



DBKC NEWS!

April Fools Day!



Late in March we celebrated the dogs and owners that have passed Stage 1 and you can see the graduation photos on page 5. This month we're also finding out about Persian cats and bathing your pet. We also have a new section featuring customer stories.

some tips on keeping your pet cool. So if you have any that you would like to share with us, please email them to us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com

We hope you enjoy this month's edition.

As summer is rapidly approaching next month's edition will share

Tracy Whelan



ISSUE 6 / APRIL 2013

Contents

Ask Pauline – this month's topic is about dog body language and we're starting with 'preparing to sleep'

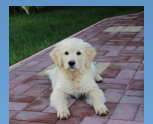


Monthly Breed Focus – This month we focus on the Persian Cat.



This edition's Vets Corner focuses on female dogs in season

Puppy Progress – This month is all about meeting the families



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

'Dogs come when they're called; cats take a message and get back to you later!'

Get to Know Us

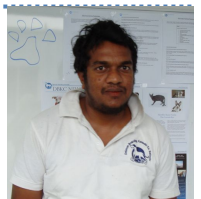
This month we're meeting Chamara Madashanka Perera, or Cham as he's known. Cham is from the capital of Sri Lanka, Colombo and has been in Bahrain for 3 and a half years.

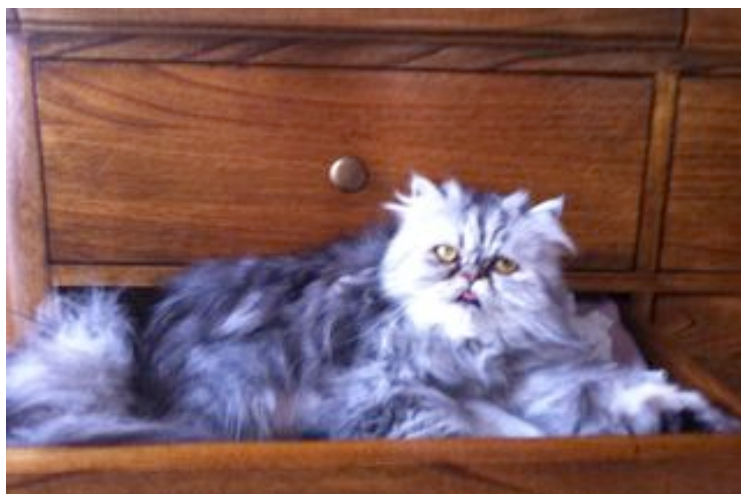
He's worked at Delmon Kennels for 3 years and the thing he likes best about his job is when he gets to exercise and play with the dogs.

Unsurprisingly, in his spare time Cham likes to play cricket.

As all of the guys at the Kennels seem to have a love of cricket, maybe we should create a Delmon Kennels Cricket Team!

When asked about his biggest achievements, Cham said that starting building his own house has been his biggest so far and he has plans to finish this and start his own business in the future.





Monthly Breed Profile Persian Cats

This month we're taking a look at the beautiful Persian cat breed. Persian's are the epitome of a lap cat and they have a restful and understanding personality. They are of the most popular of all cat breeds, mostly due to its exceptional beauty, its temperament and its easy-going disposition.

Persians are well known for big, round, expressive eyes and a long, thick coat. The coat must be combed daily to prevent tangles and matting and they should be sponged clean as necessary. This should be carried out whether your cat is a home cat, or a show cat. If you get a Persian as a kitten, establishing a regular grooming routine early on is important and will hopefully make it an enjoyable activity for the cat, rather than a stressful one.

Persians are thought to have descended from long-haired cats brought from Persia to Europe in the 1600's by way of ships on the trading routes. These native cats were then crossed with Turkish Angora cats. They were very popular in Victorian England, and it is thought Queen Victoria owned them.

Persians enjoy playtime, form close bonds with their owners

and can thrive in almost any home as long as they are given plenty of attention and personal space. They typically get on well with other pets and can be patient with children. They don't however like to be played with roughly and prefer things like chasing a feather.

