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



A warm hello and welcome to the Christmas edition of this newsletter! This is a fantastic time of year for children, and it's certainly a wonderful season for us, too, when we're able to spend some time with our family and friends. Our dogs, of course, are included in that group of those we love, so let's have a look in this issue at all the ways in which we can have a safe and happy holiday with our best of friends—our dogs!

Firstly we must recognise that, unfortunately, Christmas can be a terribly stressful time for our pets, as well as an opportunity for them to eat and play with lots of things they shouldn't be having their paws on. Fortunately for us all, it's usually easy enough to prevent any holiday-related problems, though, when we take a moment to view the situation from their perspective...

The following tips may help you do that. But, of course, you know your dogs better than anyone else does, so be sure to think on any other precautions that could help keep them calm—and out of trouble.

1. If decorating your home for the holidays, maybe have a look around to be sure that decorations, ornaments and so on are out of your dogs' reach, especially if they've a tendency to play with any new and interesting items. One thing to keep in mind, too, is that sometimes dogs will snatch objects off tables when no one's looking.

When in doubt, simply keep fragile or potentially dangerous items in a room or area they cannot access, or store the items away when you're unable to keep a watchful eye on the pups.

2. If you'll be having lots of visitors or taking your dogs to visit other people, spend some time preparing them for the excitement before the big day arrives. This is especially important with dogs who haven't yet socialised with a crowd or young children. By introducing them to others in a calm, controlled environment, and gradually increasing the amount of noise and time spent in the situation, you can help prevent them from feeling overly anxious or excited.

Whatever you're doing this Christmas please try to have a little time to yourself so you can relax and enjoy it all.

Have a Very Merry Christmas!

Morag & Star. XXX

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NOVEMBER RAFFLE



We recently had a raffle for all customers who came to Pawcasso in November.

Congratulations to Mrs Hamilton who won the prize draw for a free groom for her gorgeous wee poodle Maddie.

We have decided to do this again in January so every customer who comes in to us for grooming or a bath will automatically be entered. Good luck

Did You Know?

Some of our favourite Christmas time plants are actually poisonous to dogs when ingested: Mistletoe, poinsettia, and the Christmas cactus should always be kept out of reach of dogs.

Attaching the top of your Christmas tree to the ceiling with a hook and ribbon can keep it upright if the dog (or children) should run into it!



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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.

"Toys and squeaks dogs might get to play, when Santa comes on Christmas Day!"

DOES YOUR DOG'S NOSE HAVE A CRACKING PROBLEM??

Deirdre and Norman Craig's Border Collie Ben has had an ongoing problem and tried various treatments over the years with no success.

They have just discovered a new gel Retin-A, which their vet suggested as a last resort. It's a human medicine for skin ailments and it helps the good skin cells multiply

Deirdre says "You use gloves to rub about 1cm of gel right into the dry nose, in hope of gel penetrating via the cracks, down into the normal skin below. Use night and morning. There is also a cream and a stronger gel.

Ben's terrible crust was all rough and cracked with fissures that often went so deep they showed raw pink beneath. It began to change to fewer segments which were smooth, hard and sort of shiny, but still solid crust.

Now these bits are starting to peel off at one side to reveal normal black dog nose, which we haven't seen for maybe 6 or more years. He is now 13 so imagine how well it might work on a younger dog. Ben has been on it twice daily since the end of September, about 9 weeks now. The vet who suggested deserves a gold star because it is a notoriously difficult condition to improve".

If you wish to try this treatment ask your vet to give it a try!!

Thanks Deirdre for that great tip which may help other dog's health.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR DOGS

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AFFECTED BY THE SEVERE WEATHER???



Sorry that we had no alternative but to close the shop a few days during the recent cold snap.

Thanks for your understanding and patience. We made every effort to open the shop but it just beat us and most customers couldn't make it in anyway. Hope you were safe and warm.

We got off lightly as the picture above is a road in Russia!!

OH WHAT A CUTIE!!!



Thanks to Elizabeth Barclay for these wonderful snaps of her wee Westie Hamish getting all ready for Christmas. Hope you have a good one Hamish you look gorgeous.

MORE BAD WEATHER

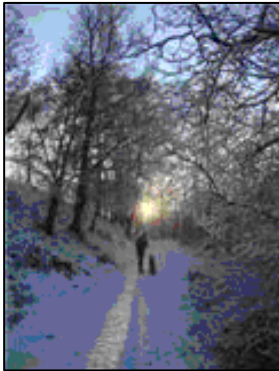


Remember to use the change of pace commands when the ground is slippery underfoot either with wet leaves, mud or ice. Teach your dog the SLOW pace and stay safe at all times.

Also thaw out your wee pal's feet after a walk to avoid lameness, check for packed ice or dirt and put foot in tepid water and dry off. Keep pads hair free!!!



SNOWY SCENES ALL AROUND



"Fabulous newsletter!! Thanks. Attached is a wee piccy of my daughter Anna and Mishka at Mugdock today - boy does she love the snow!!"

**Sent in by Heather Reid.
Thanks Heather.**



Remember when you are out Christmas Shopping that all pooches are not as well off as yours.

Many, many are in the SPCA shelter desperately looking for new homes. Things are becoming harder and harder for the shelters to keep up with demand especially in a recession, when lots of people cannot afford to keep their pets. Most of these cats & dogs are there through no fault of their own.

Every year we collect toys, food, treats and apparel for dogs and cats in Milton to try to make their Christmas day that wee bit special. We are collecting now so please hand in donations.

They would also appreciate any unwanted food.



This is too sweet not to share.

This nativity Scene was erected in a church yard. During the night the folks came across this scene. An abandoned dog was looking for a comfortable, protected place to sleep. He chose baby Jesus as his comfort. No one had the heart to send him away so he was there all night.



"We should all have the good sense of this dog and curl up in Jesus' lap from time to time."

No one mentioned that the dog breed is a

"Shepherd!"



Doggy Humour: A Dog's Rules for Christmas!

1. Try to be patient with your humans during this holiday. They appear to be more stressed out than usual, so spend lots of time leaning into their legs and licking their faces whenever possible.
2. When they come home with bags full of 'gifts', don't assume that they're all for you.
3. The humans may bring a large tree in the house and cover it with lights and decorations. This makes no sense to us, but because it's so important to them, we need to accept the following:
 - a. Don't pee on this tree or drink the water in which it's sitting.
 - b. Mind your tail when near it.
 - c. Don't chew on the cord that runs from the tree to that funny-looking hole in the wall.
 - d. Don't rip into any packages sitting beneath the tree, including those that smell interesting or have your name on them.
4. Don't eat off the table or ask strangers for a bite off their plates. More importantly, don't take a bite without asking!
5. Observe all rules from #3 when visiting others.

Helpful Training Hint!

You may feel the urge to correct or train your dog when they're acting overly excited due to visitors in your home. While a verbal correction may be necessary and helpful in some circumstances, it's easier and more beneficial to the dog if you provide the training in a calm, controlled environment beforehand.

If you expect that your dog will be anxious or overly excited, try giving them lots of exercise before your visitors arrive. And, as time permits, socialise and prepare them for the visit in the weeks leading up to the occasion.

Word Search

Find the hidden dog breeds listed below!

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