



"Jake, no choke holds!"

Well, it's almost Christmas and boy do I love this time of year! In the spirit of the season, I thought I would write this memo about some of my friends who visit me at DOY. On Tuesday and Thursday mornings when the lobby is closed, sometimes my friends call to visit and we have a great time playing on the slippery tile floor. Jake, a golden retriever pup, has visited several times. He first visited when he was only ten weeks old.



"Hey Jake, where did you hide the stuffed dog?"

Now he is eight months old and has grown even bigger than me. During his last visit he grabbed some of the stuff from under the Christmas tree. First he took a bow, then a gift, and finally the dancing stuffed dog. It was funny watching the big guy chasing Jake all around the lobby.



"Ava, Look at the camera."

Then there's Ava who lives next door. She is also a pup and just turned six months old. She is about as big as my head, but she is really a feisty one. You would think she would be intimidated by my size, however, she plays just as hard as Jake and boy are her puppy teeth sharp. But no matter what their size, I love the companionship when my new and old friends visit.



"Hank, can you sing that Christmas carol again?"

Besides my dog friends, sometimes miniature people visit and want to play. That's Henry who wanted to play during his visit with his mom. You would think he would be afraid of me since I am nearly twice his size, but that was not the case. We had fun hanging out together. I just love little kids because I can look them right in the eye and surprise them with a kiss (lick) on the face.



*"Merry Christmas and
Happy Holidays
- Love Morgan"*

So, if any of you (canine or human) would like to visit me on Tuesday or Thursday mornings before the lobby opens, just call to see if I'm working and set up a time for a visit. I'd love to see ya! Also, I want to thank all of those members who make it a point to ask for me and some of them who even bring me a treat. To all of you both canine and human alike, have a very Merry Christmas and joyous Holiday Season. Till next year remember: *life is too short not to have a hot chocolate with marshmallows and warm cookies with sprinkles to share with those you love.*