

CLANCY'S CLICHES

It's been rrrrruff around here, doggonit. Rumors abound that My Master is putting words in my mouth but really, my creative canine side makes me roll over and dream up this column. He has his own column! (Now, really, which column do *you* read first?Thot so..)

There's a phrase recently overheard by my selective hearing and someone saying "Jim's Jibberish" jostled my ears to inspire this month's column. Oh, Happy Hounds! Between Jim's Jibberish and my reflections on his everyday barks, how could it not be worth a few extra treats?

JIM'S JIBBERISH & JOYS



"He likes to roll over on his back" - Yes, and get rub-a-dub on my belly! It's the underlying things in life we tend to ignore since we don't see them on the surface. That's why I'm always rolling over—everyone pats my head and strokes my back. But it takes time to "roll-over" the passing casual ruff-ruff and listen for when others might need an extra stroke or two in their lives.



"Sleeping is what he does best" - Well, we all need to replenish our bodies and it's why I'm so doggone healthy! Just look at my teeth and fur coat! While sleep is beneficial, the soul and spirit need replenished as well. Remember to take some time for yourself to reflect (as I must do for these columns) and to pray, especially in appreciation for the dog bones, water dishes, pull toys and treats in all of your own lives.



"Guess it's time to feed you" - Since this one comes anywhere from 1pm to 7pm, it's necessary for me to rely on my fellow staff-mates for sustenance. Nourishment comes in all forms so it's never too late to help out a friend or neighbor, someone whose lost a loved one, or even a stranger—even if it seems so. "Feed" others with goodness. Better late than never!!!!



"He chewed my seatbelt again" - Glad we don't have to hear this anymore since I'm confined to the rear! If there are bad habits or temptations in your own life, resolve the situation rather than talking about or acting on it over and over again. No one likes a growling wheel.



"at's my boy" - This one makes me feel very, very special so try making a point to compliment or say something to everyone you encounter every day.

Always Remember: Howlin' is hootin'; Growlin's not gooten! - Clancy

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