



DBKC NEWS!

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**



Welcome to 2013! We hope you had fun whatever you did to celebrate the new year.

Typically at this time of year we make resolutions regarding the changes we would like to make in our lives and, if you're anything like me, you break them within a couple of days of making them!

So, why not check out our Pet Resolutions on page 4 instead.

We also look at the topic of micro-chipping in Vets Corner and explain why it's so important.

Enjoy!



Tracy Whelan

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And don't forget to have a go at our What are they Saying on page 4!

"Dogs and cats are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole"

Get To Know Us

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Ask Pauline

This month's question relates to the new Dog Training Programme we announced in December's edition and asks for more information about it, so here goes!

Starting 6th January 2013 we launch a 4 stage Programme that covers all the key responsibilities of dog ownership, together with learning and reinforcing all the key behaviours you want to see from your dog.

The overall aim is to ensure that by Stage 4 your dog is obedient, can demonstrate all the key commands, and listens to you regardless of what distractions are around. You will also be confident that your dog will behave off-lead and when other dogs are around.

This Programme is in addition to our regular Saturday afternoon socialisation class and will run on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Saturday mornings between 9-10 am.

We have received lots of interest so far, with Sunday, Monday & Saturday sessions for Stage 1 being completely full! We do still have space for Wednesday and would be happy to add extra sessions as required.

At the end of each stage you and your dog will demonstrate what you have learnt and will receive a rosette and a certificate. The cost for each stage is 60BD and this covers 6 weeks training.

You need no special equipment to attend, just a collar and a lead (not an extendable lead or a choke chain) and your dog must be fully vaccinated and frontlined.

If you would like to sign up, call us on 17694066 or email on info@delmonkennels.com.

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



When you feel lousy, puppy therapy is required!

6 weeks to 12 weeks

Our puppies are now 11 weeks old and last month we followed their first 6 weeks. This month we're looking at weeks 6 - 12.

At around 8 weeks they started their vaccinations and as we learnt from last month's Vets Corner, this covers distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus and leptospirosis.

During this time all of the puppies have also gone to their new owners and their new homes. Getting a puppy is exciting, but the work involved should not be underestimated. It is recommended that puppies are not separated from their mothers too early and therefore if you're getting one, they should be at least 8 weeks old and have had their first vaccination.

From 8 weeks, they are also starting to control their bladder

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Monthly Breed Profile Miniature Schnauzer

In this month's Breed Profile we're looking at the Miniature Schnauzer, which is also known in some countries as the Dwarf Schnauzer.

The Miniature Schnauzer is a German breed dating back to the 15th century and that was originally used to eradicate vermin on farms. They are part of the terrier group and are the most popular of the three Schnauzer breeds, the other two being the Standard and the Giant.

The average Miniature Schnauzer will stand at 12-14 inches high and weigh between 11-20 pounds. They have a double coat that consists of a thick soft undercoat and a wiry topcoat. To stay looking handsome they should be groomed every 5-8 weeks. The breed doesn't shed because the undercoat gets caught in the topcoat and therefore, the loose and dead hair must be brushed out. As a result, they are often good dogs for allergy sufferers.

The Miniature Schnauzer has a lot of personality and like most terrier breeds, can believe they rule the

roost! They love attention and like nothing more than running and being outside with their owners. They are incredibly smart and can often use that intelligence to open cupboards to get at food or toys. They get along fine with other pets and can adapt to both country and city living. They are an excellent choice for first time dog owners and are a great pet for active families.

Due to their intelligence they are highly trainable and are eager to learn. They can however be very stubborn and therefore training should be started early and can at times be a challenge. As a result, the person doing the training should never be the 'softie' in the house as consistency is key to ensuring obedience. They are motivated by food so the use of treats and keeping the training sessions short can help keep them focused.

Next month we're back to cats and will be looking at the Cornish Rex. If you have any questions about the Cornish Rex, drop us a line at newsletter@delmonkennels.com.

