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ALMOST 13 YEARS OLD,
JAZZ IS EAGER TO IMPART
HIS WISDOM TO
OUT-OF-TOWN HOUNDS**

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

A local pooch shares the inside scoop *By Sheri Radford*

Jazz, a German shorthaired pointer who lives in North Vancouver, sat down with us recently to give some pointers for visiting dogs. Vanessa Bourgeois, his owner, was happy to translate Jazz's woofs.

DO visit the local hiking trails, many of which are off-leash. I especially love the Baden-Powell Trail, which leads to the ocean in Deep Cove.

DO go for a dip. Lakes and streams are everywhere, and of course the Pacific Ocean is all around.

DO encourage your owner to visit a doggie boutique, such as Barking Babies (page 66). They know how to give a top dog proper pampering.

DO try the local cheese. I've never been to Les Amis du Fromage (page 29), but I want to go. (Hint, hint.) If your owner insists on buying dog food,

look for liver or kidney treats at Three Dog Bakery (page 66). Dry up an organ and I'll eat it.

DO chase sticks. They're everywhere along the beach. But don't get one caught in your palette, as I did once. It required a trip to the vet.

DO visit the seawall—or as I call it, pooch paradise. A plethora of sights and smells awaits.

DO make sure your owner scoops after you poop—it's the law here. And use biodegradable doggie-do bags. Available at most local pet stores, they're made from cornstarch, so they won't stick around in the landfill for eons after we've all gone to doggie heaven.

DO wag your tail at the Vancouver dogs you meet. It's only polite. **W**

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