

Milkdud and her treats

Spring Break seems to always bring vacations to some and to some of us the job of babysitting our “granddogs.” That was my job last week. I have had the “pleasure” of housing and feeding my daughters dachshund. The Type 2 Diabetic dog. I didn’t know until about two weeks ago that a canine could even become diabetic. Her name is “Milkdud” because she has little brown spots on her that look just like a package of

caramel and chocolate milk duds. One of my grandsons named her this “sweet” name. You don’t think this could have predisposed her to an over abundance of sugar? She has to be fed a certain kind of food twice a day and given a .04 shot of insulin, human insulin twice a day. She takes the needle like a trouser IF you give her a treat afterwards. She is spoiled and is so used to eating from table food as her human parents enjoy a meal and of

course now she is forbidden “people” food. She doesn’t seem to know this as she cries and begs with every single bite that goes into my mouth. She seems to be hungry all the time. This morning as I walked into my kitchen the floor was riddled with all the garbage pulled from my can and all her empty dog food cans had been carried around all over the house. And she has always slept in someone’s bed at night and that is a strict no-no here so she cries all night. As if this is not enough stress and agitation, we have a four pound nine year old Yorkie who believes she is Queen of the house. She does not want to share her bed, her food, her water, her blanket, or her

Mom and Dad and makes it know by nipping at her five times sized dog friend. Diabetics drink lots and lots of water. Me being a diabetic realizes this as I too am always thirsty. You do know what drinking lots of water leads to, don’t you? Well she cannot get on the potty so she was given a doggie pad. As a matter of fact my entire carpet seems to be covered in this five-layered material. I of course bought the ones that smell like lavender.

Well, I can tell you she might have hit this miraculous catcher of watery dog drippings once or twice in the three days of her vacation and the rest, well you can just guess where they were dropped. I have already called my carpet and floor cleaners and lined them up as soon as this holi-

day is over. It’s really not her fault as she is at new “accommodations” and she gets confused as to where her powder room is located.

She brought her own bed, blanket and toys but she seems to prefer my Bella’s private things to her own. It’s really a funny site to see this little bit of fluff charge the bigger dog with her small teeth snapping. Milkdud just walks away as she is bored or is completely undisturbed by this “toy.” If Bella refuses to give up her nice soft bed, Milkdud just situates herself on top of the little dog and enjoys a really good sleep.

I have no guidance or recommendations to offer you if you too are asked to dog sit one of your canine grandchildren. I could only advise you to roll up your Persian carpets, buy extra extra thick

doggie pads, be sure to close your garbage cans tight, and send your little “in-house Queen dog” on a vacation.

If you are fortunate enough to be the parents of a dog, they love home made treats!!

1 cup of pumpkin puree*
 ½ cup of peanut butter
 2 eggs
 ¼ cup oil
 2 ½ cups wheat flour
 1 t. baking soda
 Combine pumpkin, peanut butter, oil, baking soda and flour. Dough will be stiff. Roll out about ¼” thick, and cut with a biscuit cutter. Bake 350* for 15 minutes. Drizzle with ¼ cup of melted bacon grease and ¼ cup peanut butter mixed together. Refrigerate

*Peggy Sims is a life-long resident of Attala County and columnist.



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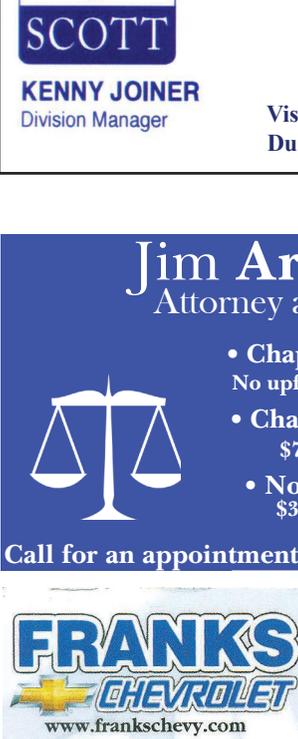
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