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

For the Love of Dogs...

It's been said that dogs enter our lives to teach us valuable lessons. Some of those lessons we are quick to learn and slow to forget (e.g. don't leave sandwiches unattended), but others we can be slow to learn and quick to overlook (e.g. my dog is anxious because I am). As frustrating as the latter can be, they're truly a gift. If we allow it, our relationships with our dogs can provide stunning self-reflection that leads to personal growth, and this is only one of the many ways they enrich our lives. The poem *What I Asked For, What I Needed* voices this wonderfully:

*When I got my new dog,
I asked for strength that I might rear her perfectly;
I was given weakness that I might feed her more treats.*

*I asked for good health that I might rest easy;
I was given a "special needs" dog that I might know nurturing.*

*I asked for an obedient dog that I might feel proud;
I was given stubbornness that I might feel humble.*

*I asked for compliance that I might feel masterful;
I was given a clown that I might laugh.*

*I asked for a companion that I might not feel lonely;
I was given a best friend that I would feel loved.
I got nothing I asked for, but everything I needed.
I got a dog.*

Dogs can surely put our strengths and weaknesses to the test, yet they remain loyal and loving as we learn—or as *they* train us, rather! And, of course, they carry the traits of a true best friend all the while. Nuzzling your knee when you've had a bad day; begging you to explore the great outdoors; bowing and frolicking when it's time to play; and giving you looks when you've clearly gone mad. These are only a few of the ways they enrich our everyday lives.

Here's wishing you a month (and many more) of much love! Regardless of whether you've a sweetie in the picture, you've certainly got a dear companion by your side. A Happy Valentine's Day to you, and I look forward to seeing you and your best little friends again. In the meantime, do treat yourself to some pampering and cosy relaxation for the holiday—or simply for the fun of it!

Morag & Star. XXX

MEET LANA



We would like to officially welcome the newest member of our Pawcasso team, Lana Ayrton (pictured below working away with her wee poodle Cuddles).

Lana came to us a few months ago from a company called Rathbone who are specialists in getting youngsters into Employment. We were so impressed with her that we offered her the job and she has been getting trained and working now since December.

Glad to have you here.

GET BETTER SOON REN

Most of my customers will know my father-in-law Ren. He does the collections for me.

Ren is recovering in hospital after having a tumour removed from his lung.

Speedy recovery Dad. Love you soooo much. xxxxxx

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SPCA APPEAL

We will have a collection box in the shop for donations.

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collars & leads

coats

treats

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Donations of money (every penny counts)

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

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

TREBLE TROUBLE???



Puppies Alfie, Harry & Charlie belonging to Mrs Gibson in for their very first groom. Wee wrigglers but made our day!!!

It pays dividends by starting pups early with grooming. Come back soon boys.

Bath time?????



A DUG A DUG

Hi daddy wid ye get us a dug?

A big broon Alsatian ur a wee white Pug?

Ur a skinny wee Terrier, ur a big fat Collie?

Aw daddy, get us a dug. Will yi?

Whit? An' whose dug'll it be when it durties the flerr,

An wets the carpet and messes the sterr?

It's me or yer mammy'll be tane furra mug.

Away oot'n play. Yer no getting a dug.

But daddy thur gi'en them away.

Doon therr at the SPCA.

Ye'll get wan fur nothing, so ye will.

Aw, daddy get us a dug, wull ye.

Dji hear um? Oan aboot dugs again?

Ah think that Yins goat dugs oan the brain.

Ah no whit ye'll get, a skite oan the lug.

If ah hear ony merr aboot this bloomin dug.

Aw, daddy, it widny be dear ta keep.

An' ah'd make it a basket fur it tae sleep.

An' ah'd take it fur runs away ower the hull.

Aw daddy, get us a dug. Wull ye.

A doan't think thurs emboidy like you.

Yi could wheedle the twist oot o a corkscrew.

Noo! Get doon naff my neck, gies nane a yur hugs.

Aw right. THAT'S ANUFF. Ah'll get ye a dug.

Aw Daddy. A Dug A Dug.

Contributed by Jim Barnes.

Why it's better to have a Dog than a Hot Date!

A dog never asks about the other dogs you've known previously in life, nor do they care if you pet another one.

Dogs never expect you to phone them. And if you're running late, they're even happier to see you when you finally arrive.

A dog is only ever in the bathroom for a quick drink—there's no waiting around for them to come back out.

While you might meet your dog's parents when you first pick the pup up, they'll never visit with you—no matter how long you're together.

