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Tips, advice and some fun facts about our best little friends who mean so much to us!

Hello and welcome to the April issue of the newsletter. It's hard to believe it's this time of year already, but it's thrilling nonetheless. The landscape will soon be blooming with greenery and flowers again, giving us and our dogs much more to explore and take in. It really will be lovely, too, to comfortably sit and work outdoors in the garden.

If you're starting to make plans for your own garden and landscaping, here are a few things to keep in mind regarding the dogs—as you know they'll be wanting to help and play in it, too!

Managing Doggy Messes

While there's not much you can do about the look of grass that's already been damaged by dogs, you can prevent some of the discoloration caused by their urine. This is the perfect time to start, too, since we're nearing the start of the season. Simply pour water on the spot immediately after they use it, as this neutralises the urine. Also, you might encourage them to use only one spot in the garden.

Pesticides and Herbicides

Unfortunately, some of the products we use to prevent weed growth and rid our plants of bugs can cause harm to dogs. This is also true for garden sprays that are intended for fleas and ticks. If you'll be treating your lawn for anything, have a look at the product label prior to using it. Sometimes they provide recommendations for keeping pets safe during and after application. There are also a few organic sprays that are safe for pets and children, but most commercial products do come with some level of risk.

Putting a Stop to Doggy Digging

You won't want any of your hard work going to the dogs, either, so beware if your dog likes to watch you plant flowers. Oftentimes they interpret this as 'playing' and will start digging their own holes. All the new scents and wildlife contribute to their urge to dig also. But, you can discourage them from doing this by giving them their very own digging spot. Put some toys in one section of the garden—in a sandbox if you'd rather not have them digging the soil—and praise them for playing there. You can also lightly bury a few treats or toys to keep their interest focused in that area.

While it does take a bit of extra work to keep a garden nice and safe with dogs around, they do enjoy the time spent outdoors with us!

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STAR CAN'T WAIT FOR SUMMER!!!!



The water was freezing in February in Millport but that doesn't stop her.

Does your dog like the water? Send us a snap

A Wonderful World of Dogs!

! Researchers believe the Shar-pei's characteristic wrinkles can help them understand and treat a disorder that affects humans. Shar-peis have a gene mutation that causes their wrinkles as well as frequent fevers. Further studies to prevent these fevers in the dogs may help doctors find a treatment for periodic fevers that affect people of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean descent, according to *The New York Times*.

! One little dog is being praised as a loyal hero after being shown in video footage of the tsunami aftermath in Japan. Video shows the dog walking around barking and then returning to sit with another dog that was injured in the disaster. It appears as if the dog is protecting and caring for the other. Both dogs were rescued, fortunately, and taken in by a local animal shelter.



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We are approved members of the Pet Care Trust and British Dog Groomers Association. So you can have peace of mind knowing that while your dog is in our care it will be groomed to the highest standard and will be given the greatest level of care at all times.

"A doggie wash for you you'll no doubt say, when they've gone into the mud to dig and play"

OUTLAWED:

PILLS THAT COULD KILL YOUR PET!!

Dangerous medicines that can kill pets are being outlawed in a crackdown on rogue traders.

Pets are being put at risk as owners seek bargain treatments on the internet in the face of rising vets' fees. The danger treatments include homeopathic 'nosodes' derived from diseased animal tissues, 'neutraceutical' food supplements and herbal liquids, powders and pellets to kill gut parasites.

Only approved suppliers, carrying a new Veterinary Medicines Directorate logo which all legally registered websites must display, can now dispense animal medicines.

Article sent in by Heather Gordon

SPCA APPEAL

We are collecting anything animal related for Dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters etc....(old or new)

Toys

Collars & leads

Coats

Treats

Foodstuffs (opened or new)

Donations of money (every penny counts)

We are also collecting old towels or blankets for the PDSA Glasgow Animal Hospital.

Please hand in to either :-

The Training Club Instructors at the CE Centre, Allander Road, Milngavie on Wednesdays & Thursday evenings from 7pm- 10pm.

Pawcasso Cat & Dog Grooming Salon, 990 Crow Road, Anniesland. Mondays- Saturdays 9.00 -17.00

If you don't have transport call Morag Brown for a collection in the local area 07711 200554

If you are interested in re-homing a pet from the shelters call - **03000 999 999** or visit the website <http://www.scottishspca.org/>

Thanks so much

Did You Know?

You can assist with relief efforts for dogs that were displaced from the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. Donations are being accepted by non-profit organisations, such as Animal Refuge Kansai in Tokyo, that shelter the dogs and find them new homes.

New Spa Products on their way.

We will soon be a stockist for Happy Tails Spa Products.

These spa treatments for use at home are highly recommended to us and we don't sell products which don't do the job. We will have:

Ear cleaners

Itch relief sprays

Powders for tear staining

Watch this space for more information.

REASONS TO CHOOSE PAWCASSO!

