



DBKC NEWS!

Welcome

Happy pets and happy owners = happy homes



Welcome to the first edition of DBKC News!

This newsletter is designed to update you on ideas and new initiatives from Delmon Boarding Kennels & Cattery.

However, we do also want it to be interactive, so we've designed it to get you involved too! Start by

having a go at our Calendar Competition and the "What are they Saying" segment!

Also, follow us on Twitter and Facebook and send us some ideas of what you'd like to see in future editions.



Tracy Whelan

Holiday Season Approaches

We are already receiving boarding bookings for the Christmas and New Year period. If you are travelling over this time and need to board your pets, please make your booking sooner rather than later. You can use the booking page on our new website www.delmonkennels.com to send an enquiry and we will confirm to you as soon as we can.

We are also running a Christmas Activities Promotion. Whilst you are off enjoying your holiday, why not make your pets holiday fun too! They can swim, do brain game activities, enjoy some 1:1 training or even learn a new trick that you can wow your friends with when you return. You can book them via the bookings page on the website.

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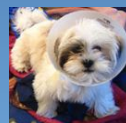
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And don't forget to have a go at our Calendar Competition on page 4!

"Pets touch our lives and our hearts"

Ask Pauline

We're often asked about problem dogs, so this month we will ask, what is a problem dog and what can I do about it?

Back in the 70's it was thought that there was no such thing as a problem dog, only problem owners! However, opinions on this have changed over the years.

In essence, a problem dog is a dog that is making it's owners life a misery.

So if you have a problem dog, what can you do about it? The two main answers are:

- ❖ Accept it, or
- ❖ Modify the behaviour

Now most owners would prefer to modify the behaviour than put up

with the problem indefinitely! So how do they do this?

Two good techniques are reward and distraction. Understanding what motivates your dog is important to know, and then using rewards that motivate a change to 'good' behaviour help reinforce the change you want to see. Using distraction also works well. For instance, if the problem behaviour is chewing your favourite shoes, quickly remove the article and substitute it with something the dog will love to chew, like a favourite toy.

If you have a question for Pauline, send it to
newsletter@delmonkennels.com



What you know you know, what you don't know, you.....

Ask Pauline!



Puppy Progress

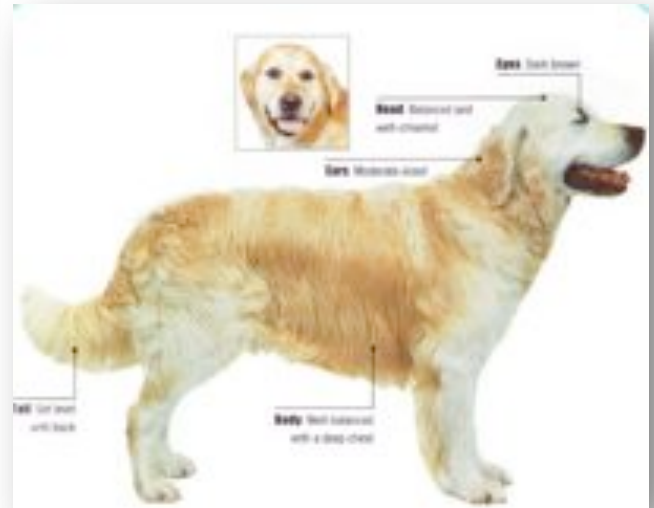
Over the next year we plan to follow a new litter of puppies born mid-October 2012. During a series of articles, we will talk about the key stages of development and of course post lots of cute photos!

The puppies are golden retrievers and as they have only just been born we have no photos of them right now. That's why the cute Dalmation photo is here!

However, in next month's edition we will debut their first photos and talk about their first few weeks development.

If you have any specific puppy related questions, please write to us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com

Whoever said you can't buy happiness forgot about puppies!



Monthly Breed Profile Golden Retriever

Since we're going to be following a litter of Golden Retriever puppies in our forthcoming editions, we thought it a good place to start our monthly breed profile.

