



PUTTING THE "LA" IN LABRADOR

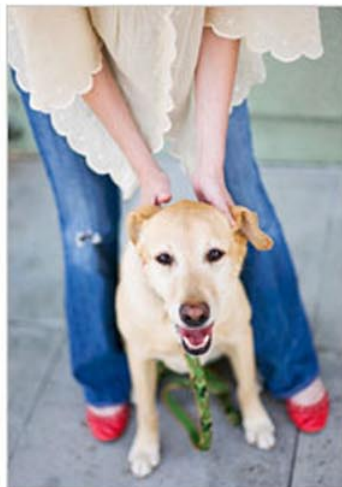
By Guest Editor Daisy McKenzie

Since moving to Los Angeles from the East Coast with my owner, Lesley, life on the West Coast has been pretty grand for this Lab. From hikes in Runyon Canyon to swims at Huntington Beach, this is what they call a dog's life. But one thing that's stayed with me since moving here is my naughty streak. (Ever chewed a pair of Louboutins? They taste as good as they look!) So, off we went to visit dog expert **Jennifer McCarthy**, who applies her studies in wolf behavior to dog training. Jennifer intuitively picked up on some areas of my behavior that needed—ahem—some adjusting, and we worked on basic commands, including leash walking, which helped establish a sense of who's in charge. Jennifer also runs the K-9 Ranch Training Center, a retreat for owners and their dogs in the Rocky Mountains—that's where I want to go next!

My work with Jennifer was rewarded with a trip to **Healthy Spot** in Santa Monica, where I was treated to my first spa experience, which included everything from a bath and brushing to non-aesthetic dental cleaning and a blueberry facial. In addition to organic foods and products, Healthy Spot also offers small dog day care and hosts dog adoptions on the weekends, too.

Now that I'm in LA, I need a headshot (who doesn't?), so we headed straight from the spa to meet Grace Chon of **Shine Pet Photos** who's shot covers for Bark magazine and is the official photographer of the World's Ugliest Dog Contest. Grace and I bonded instantly, and she really captured Lesley and I in our element. The editorial-style portraits were stunning, and thanks to Grace's package offerings, mom can even have them made into wall art, greeting cards or even a book. After all, you can never have too much of a good thing—me!

Ah, the dog days of summer!



CALENDAR

JULY 31

The iTV Festival starts on July 31 in Los Angeles. The festival will go until August 6. Check out www.itvfest.com for more information.

Tressje re-launches their most popular handbag, the The Magnolia at **Kitson!**

AUGUST 5

Jennifer McCarthy hosts a seminar at **Healthy Spot** and speaks about her experiences while studying wildlife.

AUGUST 22

The 12th Annual iPalpiti Festival of International Laureates returns to Los Angeles August 11- August 23 for two weeks of classical music and culminates with a performance at the Walt Disney Concert Hall on Saturday August 22 at 8 p.m. Tickets for all events and information call (310) 205-0511 or visit www.iPalpiti.org.