

Just Dogs Newsletter



Hello everybody!

We hope you are all having a lovely month and getting into the full swing of the year! We have been busy bees at Just Dogs and have lots of news to share.

Firstly, we have commenced with the training of our first group of Medical Alert Dogs at Leadville Dog Park and at the Honey's Garden farm.

We were recently filmed by Hills Pet Nutrition for the Medical Alert Dogs in training, as part of the "Transforming Lives" campaign. Keep an eye on their Facebook page and website, as well as SABC Espresso for the upcoming story.

The training of the dogs is going incredibly well and we look forward to their future representing Honey's Garden. If you would like to become involved with this incredible project, please visit our Facebook page to find out how.

Next, our "Dotty Dogs Club", for the socially awkward and fearful dogs out there, who need help with socialisation and training. We will be having a theory class at Leadville Dog Park on the 19th April 2017 with demonstrations and handouts to help you and your pooch live a happier life.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details or send us a message to enroll.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 14 April
 - Good Friday
- 17 April
 - Family Day
- 27 April
 - Freedom Day



Pet First Aid Awareness Month

April is Pet First Aid Awareness Month and one of the most valuable things when pet first aid is needed is a pet first aid kit. A pet first aid kit is always handy and can be helpful to others if one is also kept in the car.

Essential items to be in your pet first aid kit:

- Bandages
- Gauze for wounds
- Tweezers
- Disposable gloves
- Scissor
- Saline solution
- Thermometer
- Medical tape
- Towels or cloth for bleeding
- Syringes
- Emergency phone numbers
- Cold pack



Training Tip

WATCH ME

-  Catch your dogs attention with the scent of a yummy treat, hold it up to your nose and wait for eye contact.
-  As soon as your eyes lock with your dog, say "watch/look/kyk" and reward instantly
-  Develop this by increasing the time that you are able to hold your dog's attention. Remember not to be creepy or stare them down, keep your face light and happy. Make kiss noises and click your tongue for added interest.
-  Once this eye contact command is understood, try asking your dog to watch you during heel work, when distracted, or before meal times.
-  "Watch me" is a very handy trick for catching their attention before naughtiness can occur! If you are quick enough!

Doggy of the month



March's "Doggy of the Month" goes to DIESEL!

Diesel Weasel has always been a scaredy cat and has been through many ups and downs over the past few years of working with him, we can finally say that with the help of his handler Dez, and a few doggy friends at Leadville Dog Park, his confidence is increasing by the day.

He now gives everybody a chance before wanting to escape and not only does he walk confidently and happily, he bravely took to the beach and loves running and playing through the water with the other dogs!

Well done Diesel Weasel! We are so proud of you and love you because you are pawsome!

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