The Golden Retriever is the classic family companion. They are obedient, playful, intelligent, well-mannered, great with kids, and kindly to strangers. They are good watchdogs, but make lousy guard dogs as they love people far too much to be effective! Golden Retrievers need people and are best suited to large, active families with plenty of space to run around.

Golden Retrievers need a lot of exercise, but not as much as other Retrievers. Their activity requirements can often be met with a couple of daily walks and throwing a ball in the garden. They enjoy pretty much any outdoor activity their people participate in, whether walking, running, hiking, biking, swimming or playing chase with kids.

Golden Retrievers are generally easy to train as they are noted for their intelligence. They are people-pleasers and will do anything for a bit of praise and some food. This makes them an excellent choice for first-time dog owners. The biggest problem people have in training this breed is walking on a leash. They should be taught proper leash etiquette early on, otherwise they can – and will – pull on a leash. Their trainability has made them a popular choice for service and therapy dogs in recent years.

It is thought the origins of the breed are in Russia and date back to 1908. Their coats may be either flat or wavy, but must be dense and water resistant and have a good undercoat for warmth.

As you can see, Golden Retrievers make a good all round family pet. So if you're looking for a dog, they could be a great option for you.

Next month we'll take a closer look at the Miniature Schnauzer.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are certain things that you should not feed your pet because they are toxic! They include: Chocolate, Grapes, Avocados and Alcohol.

So next time you're settling down with a glass of wine and some chocolate, make sure your pet doesn't try and sneak a bit!

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million! The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

So, the counting story on the final page is true!

Besides their noses, cats can smell with something called the "Jacobson's organ", located in the upper surface of their mouths. This is what cats are using when they scrunch up their eyes and open their mouths after sniffing something intently!

In just seven years, a single pair of cats and their offspring could produce a staggering total of 420,000 kittens!

A group of cats is called a "clowder".

2013 CALENDAR COMP

As the New Year is only just around the corner, we're looking for photos for our new calendar. The 4 categories are :

- ✓ Funniest Pet
- ✓ Cutest Pet
- ✓ Cleverest Pet
- ✓ Naughtiest Pet

Submit your photos to newsletter@delmonkennels.com

Closing date for submissions is 18th November 2012.

The winners from each category will feature in the DBKC 2013 calendar!

TRAINING UPDATE

Now the weather has started to cool down, 1 hour Group Training sessions are being held on Saturdays at 4pm.

Each class is a mixture of obedience and agility and will give you and your dog the opportunity to learn new things, together with reinforcing the all important Sit, Down, Heel and Stay commands.

So, if you fancy a bit of fun and exercise, both for you and your dog, come along! Group classes are 7 BD per dog per session.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?!



Suggestions by email to:

newsletter@delmonkennels.com

The best will win a voucher for a free swim.

Entries by the 24th November 2012. Judges decisions are final!

If you have any photos that can be used for future editions, please send them to newsletter@delmonkennels.com

Vet's Corner

This column is designed to give you information and answer questions relating to the health of your pets. This month we're looking at the topic of worms and the importance of deworming your pet regularly.

The most common types of worms seen in dogs are Ascarids, Hookworms and Tapeworms, none of which are pleasant!

If your pet has worms, the worms are effectively eating the food that you feed your pet causing them to lose weight. They may also suffer from a dry coat, have a pot belly, anemia and in really severe cases they can cause an obstruction in the intestinal tract. Dogs that 'scoot' their bottoms along the floor can often be indicating that

they have worms and if you look, worms can typically be seen in the pet's faeces.

It's also worth remembering that worms are not just a pet problem. They can also be transmitted to humans and therefore it is important to ensure that your pet is dewormed regularly.

If your pets scavenge food from bins or from the side of the road when you walk them, regular deworming is also very important.

You should aim to deworm your pet every 3-6 months. You can obtain the necessary treatment from your vet.



The best doctor in the world is a vet. He can't ask his patients what's wrong – he just has to know.

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then only giving your dog two of them!



Feedback & Suggestions

If you have any feedback, suggestions for articles, or questions for Ask Pauline, please write to us at

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