They can suffer from hereditary health issues that you need to be aware of before getting one. The health issues can include kidney disease, heart issues, bladder infections and retinal atrophy. If you're buying a kitten from a breeder, you should ask the breeder about the parent's health. They should also be protected from hot weather. Some airlines won't transport Persians in the cargo hold because of their potential for respiratory distress, so consider this if you want a pet you can move around with.

Next month we'll be back to dogs and looking at the Poodle.

If you would like to see a particular breed in a future edition, please email us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com and we'll include it.

Ask Pauline

In this month's Ask Pauline we're going to start to explore the topic of dog body language, and we'll continue it next month with a full page article. However, let's start this month with understanding more about them they are preparing to sleep.

When preparing to sleep, does your dog scratch the floor? Does he turn around and around on this bed?

Dogs like to be comfortable when they sleep and what you're seeing is your dog trying to get his bed area the most comfortable that he can. As they get older, dogs do spend more time sleeping and therefore being comfortable is very important.

In the wild, dogs would have slept on the ground or in dry grass and therefore it would have been important for them to ensure that their sleeping area was comfortable,

and they would have done this by flattening the grass or scratching at the earth.

Although modern day dog beds are soft, they can still be uncomfortable to lie on for a long time plus, your dog naturally knows from years of breeding how to prepare his sleeping area and that's why you see the behaviour even when your dog has a comfortable place to sleep. Dogs that scratch the ground can do this on any surface, carpet, tile, the sofa or even your bed if you allow them on it!

When you get into bed you take a few minutes to find the most comfortable position before you sleep and your dog is doing the same thing.

If you have any dog body language related questions you would like us to answer in a future edition, please send to newsletter@delmonkennels.com



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

Ask Pauline!

Harry's Story.....

a heartwarming story from one of our customers

Harry came to us via a friend who was involved with the Kennel Club on Aramco back in 1998. He had been found wondering around and was taken in by them for rehoming. Our friend told us about this beautiful dog looking for a home and so we went to meet Harry. We fell in love with him at first sight!

Whilst living in Saudi Harry accompanied us on numerous expeditions to the desert, which he loved. Running free at top speed was the first thing he did when let out of the car. But now he's 16, he does everything at extra slow speed.

We moved to Bahrain in 2004. No desert to play in here, so we bought a small racing yacht. Harry took it all in his stride stepping onboard as if he'd done it a thousand times before. He became our ballast crew member on many a race!

Now we're in Dubai and of course, Harry came too. It was his first time in a crate and his first time on a plane and although we were very worried about him, Mr. Cool just got on with it with no fuss!

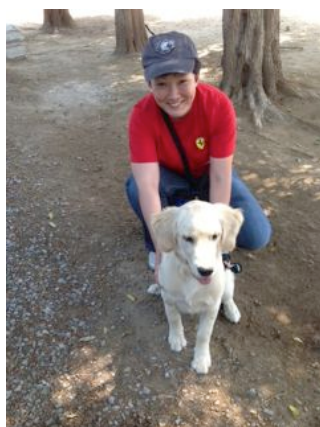
He's very glad he made it too, now his walks are green grass and lakes everywhere he looks. Life just got better for Harry, a perfect retirement community for a dog of his age.



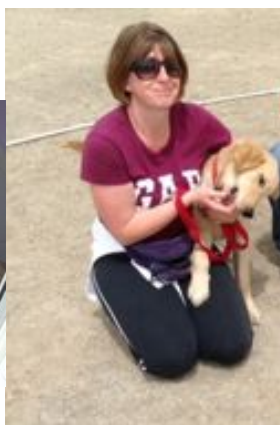
Puppy Progress

This month we're going to meet two of the puppies and find out more about them. Looking at the photos below, the lovely chap below on the left is Benny and on the right we have Jambo and we'll find out more about him below.

Benny is growing fast and is keen to explore his surroundings. He is enjoying his training and is already part way through Stage 1. He's a lovely dog and is enjoying the opportunity to regularly see and socialise with his brother Jambo. You can see that both are very much loved by their families.