- Morag Brown is one of the only qualified groomers in Glasgow.
- All our groomers are trained to the highest standard.
- We have been grooming for 9 years and built up an expertise on all breeds.
- We are all trained in animal first aid.
- We have secure premises where you can leave your dog safely and have peace of mind. We have spacious cages for all sizes of dogs. We don't allow dogs free access to roam where they could escape or get injured.
- We have the best, top quality equipment and invest our money back into the business to keep up with technology.
- We only use top quality products which have been thoroughly tested, not human products from supermarkets.
- We have ample street parking.
- We are members of the Petcare Trust.
- We are members of the Federation of small businesses.
- We are members of the largest grooming forum where we discuss best practice and help improve our industry.
- We attend grooming seminars and animal handling talks to improve our skills.

Don't be caught out with cheaper salons.

A Cheap groom is never a Good Groom!!!

OUT OF THE COLD!

Hamish a gorgeous Cairn Terrier is owned by Ashley McGuinness from Drumchapel.

The cheeky wee 11 year old dog was so cold during the winter cold weather, he had icicles on his coat. He sensibly boarded a bus without paying his fare, then proceeded to curl up on a warm seat and point blank refused to move. Ha ha. Clever boy Hamish!!

NEARLY SUMMER!!!!



A Fear of Water

Contrary to popular belief, not all dogs are naturally capable of swimming or inclined to play in water. In fact, some of them get rather anxious and fearful at the sight or sound of it. While this isn't something that would ordinarily affect their everyday lives, it's certainly worth addressing if it arises.

A fear of water not only limits the types of adventures a person can enjoy with their dog, it causes the dog undue stress with grooming and other water-related activities.

You can recognise this by observing their body language. Dogs will usually back away, shrink up, or start trembling when water's running if they're afraid of it. If you see this in your dog, you'll want to help them associate water with something positive. Petting them and saying 'It's OK' will only reinforce the anxious attitude and unwanted behaviour. Likewise, plunging them into the water against their will can reinforce the fear. So, resist the urge to comfort them if you want to help them overcome it.

Introduce the water to them gradually, and reward them each time they accept it calmly. But you'll want to be nonchalant about it, too. For example, when doing ordinary activities like washing dishes, cup some clean water in your hand and pet it around the dog's mouth or backside. This inspires their curiosity rather than anxiety.

When outdoors, walk them slowly toward a body of water, inching closer over the course of many days. While you might never coax a fearful dog to love water, you can help them learn to relax around it.

CONKERS ARE THEY THE MYSTERY DOG KILLER?

The disturbing story of dogs being fatally poisoned after visiting campsites around Sandringham, and also after walks in woods in Thetford and Sherwood may have a simple explanation.

All of these sites are widely planted with horse chestnut trees, which produce an abundant harvest of conkers. These may well be the problem.

Conkers are highly toxic to dogs and in some years the level of toxicity rises.

Keep your dogs away from conkers!!!!

Thanks again to Heather Gordon for this safety article.

Word Search

Find the hidden grooming words listed below!

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BRUSHING HAIR QUICK DRYER BATHING NAILS
DEWCLAW GROOMER CONDITIONER SHEDDING

A Look at the Corgi!

There are two types of Corgi: the Pembroke Welsh and the Cardigan Welsh. While the Cardigan is related to the Dachshund, the Pembroke shares family ties with the Pomeranian and Chow Chow, among other breeds. However, they are similar.



Both breeds have a knack for herding, though the Cardigan was originally used to drive livestock away from an area by nipping at them, to help people secure land.

Corgis tend to make excellent companion dogs, as they are both friendly and highly intelligent. Despite their smaller size, though, they do need a good bit of room for running around. Without ample exercise they can put on too much weight.

Because of their thicker coats, they do need frequent brushing to stay soft and tangle-free. Bathing needs vary by the lifestyle of the dog, but once monthly or every other month is usually ideal for this breed.

Does the Dog Need a Bath?

Unless a dog has an odour or gets into messes more often than not, it can be hard to tell if they need bathing. One way to tell is by petting them. If your hand feels filmy afterwards, or if you notice a bunch of little hairs gathering as you pet them, it's a good indication that they need grooming. Keeping a regularly scheduled appointment can also help you ensure they're not going too long without!

IF IT SHOULD BE

If it should be that I grow frail and weak
And pain should keep me from my sleep
Then you must do what must be done
For this, the last battle, can't be won

You will be sad – I understand
Don't let your grief then stay your hand
For this day, more than all the rest
Your love and friendship stand the test.

We've had so many happy years
What is to come can hold no fears
You'd not want me to suffer so
When the time comes, please let me go
Take me where my needs, they'll tend
Only stay with me until the end
And hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see

I know in time, you too will see
It is a kindness you do to me
Although my tail it's last has moved
From pain and suffering I've been saved

Don't grieve that it should be you
Who had to decide this thing to do
We've been so close – we two these years
Don't let your heart hold any tears

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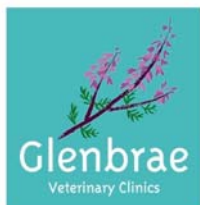
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- Do your pet's nails or feet grow too fast and not last until the next groom? We will cut them for free for regular customers.
- Need a bath only? No problem give us a call.
- Dog has fleas? We can give flea baths which will last for 10 days until you can treat the dog properly.
- Glands needing done. No problem

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