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



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

At the start of yet another year it's truly a blessing to be in the company of dogs as they've always plenty to teach us and help us with. One of these things is helping us to get fit and reduce our stress a little. Dogs always need their exercise to keep in shape and if done with the right attitude this can also get us into shape as well.

Fitness and stress management are closely related, as regular exercise reduces anxiety and depression while also boosting levels of energy and 'feel-good' factor. This is as true for dogs as it is for us, only it leaves them with *less* energy to devote to destructive and undesirable behaviours, such as chewing, jumping, and barking.

Although the proper type and amount of exercise varies for each person and dog, the slightest bit can bring remarkable improvement in both mental and physical health. About 30 to 60 minutes of exercise per day is ideal for us and our dogs, but it's equally beneficial when separated into 10- or 15-minute increments. This is good news for those of us who are also working to improve our schedules and time management!

While you may not have a spare hour to set aside for fitness each day, you can find small bits of time that quickly add up. Maybe try waking up 15 minutes earlier than usual for a 10-minute walk with your best little friend. And if you've resolved to spend less time doing other things, such as household chores and watching television, the time that you've delegated to others or taken from an unproductive pastime can be put towards exercise and training with the dog. Documenting the time that you currently spend on various activities can also help you see where some spare time may be hiding.

It's important to remember with resolutions that drastic change does not occur overnight. Begin with small steps and be sure to reward yourself for every bit of improvement. This can help you hang onto the motivation you first felt, and before you know it, the benefits of the activity become the reward and motivation you once needed.

May you and your family have a blessed and happy New Year in which you achieve all that you set out to accomplish. And may the companionship of your beloved dogs help you along the way!

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JANUARY RAFFLE



We recently had a raffle for all customers who came to Pawcasso in November. It was such fun that we are doing another one again in January. Every dog which comes in for a bath or grooming this month will be automatically entered into the draw.



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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.

"Love and Praise in this New Year, is what your Dog will love to Hear!"

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What's this word you say ?

read on:

This is a word that I hope none of you become with your dog.

The reason I put this in is a friend unwittingly became this during the festive period, by allowing his dog to walk off lead in a public place. The dog took a dislike to a passer-by on the other side of the road and attacked him. My friend called his dog and the dog responded by returning half way back before ignoring his owner and attacking the passer-by again. This time there was no calling him back and yes the dog bit the him on the leg and would not let go. Needless to say the dog was Euthanised by the vet the next day.

Yes the funny word at the top is **COMPLACENCY**.

This is something that can happen to anyone at any time by thinking that:

- 1) Your dog is better trained than he/she is.
- 2) You pay more attention to what's going on around you than you do to the dog.

WHAT COULD HAPPEN?

Your dog may get a fright and run off. It may see a friend, a cat, a fox etc. on the other side of the road and before you know it they are off to see or chase it possibly being run over or worse causing an road traffic accident.

Please always be aware of what your dog is doing especially in a public place. Remember the saying we always use:- (never off lead until he/she can do it 100% on lead) this may save you from:

- a) prosecution by law,
- b) a monetary fine,
- c) imprisonment,
- d) being sued by the injured party.

The Control of Dogs Act (Scotland) comes into force in February this year look it up on the internet **and see what it means to you as a dog owner.**

So please let's start this year off by proving to yourself and the public that you are a responsible dog owner.

Jim Barnes (Chairperson Bearsden Dog Training Club).

Did You Know?

Dogs need not be left out of the indulgence in beer during holiday celebrations—though a beer fit for dogs does not contain alcohol!

Brewers and distributors have been making beef-flavoured malted beverages for man's best friend and, while similar things have been available in catalogues, some may even be available in pubs.

Some Lovely Photos!

"Thank you for grooming my babies – they smell and look wonderful" ☺



Squeak with horns!



**Bubble
"Little Red Riding Hood"**



Bubble & Squeak at Cameron House

A Wonderful World of Dogs!

! Angelyne, an Australian Cattle Dog, is delighting young children who share something in common with her: they're both deaf. Angelyne's owner, Melvin, discovered that she was deaf after adopting her, and then went on to teach her 40 hand signals and nonverbal cues, according to *Loveland Connection* in Colorado.

He now takes Angelyne to an afterschool program to visit children, who connect with her and learn more about coping with disadvantages.

! The latest canine addition to a Japanese police force is—you probably wouldn't guess it—a Chihuahua! The little dog, Momo, passed a search and rescue exam in which she found a person in 5 minutes by merely sniffing their cap, according to *Orange News*.



