

Just Dogs Newsletter



Hello everybody!

We hope you are all staying warm and dry throughout as the winter weather approaches us. With more rainy, winter weather ahead, please remember that we don't mind working dogs in the rain (within reason) but please communicate with your handler on rainy days to double check. Make sure your dog has a jacket, if necessary! Our handlers also will have towels for dry downs, should they get caught in the rain.

Don't forget we are now selling intelligent dog games, liver bread treats (the best in town) and selected items for training. Please enquire at our dog park office or ask your regular handler for more details.

We hope you all had an awesome Easter and ate too much chocolate (The people, that is)! If you aren't already connected to our Facebook page, please go give it a like. We post regular updates and photos of all the wonderful pooches on there.

On a final note, we were shocked by the amount of missing dogs during last week's thunderstorm, please please please make sure that your dogs cannot escape your garden, are safe and that they have somewhere dry and warm to be during the winter season. See the training tip below for tips on handling dogs with thunder fears.

It's hip to microchip!

May is chip your pet month and microchipping your dog is a must!

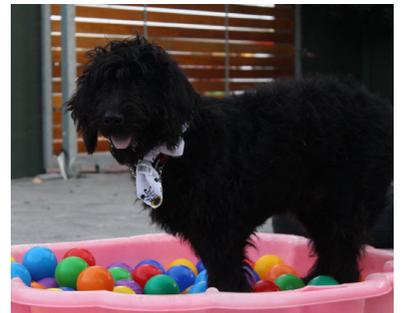
Did you know that 1 in 3 pets get lost. 90% of those without an ID won't return home. Microchipping your dog ensures that even if their tag or collar gets lost, they will still have a chance of being reunited with their family.

The chip is a tiny transponder implanted under the skin, usually in the scruff of the neck, using a syringe. The chip contains a unique code which is registered on the maker's database and also recorded by your vet in your pet's file. It has no power source so doesn't need recharging and is made from inert materials that won't cause a reaction in the body.

When a lost pet is brought to a vet, shelter or rescue group, a scanner is used to see if the animal has a chip. If one is detected, the microchip registry is called and the unique code on the chip is used to retrieve the owner's information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1 May
 - Workers Day
- 7 May
 - May Day for Mutts



Training Tip

THUNDERSTORMS: FIGHTING THE FEAR

- 🐾 Ensure your dog is safe at home and cannot escape. Especially if you are not with them.
- 🐾 Create a safe place for your pet to snuggle into (a crate is great for this), make it dark and warm, with their favourite blankets, toys and treats inside
- 🐾 Should they choose to hide somewhere else, respect it and make arrangements for them to be warm and feel safe (even if it is in the bath tub!)
- 🐾 Close the curtains and put the lights on to combat the flashes of lightning
- 🐾 Put on a television and/or a radio for background noise in the house. It will block out some of the thunder and rain noises
- 🐾 Look into calming medication from your vet if your dog is particularly disturbed! Calmeze and happy hounds are nice to take the edge off, but some dogs may need something stronger.
- 🐾 Look into pheromones. We use Adaptil (dog appeasing pheromone) which is naturally occurring pheromones released between the mothers mammary glands when puppies suckle. It helps our dogs to relax and feel secure.
- 🐾 Look into a thundershirt or body wrap (Tellington touch methodology) for an added cuddle for your dog to feel more secure.
- 🐾 Do not try to stop your dog from pacing or hiding. You can attempt to distract them with food or a favourite game, depending on how scared they are.
- 🐾 Stay calm! Your dog will feed off your anxiety so make sure to act nonchalant, like the storm is "no big deal"

Doggy of the month



April's "Doggy of the Month" goes to KOLA!

Kola used to lunge at dogs behind gates, bark when he walked past other dogs, pull against his lead to go his own way and nip other dogs if he felt a little insecure.

With some work from his handler, Jessa and some doggy assistants, we now have a more calmer, more attentive and more confident Kola. He no longer feels the need to lunge and pull towards every dog but rather enjoys his walks as a more fun, confident and happy Kola.

Well done Kola, we love you because you are pawsome!

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