,000. In turn, he asks, "What can it do for this price?"

The shop owner replies, "To be honest I have never seen it do a thing, but the other two call him Boss!"

Savings can be a no-brainer... if you're smart

Have you ever kept track of how much money you spend in a day? Now, think about how much money you waste in a day. Are the two numbers identical? Right about now you're vowing to yourself, "I'm going to be smarter about money." But, how do you begin? Try these no-brainer savings tips—applied to things we all waste money on—and see how much you can save.

- *Before you slurp another sugary soft drink, try a sip of pure, preservative-free water. You should drink eight glasses of water a day for your health, anyway. Two soft drinks a day can add up to more than \$500 a year!*
- *Forgo the \$4 morning coffee. Brew up some plain old Java before you leave home and put it in a thermos.*
- *Join a wholesale club. For a small membership fee you can save close to 25 percent a year on groceries.*
- *Before you announce your garage sale, remember that the old sweater you're selling for 50 cents could be donated to the Goodwill or Salvation Army for a higher tax write-off.*
- *Take your lunch to work.*
- *Avoid shopping as entertainment. Take a walk around the shopping mall, instead.*
- *If you save \$3 a day, in a month you'll have almost \$100.*

Testimonial

"Two Maids and a Mop has created a great team of pros that are reliable in their service. Our life is now more organized because the house is cleaned very well once a week, and thus we can accomplish more of our required tasks. This great team does a thorough job that is attuned to our cleaning needs. Kitchen and bathrooms shine; carpet is well vacuumed; and surfaces are dust free! And the ladies are great with our two house dogs. You need these people in your life!"

-Chris from Shalimar

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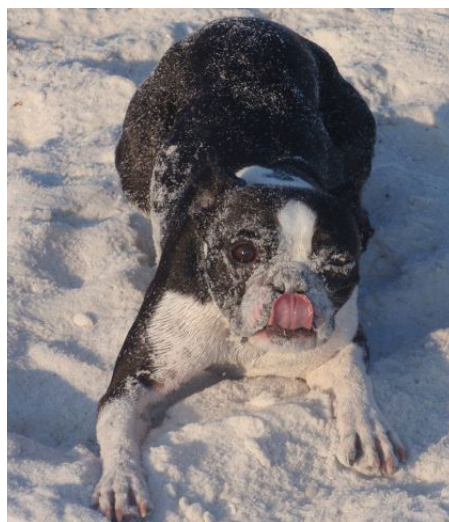
A Monthly Newsletter To Inform And Entertain Our Customers

It's been a fun month since I last spoke with you. I've seen the Blue Angels fly over Pensacola Beach. I've sat at the back door and watched my Dad slave over his lawn mower week after week. I've even snuck into a hotel room with my folks. Most recently, I've enjoyed my grandparents visiting with their dog - Billy.

Billy's not like me. He kind of just stays to himself - never bothering anyone. I, on the other hand, think that you humans are pretty cool. I love jumping on you and I absolutely love chasing after all that stuff you toss around in the backyard. It makes my day to see you smile and giggle every time I bring that silly ball back to you. Sometimes I wonder how you can just stand there for fifteen minutes throwing that same ball over and over again. Humans are sooo funny.

Anyway, I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter. It's full of interesting tidbits that I hand-picked personally.

Before I go, let me tell you the story behind that funny looking picture. We visited the beach a few days ago and my folks snuck me onto the sand. I love the beach. That white sand is just so fun to roll around and play in. But this day was



perfect because there was nobody else on the beach at all. So I decided to give my folks a show. I ran as fast I could and dove straight into the Gulf of Mexico. When I looked back, I noticed that my folks were laughing at me so I decided to make them laugh even harder. That's when I decided to roll - and roll - and roll again in the white sand. Next thing I know, my Mom's taking a picture of me. It's a little embarrassing but I have a thick skin - so I can take it. See ya next month!

Double your money? How to determine the *real* interest



Want to double your money? The Rule of 72 can tell you how long it will take, based on the specific interest rate you're looking at. Just divide 72 by the interest rate. For example, if you're looking at an investment with an interest rate of 6 percent, then 72 divided by 6 gets you an answer of 12 years. You can also turn the equation around to determine the interest rate you're looking at if someone promises to double your money in a set amount of time. Twice as much money in 12 years? Divide 72 by 12 and you get an interest rate of 6 percent. This rule lets you evaluate investment opportunities quickly and decide where to put your money.

Cleaning Tips



How To Clean A Microwave

Dried, crusty insides of a microwave are no longer a problem with these easy cleaning methods. Here are a few tips to easily clean the grunge from inside your microwave:

- ♻ Place a bowl of water in the microwave (with a non-metal object such as a wooden spoon or stir stick in the water*) and heat for 3 – 5 minutes, depending how hard the crud is really stuck on. When microwave stops, keep the door closed to give the moisture and steam the heated bowl of water generated to have time to work. Remove bowl (careful, it's hot) and take a moist, warm cloth to the inside of the microwave. The crud bits should wipe off easily.
- ♻ Add a couple teaspoons of baking soda to a bowl of water and place in microwave. Follow same process as above. The added baking soda will act as a deodorizer. If you're brave, you can use the hot baking soda water to clean the insides of the microwave, but be careful—it is HOT water. Use a thick sponge and make sure to keep water away from your fingertips. You could also add a splash or two of cold water to bring the temperature down.
- ♻ Mix 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup of water in a bowl, place in microwave. Follow the same procedure as Tip #1. The vinegar also acts as a freshener and deodorizer. You can also use this water when wiping down, but again—the water is very hot. Be careful.
- ♻ Soak a thick, clean sponge with vinegar and water (you can also use a hand towel instead of a sponge), set microwave on high for 3 minutes. Let the microwave sit closed for a few minutes once heating is done—allows moisture and steam to work into all the crust bits and splatters. Open microwave and use the sponge to wipe down insides. The sponge will be hot, so wear rubber gloves to help protect your skin from the heat.
- ♻ You can throw a few slices of lemon in a bowl of hot water and then heat as above. This will help freshen things up as well.

If You've Never Hired Us Before.....

We'll give you a FREE DEEP CLEANING if you're the first one to call and schedule a weekly maintenance cleaning. Keep in mind that a free deep cleaning represents a value of more than \$300 for most homes!!

And If You Already Hire Us.....

We'll give you one FREE housecleaning if one of your neighbors or friends calls today to schedule a deep cleaning. Now go knock on their door and tell'em to call us.

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Caring for Pets in Sultry Weather

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and outdoors, but along with the fun, the season also offers situations that can endanger your pet. The Humane Society of the United States offers these guidelines for pet owners to keep their furry friends safe this summer:

Never leave your pet in the car

During warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. Pets who are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone.

Water wisdom

Always supervise a pet in a pool. Provide plenty of water and shade for your pets while they're enjoying the great outdoors so they can stay cool.

If you can't stand the heat...

On hot days, limit exercise to early morning or evening hours. Hot asphalt can burn your pet's paws. Pets can get sunburned, too, and your pet may require sunscreen on his or her nose and ear tips.

What to watch for

Your pet can suffer from heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The signs of heat stress include heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid pulse, unsteadiness, a staggering gait, vomiting, or a deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet does become overheated, move him into the shade and apply cool (not cold) water over his body. Let your pet drink small amounts of water or lick ice cubes. If necessary, get him to a veterinarian immediately.



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