

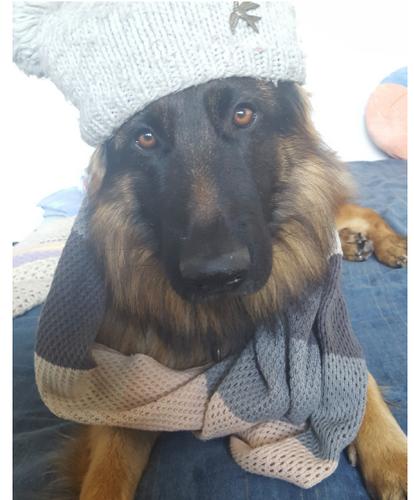
# Just Dogs Newsletter



Hello everybody!

Well, Winter is drawing in and the days are getting shorter, colder and rainier! Remember to provide your dogs with a warm, dry place to sleep at night and perhaps even a jacket if they have a short coat or get cold easily!

If you are struggling to exercise your dog before it gets dark, or don't really fancy being the one walking in the rain, our "Dog Jog" handlers are waiting and happy to help! We don't mind walking in the rain and wind, and neither does your dog (most of the time!), but if Fido really cannot cope with the bad weather, we also offer treadmill training for dogs who are old enough.



## May is Pet Cancer Awareness Month

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Cancer treatment in dogs is similar to that of humans, including treatment options such as chemotherapy, radiation and surgery. Surprisingly, chemotherapy's side effects tend to be less severe in pets than in humans.

If cancer is detected early it can be treated more effectively. It is important to check your pet for the 10 early warning signs as recommended by the Veterinary Cancer Society:

1. Swollen lymph nodes
2. An enlarging or changing lump
3. Abdominal distension
4. Chronic weight loss
5. Chronic vomiting or diarrhoea
6. Unexplained bleeding
7. Cough
8. Lameness
9. Straining to urinate
10. Oral odour

If your pet is showing any of the signs, it is best to take them to a vet for a thorough examination as soon as possible

- South African Veterinary Association

# Training Tip

## WALKING ON A LOOSE LEASH!

This is definitely not an easy thing for some excitable dogs, and it is best to train it when they have shed a bit of energy already. If you struggle with your dog's walking etiquette, give us a shout to arrange some training walks.

- 🐾 Always take treats with you on a walk
- 🐾 Wait until your dog is as calm as possible before setting off
- 🐾 Ask your dog to sit and show him that you have treats. Reward!
- 🐾 As you step off, if your dog jumps ahead, STOP and call him back to sit next to you. Reward!
- 🐾 Stand still and call your dog back to you every time the leash goes tight. Reward!
- 🐾 He will soon learn that we only move forward on a loose leash and that it is more rewarding to be closer to you
- 🐾 This may take awhile but be patient and consistent
- 🐾 Remember to allow your dog to sniff around as this is an important part of the walking experience

## Doggy of the month



May's "Doggy of the Month" goes to MAXIMUS

We always knew Maximus was a giant teddy bear at heart, but he took us all by surprise on his recent socialisation process and was the Dog Jog's own big friendly giant.

We are very proud of your progress and love having you in the Dog Jog family.

## Join us in giving back

The Dog Jog team invites you to spend the morning with us at the Lucky Lucy Foundation. We will be volunteering our walking services for their current four legged residents.

Lucky Lucy is a non-profit, pro life, pro quality of life organisation that rescues and rehabilitates animals in order to be re-homed successfully.

The Dog Jog team will be heading to Lucky Lucy on the 16th June 2016 (Public Holiday). If you are interested in joining us in walking the Lucky Lucy residents, please let us know by the 13th June, at the latest, in order for us to arrange lifts and a time schedule.

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