

DBKC NEWS!





2015 Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome to the new look DBKC News! The old saying `a change is as good as a rest' is true, so we've decided to make it look a bit different and have also decided to limit it to 2 pages each month.

We're still going to have our regular topics of Ask Pauline and Vets Corner, but from now on will not be having them less regularly. We're also going to take a break from Breed Profile. It may still appear occasionally, but won't be a regular feature going forward.

Ensuring that the newsletter has a good balance of new information to help you learn more about the topic of pet ownership is important, but we also want to make it more interactive and get you all more involved!

Enjoy!

Monthly Challenges!

During Saturday's Fun Obedience class Pauline will now be setting a 'Monthly Challenge'! It's designed to help you practice a new skill or trick throughout the month and then show us at the end of the month how you have progressed. The most improved, the best, or the most consistent, will be awarded the monthly trophy. The following month there will be a new challenge so there is always something new to strive for!

If you would like to take part, just come along to Saturday's Fun Obedience class every Saturday at 4pm.



Missing Pets

If you follow any of the animal related Facebook pages in Bahrain you'll have seen an increase in the numbers of missing pets over the last few weeks. Here are our tips to limit the chances of your pets going missing and ensure they can be reunited with you if they are found.

- Microchip them. It's a good way to prove they are yours. Also have a tag on their collar with your phone number
- Ensure maids, gardeners & maintenance men know not to leave doors & gates open & <u>supervise them</u>. Just because you told them doesn't mean it will happen!
- Have them neutered/speyed. Dogs are often stolen if they could be used for breeding.

Nose Work!

Out of all their senses, a dog's strongest is their sense of smell.

Did you know that they can smell over 1000 times better than a human!

Our NEW Nose Work courses are designed to test and hone this sense so that over time you may even be able to make it work for you!

To find out more, or to register, call 17694066.



Where are they now - Hugo, Sheba, Izzy & Milly!

At the end of July my family and I left Bahrain to return back to the UK! Because we were unsure where we were going to be living, our two dogs Sheba and Hugo and our two cats Izzy and Milly stayed at Delmon Kennels for six weeks.

After the fourth week I started liaising with Tim to start the process of them joining us. Tim was brilliant

and everything went to plan arranging their transportation. On the evening of the 7th September they were put on a plane. And what a strange feeling that was after not seeing them for 6 weeks and thinking of them on a plane!! Tim emailed me saying they were on their way. So the following morning I travelled to Heathrow to collect them, and what a welcome I got, I had to sit on the floor so they didn't knock me over! The Heathrow staff were also brilliant, very friendly and helpful. So in the car they went. Unfortunately though, they then had to stay in another kennels and cattery again as we had a delay with our house.

But before long I picked them all up and travelled down to London to our new home. Before showing the dogs in the house we took them for a long walk and they loved all the new smells. After a lovely long walk in the woods we showed them their new home. They settled in very quickly as they were tired after the

journey and the walk. The cats were also very happy and settled, and I think after us all being apart for so long they were just happy to be all together again.

That was in October, and now they are truly settled and love having a garden to play in. The cold has not bothered them one bit as they get a lot more walks than they did in Bahrain and they are so happy and settled.

This would not have been possible without the help and support of Pauline, Tim and staff to get them over to us so a huge thank you. I now have a very happy family.

Does your pet suffer from an illness or a condition that we haven't yet covered in Vets

Corner?

Do you have a story that you'd like to share with us about your Pet? Do they have a special skill or ability?



Do you have a question for next month's Ask Pauline?

If so, please send us your suggestions, stories and ideas



