



CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR

The Parkside Craft & Vendor Fair was a big success this year! Thanks to everyone who showed up to support the vendors, who were all Parkside residents. Purchasers supported their neighbors, had a fun time, and got a jump start on their holiday shopping. Thank you, also, to the vendors, and to Melissa Hennig for organizing the event.

2015 Craft & Vendor Fair included:

- Faith's Grace – Karyn Curtis
- Keep Collective – Cyndi Reynolds
- MS Vintage Designs – Maria Parmenter
- Pampered Chef – Erica Reed
- Plexus – Stephanie Anderson
- Scentsy - Lisa Patterson
- Silpada – Kristine Horten
- Stitched Bling Embroidery - Aileen Albert
- Swanky Tayte Boutique - Kayla Blankenship
- Thirty One – Stacy Eberwine

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The Do's and Don'ts for getting that Perfect Christmas Photo of Your Pet

Photographing animals can be really difficult. They get distracted easily, they're almost always moving, and they even make silly faces. This can make it difficult to get a photo worthy of a Christmas card, but it is possible! Here are some Do's and Don'ts to help you out.

DO keep plenty of treats handy

Our animals often need a bit of extra reward and loving to sit there and look cute for us, so make sure to have plenty of their favorite treats available.

DO have toys and noise makers to grab their attention

They don't always listen to us, so bring their favorite toy to hold up next to you and they're sure to look over with an inquisitive face.

DO look at your background first and move around until you have eliminated distracting items

You don't want to turn your horse into a carousel ride by having a pole in the background looking as though it is going straight through their belly.

DO have an assistant or two to help out

It can be really tiring and frustrating if you are the only person out there and you are repeatedly putting your camera down and running over to your animal to pose him or fix a prop, and then running back and only hoping he is still where you left him.

DO use a fast shutter speed

If you are shooting in Manual mode on your camera be sure to use a fast shutter speed (at least 1/250), so that even if the animal is moving when you click the shutter you will still get a clear picture. If you do not have a Manual mode on your camera, try using the Sports mode.

DO be aware of colors

Choose complimentary colors for the props and costumes you use. The same goes for taking a picture of the pet with his owner- don't wear a shirt that is the same color as your dog- you want contrast.

DO focus on the eyes

Especially when taking close up shots. Their eyes can be very expressive so you want them to be sharp and clear.

DON'T forget that candid shots can be cute, too!

Don't automatically throw out all the photos where your pet is not looking or making a silly face. Those shots can be just as good as posed ones, because they show the personality of your pet.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SNAKES IN YOUR AREA

Snakes can be found all over Texas.
You will see them in the greenbelt areas, and even yards.



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Bull Snake
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DON'T just throw props and costume pieces on your pet before letting them "OK" it. Let your horse smell whatever prop you're going to use first or rub it on them gently until they are relaxed. They are much more likely to cooperate if they aren't scared of the Santa hat on their head.

DON'T crop off just the feet or hooves

Be careful when you are framing your picture, you don't want to crop out just their feet or tail or ears. Step back for a whole body shot or crop it in close to a headshot.

DON'T shoot during the middle of the day

The best lighting of the day is about an hour before the sun sets. It is much more diffused and soft, and you will avoid all the harsh shadows.

DON'T try to be in a hurry

Taking animal portraits takes patience! You should expect it to take more than just a few shots.

DON'T use a flash

Sudden bursts of light from a flash may frighten your pet and cause red eye.



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HITTING THE SLOPES THIS SKI SEASON?

Keep in mind these tips to prevent injuries on the slopes.

Written by Kelly Cunningham, MD Sports Medicine specialist

As a former US Olympic Men's Ski Team physician and orthopedist, every year during the winter months I treat many ski & snowboard injuries. As traveling doctor for the team, I accompanied the athletes throughout the US, Canada and Europe on the World Cup tour and was responsible for the triage, stabilization, and treatment of these world-class skiers.

One of the most frequent questions I get this time of year from my patients who ski is "How can I avoid hurting myself on the ski slopes?" So what do I tell recreational skiers about staying healthy while on the slopes?

First and foremost, adjust to the altitude in your first few days. While there are medications that will improve your blood oxygen, they require a prescription and can have side effects. Perhaps the easiest to take along are low-dose aspirin or ginkgo biloba, as both are safe (unless allergic) and easy to take. Low-level exercise and lots of water (especially during the first night) are also key, as is abstinence from alcohol during the first 24 hours at altitude.

Modern skis, boots, and bindings are universally safe now,

unlike in decades past. Multi-release bindings help you come out of your skis safely in a fall and with less stress on your knees, the most commonly injured joint in a skier. Make sure they are set correctly.

Speaking of knees, in most solid, intermediate skiers, unlike beginners (learning to stop) and racers (ACL injury from shear forces), serious knee injuries are actually quite rare.

The best way to protect yourself from ski injury is:

- get in good "ski-shape"
 - ski within your limits
 - stay relaxed but focused
 - watch out for that last, fatigued run of the afternoon
 - if you fall, fall forward and throw your hands in front of you
- And always, always, wear a helmet!

Austin resident Kelly Cunningham, MD is board certified by the American College of Orthopedic Surgeons, and an active member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the International Cartilage Repair Society.



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To submit an article for the Parkside at Mayfield Ranch newsletter, please email it to jan.scriven@southwestmanagement.net. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.



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- 11/13 - 12/31 Holidays at the Domain & Horse-Drawn Carriages
- 11/27 - 11/29 Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (Long Center)
- 11/29 Chuys Children Giving to Children Parade
- 11/29 - 12/20 North Pole Flyer Steam Train (Cedar Park)
- 11/29 - 1/4 Ice Skating at Whole Foods (Downtown Austin)
- 12/4 Cedar Park Holiday Lights & Santa's Workshop
- 12/5 City of Leander Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
- 12/8 - 12/22 Trail of Lights, Downtown Austin



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