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Bake Your Own Doggie Treats



Kiss your dog's snout nothing beats a homemade treat. So why not bake some goodies for your pup this holiday season? Here, a recipe from *Cooking the Three Dog Bakery Way*, a new book by Mark Beckhoff and Dan Egan.

Mangy Munchers

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups quick whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup chopped smoked turkey
- 1 large egg, beaten, washed
- 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 egg uncracked

- 1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
- 2. Mix together first three ingredients. In another bowl, stir rest three ingredients. Add dry ingredients to banana mixture and stir.
- 3. Roll dough into walnut-size balls and flatten on ungreased baking sheet with back of spoon or your hand. Bake 15 minutes, or until lightly golden.
- 4. Cool on a rack before serving. Store in an airtight container for up to a week, or wrap well and freeze up to two months.

fast fact 50% of pet owners include their pets in family or holiday pictures.



Pet Odor 101

We love our cats and dogs, but hate cleaning up after them. Don Aslett, author of the new *Pet Clean-Up Made Easy*, offers tips to make it simpler, with goods available at many pet stores:

- **Number One** Act fast, before the smell and stain set in. Blot with a thick towel, then use an enzyme digester (try Simple Solution Stain and Odor Remover) to eliminate, not mask, the odor. Skip ammonia-based cleansers, since they smell similar to urine, and pets tend to "mark" the same spot again.
- **Number Two** Just scoop it up and use a deodorizing cleaner like X-O Plus.
- **Freshen Up** To keep your home smelling fresh, look for a product containing zeolite, a mineral that absorbs pet odors (Aslett likes Odorzout). It's safe to use around pets, so sprinkle some on carpeting, in crates, even outdoors.

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