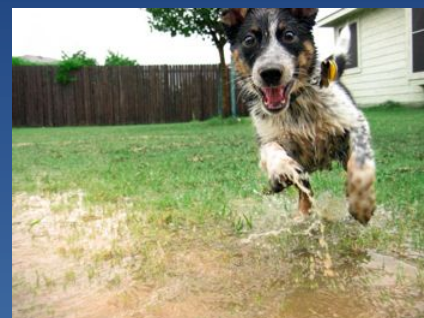
Jambo's owner tells us a little about him below.



Jambo is 5 months old. We named him Jambo as we used to live in Kenya and Jambo means 'hello' in Swahili. He burst in on our family scene a few months ago and things have not been quite the same since! Jambo is full of fun and such a good natured doggie. It's so funny to watch how he just flops down on the tiles with his legs bent out like a frog!! He's growing very fast and there's so much to learn regarding his training. We're trying hard to teach him good manners and stick to the rules! Pauline's Group Socialisation Class on a Saturday afternoon has been a fantastic way of introducing him to, and getting him used to, other dogs and for us to start to teach him so many different things. We're already half way through our Stage 1 Training course and all is going well. Jambo's brother Benny is also in the course and it feels so great that he can play and train with his brother regularly. We're looking forward to passing Stage 1 and progressing further in the future.

As our puppies have already passed the key stages in their puppy development we are now going to bring our Puppy Progress section to an end and spend time looking at some other topics. Thanks to Benny and Jambo for all the things we've learned over the last 6 months.

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 April 2013 to
newsletter@delmonkennels.com

Judges decisions are final!

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

Graduation!



On Friday the 22nd March we held our first Graduation for Stage 1 of our dog training programme – ‘Learn Pauline’s Way’.

Since January, 4 groups have finished Stage 1, we have another 4 groups in progress, and we’ve already started the first Stage 2 group!

During Graduation the owners and their dogs were awarded Certificates and Rosettes.

Thanks to all the participants for working so hard, to the dogs for being so well behaved and to Martin, our volunteer photographer.

If you’d like to know more about the Programme, or sign up for the next group, call us on 17694066 or email us at newsletter@delmonkennels.com



Coming Soon!

Are you looking for something new, fun and challenging to do with your dog on a Saturday afternoon?

Starting after the Easter break we’ll be launching our new **Dog Dressage** school. The dictionary describes dressage as ‘training a horse to perform manoeuvres in response to the rider’s body signals’ and we believe that dogs can also be trained to respond to the handler’s body and hand signals!

So if you fancy doing something different and interesting and having a bit of fun, come along to our first session on Saturday 13th April at 3.30pm. Previous dressage experience is not required!



Vets Corner

This month in Vets Corner we're looking at the topic of female dogs coming into season, or heat, as it is also often known.

The proper name for the cycle is the estrous cycle and it is equivalent to the human menstruation cycle. So, it's very important that owners of female dogs know about it, as during this cycle female dogs can get pregnant.

Typically the average female dog has her first cycle around 9 months of age, but there are some that start earlier and some later. If you have a female puppy you should watch her and note when her first cycle is. If she hasn't had a cycle by the time she is 14 months old, you should take her to the vet.

The average cycle will last 3 weeks, although this can be shorter or longer depending on the dog and they will have a cycle on average, every 6 months.

If they come into contact with a complete

male, they can get pregnant from their very first cycle, although this is not advisable as at this age the female herself is not yet fully grown/mature.

During heat your dog will produce a bloody discharge and a strong scent and will be a 'magnet' for any male in the area. Up to a week after the bleeding stops, they can still get pregnant. It's therefore best not to allow her off the leash when outside as her instincts will mean she will allow any male to mate with her regardless of breed!

You may also experience mood differences in your dog during this time as a result of the hormones being produced. You may notice irritability, nervousness or even some aggression.

If you are not intending to breed your female, then consider having her spayed. There are differing opinions as to when is the best time to do this, so consult 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 lights run on electricity and cars run on gas, what do cats run on?
Their paws of course!*



Feedback & Suggestions

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

newsletter@delmonkennels.com



Delmon Boarding Kennels