**Coming
in????**

LOCH ARDINNING

Approximately 1 mile beyond Mugdock Country Park exit on the Milngavie to Strathblane road. Parking on right hand side of main road. If you pass the Strathblane County Club Hotel then you have just missed it!!!!

Be careful going into reserve as it is an extremely busy road so have dogs securely on lead at this point

The reserve contains a variety of wetland, woodland and grassland habitats. Notable communities include scarce aquatic plant communities, wet woodland and moorland. The northern part of the loch is densely populated with reeds, rushes and sedges, the luxuriant growth resulting from the sheltered, shallow conditions. To the south-west of the loch lies a wet wood, or carr, consisting of mature willows, birch and alder. The loch is also a haven for a variety of wintering and breeding wildfowl, the tufted duck being a notable inclusion. It is rich in invertebrate life, including the uncommon azure damselfly. The water lobelia is a local speciality, flowering in the shallows in July. There are superb views of Ben Lomond from the high point on Muirhouse Muir, and the muir supports a variety of resident birds, including black grouse and curlew, as well as summer visitors such as whinchat and cuckoo.

Best time to visit:

- Spring for wildflowers and breeding birds
- Summer for water lobelia and dragonflies
- Winter for waterfowl

Visit for:

- Birdwatching
- Scenery
- Wildflowers
- Grasslands
- Woodlands

For more information on the Scottish Wildlife Trust or a more detailed map go to:-

<http://www.swt.org.uk/visit/reserves/LOA/Loch%20Ardinning/>

A Dog's New Year's Resolutions

* Get into the bag of dog food and decide for myself how much is too much to eat.

* I will not be obliged to run whenever I hear the squeak of a toy or the rustle of food packaging.

* I will not run unless the ball is actually *thrown*.

Say a big Hello to Ripley the Guide Dog

Ripley's owners Colin and Diane Simpson were married on the 20th December and Ripley was at the wedding in all his splendour. Ripley has recently lost a lot of weight and now is running around with his toys showing off his new slimmed down body. Mr & Mrs Simpson have promised us a photo from the wedding with all three of them, so watch this space.....



CONGRATULATIONS!

Enduring the Cold Snap!



As Britain continues to endure a cold and icy snap, our four-legged friends need a little extra care and warmth to ensure they cope with the wintery conditions.

If you have a short haired puppy or old dog it is a good idea to buy him a sensible coat to keep out the chill.

Keep your dog on a lead if it is snowing very heavily. Snow can be disorienting and can affect a dog's sense of smell so he could become lost easily.

Make sure your dog is microchipped and wearing an ID tag in case he does get lost.

Grit used to melt snow can cut their paws. Make sure you wipe your dog's legs, feet and stomach when you come indoors after a snowy walk.

Antifreeze is highly poisonous but tasty to dogs! Keep it well out of their reach.

Never leave your dog in a car during extreme weather, hot or cold.

Do not let your dog walk on frozen ponds. The ice may not be thick enough to take his weight.

If your dog does fall through the ice never be tempted to go after them but encourage them to swim back to you.

Keep emergency numbers on your mobile to save time if needed. Vets, Animal hospital, police etc...

Stay warm & safe.

Doggy Quiz

Match the breed to its skill or classification group

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|--------------------------|------------|
| 1. Old English Sheepdog | A. Gundog |
| 2. Weimaraner | B. Working |
| 3. Dachshund | C. Toy |
| 4. Pointer | D. Hound |
| 5. Beagle | E. Terrier |
| 6. Pekingese | |
| 7. Border Collie | |
| 8. Pomeranian | |
| 9. Australian Cattle Dog | |
| 10. Schnauzer | |

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To
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1. B
2. A
3. D
4. A
5. D
6. C
7. B
8. C
9. B
10. E

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Teaching Old Tricks: Roll Over!

Exercise and cuddles are always in competition for the number one spot on a dog's list of favourite things. But second to that is the fun and satisfaction of practising and performing tricks. If you've some spare time after a walk or wish to work on obedience once your dog's relaxed, maybe try teaching or reviewing some old tricks like 'roll over'.

On a soft surface, entice your dog to lie down on their belly. You may need to get on the floor with them or hold a treat to the ground. Then, hold a treat near their nose but don't let them have it. Instead, carry the treat slightly up and over in the direction you'd like them to roll.

If your dog doesn't quite grasp the full motion at first, you may need to gently manoeuvre their body as you say 'roll over', and reward them with treats as they do it.

Once they understand the motion, however, it's important that you only give treat rewards intermittently. This teaches them to roll over on command rather than only doing it when there's promise of a biscuit.

Before long, your dog will love to show off their new trick to your family and friends and will be ready and eager to learn some more!

To make an appointment or if you just want to ask a question please contact me at:

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