New Year Resolutions for Pets



15. I will not eat other animals' poop.
14. I will not lick my human's face after eating animal poop.
13. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
12. My head does not belong in the refrigerator.
11. I will no longer be beholden to the sound of the can opener.
10. Cats: Circulate a petition that sleeping become a judged competition in major animal shows.
9. Come to understand that cats are from Venus; dogs are from Mars.
8. Take time from busy schedule to stop and smell the behinds.
7. Hamster: Don't let them figure out I'm just a rat on steroids, or they'll flush me!
6. Get a bite in on that freak who gives me that shot every year.
5. Grow opposable thumb; break into pantry; decide for MYSELF how much food is *too* much.
4. Cats: Use new living room sofa as scratching post.
3. January 1st: Kill the sock! Must kill the sock!
January 2nd - December 31: Re-live victory over the sock.
2. The garbage collector is NOT stealing our stuff.
- AND the Number 1 New Year's Resolutions Made by Pets...
1. I will NOT chase the stick until I see it LEAVE THE IDIOT'S HAND

and bowels, so it's a good time to start house training.

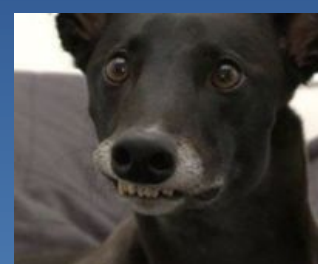
Before bringing a puppy into your home, the family should agree what the 'House Rules' are. For example, is the puppy allowed on the furniture? Where will the puppy sleep? Who is responsible for each aspect of the puppy's welfare? Then, when introducing the puppy to the home, introduce and enforce the 'House Rules' immediately.

You may consider keeping the puppy on a lead when indoors for the first few days to help reinforce the 'House Rules' and limit it's ability to get into mischief!

Next month we'll look at house training and also the topic of crate training.

If you have any questions, email us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com

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 January 2013.
Judges decisions are final!

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

Vets Corner

Vets are often asked if dogs and cats should be micro-chipped and the benefits of it. So let's find out more about it.

Micro-chipping is a permanent method of electronic identification and involves implanting a small chip under the skin of the pet. The chip is about the size of an uncooked grain of rice and implanting it does no harm to the animal. The chip contains a unique code which enables the pet to be identified when a chip reader, or scanner, is passed over it.

Once implanted, the details are added to a computer based register and stickers quoting the chip number are added to your animals vet book.

If you intend to travel with your pet, or move to another country, a micro-chip is mandatory. It ensures that a specific animal can be linked to a specific vet book and medical history.

If your dog or cat ever gets lost and handed in, they can often be identified from the micro-chip and returned to you. Often, owners add ID tags to their pets collars, but collars can be easily slipped or removed, if your animal is stolen.

Micro-chipping is not mandatory in Bahrain for pets that intend to stay in Bahrain, however it does give owners peace of mind that their pet can be identified.

In some countries, a form of tattooing is used as an alternative, but is just as effective as it has the same permanence as a micro-chip.

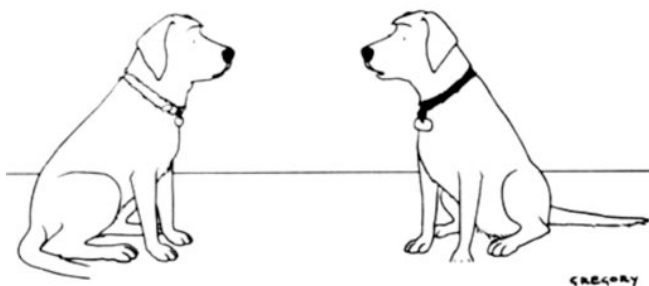
In next months Vets Corner we'll take an extended look at the topical issue of Tick Fever, with a full page article covering what it is, how it's caught and what can be done about it.



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

What do you get if you cross a Cat with a Parrot?

A Carrot!



"I had my own blog for a while, but I decided to go back to just pointless, incessant, barking."

Feedback & Suggestions

If you have any feedback, suggestions for articles, or questions for Ask Pauline, please write to us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com



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