

# Just Dogs Newsletter



Hello everybody!

Spring has arrived and Summer is fast approaching us! This also means that we need to keep our pooches cool and comfortable, don't forget to make sure they have refreshed water and adequate shade. For those who enjoy the water but are doing their part to save water, Sunset Beach, Table View and Melkbos have some dog friendly areas on the beach where your doggy could cool off - please remember to always pick up your dogs mess.

Our handlers of the walking service, The Dog Jog, also love to take trips down to the beach and getting the pooches into the full swing of summer.

Just Dogs will be at the Daisy Animal Rescue adoption day taking place this Saturday, 21 October 2017 at Leadville Dog Park, to help with any queries you may have. Please come have a look at some of the wonderful pooches up for adoption

Leadville Dog Park will also be hosting a Halloween dress up party at Leadville on the 28th October 2017 with some wonderful prizes up for grabs!

Lusahn Adult and Puppy dog food is also now available from Just Dogs. The Lusahn Adult and Puppy recipes are scientifically formulated to provide a complete and balanced nutrition for your dog. A renowned breeder together with a leading university research team, carefully selected the right ingredients in the right ratio to create this perfectly balanced dog food that will be loved by man's best friend whilst simultaneously providing a balanced diet with excellent health benefits.

For more information you can contact Dave on 082 4641414 or [davebthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:davebthorpe@gmail.com) and orders can be placed through Just Dogs.

Our annual fundraiser show for NPC: Honey's Garden for Medical Alert Dogs SA, has hit a bump in the road due to water restrictions. We sadly lost our venue for the fundraising show and would greatly appreciate any offer of grounds where we could host the show for our MADogs and show off the fantastic work that they do! If you are able to assist please contact us at [info@justdogsbehaviour.co.za](mailto:info@justdogsbehaviour.co.za).

## Spring has Sprung



Spring has sprung but this also means so has the pests that feed on our beloved pets. Remember to make sure your dog has been treated with tick and flea treatment, there are so many options available from the local vets or vetshops. Depending on your preference there are 1 month - 3 month and even 8 month options which come in the form of a tablet, spray, shampoo or collar.

Spring also means snakes! The Western Cape is home to the Mole snake and the more dangerous, Puff Adder, Cape Cobra and Boomslang. Always be cautious of snakes when walking out with your dog. If your dog comes into contact with a snake and is bitten always take your dog immediately to the closest vet.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November -  
Adopt a senior pet  
month

November -  
Diabetes  
Awareness Month



# Training Tip

## " LEAVE "

-  Leave is a really handy training tool that we initially start with food, and can go on to generalise to anything from other dogs, cats, chicken bones and even snakes!
-  Have your dog in a relaxed "down" position, and place a low value food item (such as kibble) in front of them. Ensure it is far enough from them that they have to lean forward, giving you the time to cover it with your hand.
-  If your dog stands up to try get the food, place your hand over it and ask them to lay down again. Be patient!
-  You can repeat the word "leave" in a firm tone whilst covering the food. When your dog stops trying to get the food, reward with a "good dog" and a higher value treat from your pocket.
-  Attempt to move your hand away from the kibble slowly, repeating the word "leave". As soon as your dog sees the food they may want to try grab it. Be calm and quick. Cover it again if need be. They can never get this food, imagine it is something poisonous.
-  If your dog is getting the hang of not touching the pile, you can start adding more kibble to make it trickier and repeat the steps above.
-  Reward any eye or head movement away from the pile with "good dog" and a high value treat. As you progress and increase the pile you may need to help your dog out by asking for eye contact ("Leave, look at me")
-  Progress further by adding higher value treats to the pile and lower value treats as the reward. Be patient and always encourage them to make this decision by themselves by simply being patient.
-  When out and about, you can start to drop food whilst walking on lead whilst simultaneously saying the word "leave". You can help them with a short tug of the lead if they struggle. The moment your dog stops trying to get the food and looks up at you, reward with a big smile, "good dog" and something yummy, of course!

## Doggy of the month



October's "Doggy of the Month" is NELLY!

Nelly began with Just Dogs as a foster case who endured a serious case of mange. She then moved on to her loving family but was so fearful of new places, new people and new dogs without the comfort of her foster family to guide her. This caused Nelly to become territorial and protective over her mom, family and comfortable spaces.

Nelly has come such a long way and now looks to her family to guide her in areas of uncertainty. She allows new people into the house, goes on regular group walks with her Just Dogs buddies and just enjoys everyday life much more relaxed.

Well done Nelly! We love you because you are pawsome!

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