

Just Dogs Newsletter



Hi everybody!

So much is going on in Just Dogs at the moment and we are very excited about what is to come!

Check out Animal Talk Magazine for our article by the Smuts family about how we have been helping Duncan to train his medical alert dog, Honey! Also, look out next month for a full article from me on the subject.

The Dog Jog is being revamped and so if you haven't done so already, please fill out and return your indemnity forms to your handler, we are now celebrating birthdays (so please put these on your form) and introducing more opportunities for social and pack walks. Contact me for more information or to boost your dogs social life!

We also have a class on Saturday's at 11:30 at Melkbosstrand Private School for social dogs who have obedience experience to come along and have a bit of fun. These classes are open to anybody at R50 per class.

We will soon be advertising local dog products on our website and showing our support for these wonderful dog lovers! Our first initiative is healthy doggy treats. We have 2 sources, one type of lovely yummys is made by Isabelle who is part of the Honey's Garden for Medical Alert Dog's family. Isa is epileptic and her service dog, Sandy, is currently in the initial stages of training with us. Her peanut butter treats can be bought at R5 for 7 biscuits.

The other source is from Samantha, a previous Masterchef South Africa finalist. Samantha's homemade, preservative free, liver, yummys can be bought at R80 per kg.

If you have a handcrafted dog product that you would like us to support, please let us know so that we can advertise on our website and Facebook pages for you!

Lastly, Honey's Garden is looking for potential foster parents for our new dogs in training, food and medical treatment is supplied. Contact us for more information on how you can help with this amazing adventure!

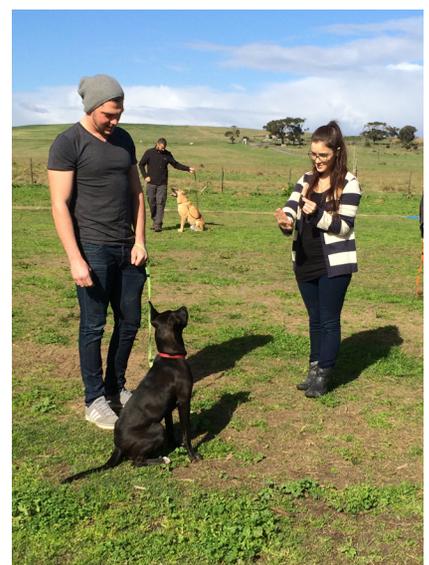
That is all from me! WOOF!

DATES TO REMEMBER

03 August - Voting Day
09 August - Women's Day

Special overseas dates

August is adopt a senior pet month



Training Tip

OFF!

A jumping dog can be a nightmare for anybody, especially when you arrive home laden with shopping! To teach your dog to put all four feet on the ground, we use the word OFF.

- 🐾 First ignore your dog until the excitement has decreased, only reward and greet if all four feet are on the ground.
- 🐾 If jumping persists. Gently and calmly place your dog back onto the floor and say very clearly, OFF, when all four feet are on the ground. You can help your pup by slipping your thumb through the collar and holding him in a sit position whilst you love and say "good off". Remember to praise when the feet are on the ground, by just telling a dog "off off off" you are not letting them know what they should be doing.
- 🐾 If jumping persists, turn and walk away from your dog. As soon as the excitement level has decreased, you should be able to gently say "off", place them down to ground and say "good off".

It is important that visitors follow these instructions too! Keep calm with greetings, too much excitement or shouting will only make the problem worse!

Should you need any assistance with a jumping dog, please contact Lucy!

Tick and Flea Prevention

It is that time of the year again and it is important that we take the preventable measures to ensure that our dogs are free from ticks and fleas.

Preventable measures recommended by vets include: Checking your dog regularly during tick and flea season in combination with the use of prevention and treatment products such as Bayer's Seresto CollarS, Bravecto or Nexguard tablets and Frontline Spary for young puppies.

Doggy of the month



July's "Doggy of the Month" goes to BORRIS

Boris is an old man with the wilful mind of a teenager! He has to have something to carry at all times. The problem is that he often wants to carry his own lead whilst you are trying to walk him on it, he is also partial to taking hold of his friends leads too!! This is partly a need for comfort and partly excitement! With a bit of help, Boris has now channelled his excitement into holding a more appropriate "toy"! He is doing so well and is less manic when he doesn't have something to hold. We are so proud of you Boris!!! Well done!!

We loving having you in the Dog Jog family!

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