A dog will never think you're messy if you leave a pile of clothes on the floor. They'll love it!

And they'll never expect a gift for Valentine's Day.

A Wild World of Animals!

! It turns out that reindeer really do fly in winter, though their feet don't leave the ground. According to researcher Andrew Hayes, reindeer feed on 'magic mushrooms' in the wild to experience an altered state of consciousness, thus escaping the dull dreariness that wintertime brings them.

A Look at the French Bulldog!



The French bulldog or Boule-Dog Francais actually originated in Nottingham, England, when lace makers bred down English bulldogs to make a toy variety. They were bred as lapdogs.

Most easily recognised by their 'bat ears' and somewhat flat skull, French bulldogs have the muscular build of a large dog—in a small body. Their demeanour is sometimes silly, sometimes serious, but overall they are affectionate and alert companion dogs.

They do well in indoor settings and don't require as much exercise as larger dogs. In spite of their small size, they do act as watchdogs and may establish themselves as leaders within a group of other dogs.

Shorthaired and smooth-coated, French bulldogs have minimal grooming needs. Routine nail clipping and bathing as needed is often sufficient.

Doggy Grooming Quiz!

1. The most commonly groomed dog comes in three sizes: mini, toy, and standard. Which breed is it?
2. Each nail has a vein in it called the _____.
3. All dogs need at least one bath monthly. T or F
4. Short-haired dogs such as the Chihuahua don't need grooming because they don't shed. T or F
5. The ____ glands of a dog may need to be expressed if the dog has been scooting on the floor.
6. Dogs need their teeth brushed regularly. T or F
7. Dogs don't shed in winter. T or F
8. Daily _____ can help prevent matting in a dog's hair.

Check your answers against the key on Page 4!

Collar Cleaning Tips!

When you're not yet ready to buy a new collar but need to remedy the sullied look or smell of an existing one, try this:

Rub cloth collars between your palms, in a mix of water and a few drops of laundry detergent. Rinse, squeeze out any excess water, and lay it flat to dry.

Wipe off a leather collar, and then apply saddle soap. Buff it off for a fresh and clean look!

SILLY SIGNS



Pregnancy Cycles in Dogs!

Many pups are born in late spring, following about nine weeks of pregnancy, so we'll soon be seeing a lot of intact female dogs coming into their heat cycle. Noticeable symptoms such as bleeding and restlessness last for only a week or so, but they're receptive to pregnancy for some time thereafter.

After a dog's first proestrus (bleeding) cycle, and if not already spayed, you may notice symptoms of pregnancy. But this does not necessarily indicate that she is in fact pregnant.

This is called a 'Phantom Pregnancy'. Her hormones may assume that she has conceived, regardless of whether she did, and her body will respond accordingly. In some cases the dog lactates, creates a nest of blankets and looks for all the world like she's pregnant. She may even have a distended stomach—but no pups.

For accurate certainty you would have to have her blood tested. It's also advised that you *not* have her spayed during a false pregnancy, as it does not interrupt the hormonal process and can actually prolong the problem.

Now may be a good time to consider having your dog spayed if she is of an appropriate age. If not, prepare for giving her lots of extra attention and special care, as she will likely feel anxious, needy and slightly unwell as her body transitions through her cycles. You will also need to closely guard her from male suitors, as she will attract them in droves!

RAFFLE WINNER

The winner of our January raffle is Mr Burns with his lovely wee Shih Tzu Suzie.

Congratulations



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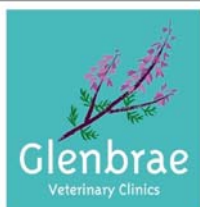
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Did You Know?

Dogs were the first animals to be tamed and domesticated by people. This was prior to the domestication of livestock, too—not just companion house pets such as cats.

Experts are unsure of how humans and dogs first befriended one another, but they believe it may have been from hunters adopting the young pups of wolves.

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To
Quiz**
1. Poodle
 2. Quick
 3. False
 4. False
 5. Anal
 6. True
 7. False
 8. Brushing



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Thought For The Day!



**Handle every stressful situation like a dog.
If you can't eat it or hump it,
Then piss on it and walk away.**

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To continue providing you with information, help and a little bit of fun about cats & dogs, we publish this newsletter at the beginning of every month. There will always be a copy available for you. So, in a month that's between your appointments please drop in to pick one up (it'll be nice to catch up as well). Or if you'd like your newsletter emailed to you every month just leave me your email address or request your newsletter by sending me an email. Once you're on my list I'll send you a copy every month.

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