

# Puppy Love

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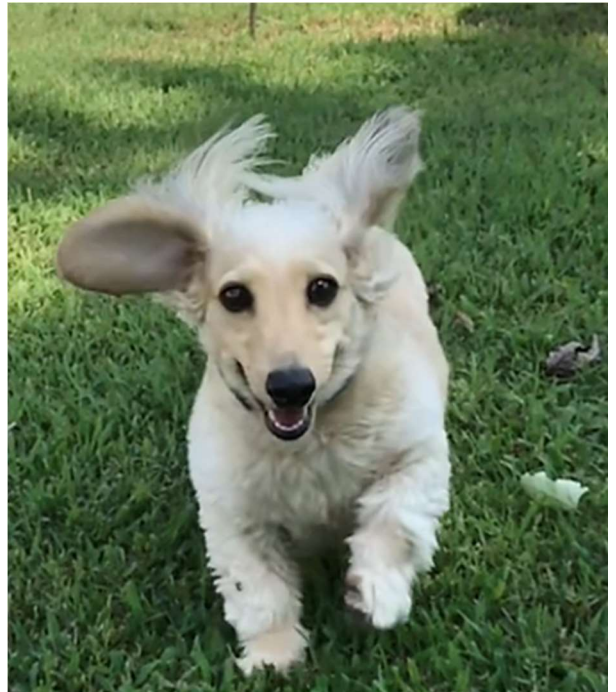
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## I Really Love BACON!

No, Bacon is not a pig, he is a typical dog. He enjoys being with his pet parent every day and his mom welcomes him into her daily activities. Bacon especially likes exploring in his front yard while his mom works on their front lawn. Bacon frequently snacks on the rhododendron that was readily available in his explorations. His mom had heard that rhododendron might be toxic to dogs, but when Bacon showed no signs of illness she became unconcerned about him munching on the plant. She learned the hard way, about the toxicity of rhododendron, at Bacon's expense. The day finally came when Bacon ate too much rhododendron and he was rushed urgently to the doctor. His experience included: vomiting and diarrhea, seizures, it even affected his heart rate and rhythm. Bacon's mom was shocked by this experience, but she is grateful that her veterinarian was able to save her little Bacon.



Bindi is home in Delaware being cuddled every day by her wonderful family.



## The Slug Did It...

Dr. John Tegzes, from Western University, shares a story with pet parents containing a very important message that could save your dog's life. Tegzes once treated a dog poisoned by snail bait. After 11 days in the hospital, nine of them on a respirator, the dog recovered. But, the next day, the dog was back again, with the same type of poisoning. "We thought he would have learned his lesson," said his pet parents. Slug and Snail bait is highly attractive to dogs so it is natural for them to make contact with the deadly poison. Dr. Tegzes stated, "Dogs love to eat this stuff once they've tasted it, so be very careful of re-exposure." The poisoning causes: abdominal pain, a decline in appetite, tremors, seizures, coma and can ultimately lead to death. There are pet friendly products to safely treat your flowers and gardens, read directions carefully.



## Blooms and Battles

The blooms of spring are a welcome sight but they are interwoven with harmful elements that can be very dangerous to dogs. You can find many lists on the internet regarding poisonous flowers for dogs, but they are not always the same. Some regional poisonous plant lists call the same flowers by different names. Some lists are so long they are intimidating. All of this information can be very confusing. But, some flowers are consistent. The number one choice denoted everywhere is the azalea; followed by the daffodil, tulip and the rhododendron. Also it is important to remember that all parts of a flower can be dangerous, not just the blossoms; leaves, stems, roots. ASPCA poison control hot line: 888-426-4435.