

DBKC NEWS!



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In this month's newsletter we update you on our recent adoption successes, tell you about our latest building projects and also take a closer look at micro-chipping and the importance of updating your records if you leave Bahrain.

What's been happening at the Kennels?!

Those of you who have visited the kennels over the last couple of weeks will have noticed a big change happening in the entrance area!

As part of continued investment & development of the kennels we are having a purpose built Training Room made, and it'll be finished and in action before you know it!

This will mean that training activities can continue throughout the hot summer months. So if you're staying in Bahrain throughout the summer why not use this time to have fun and work with your dog.

Whilst all the building work has been happening we've also been upgrading & refreshing our large dog kennels. Life is never dull!



Adoption Update

Over the last few weeks we've had several dogs available for adoption and we wanted to let you know about some of the success we've had in finding them homes.

Misty had been homeless for nearly 2 years and had often been overlooked because she only has one eye. However, we're delighted that she has now found her forever home and both Misty and her new owner are very happy together.

During March, Patch and Tinker also found a new home. They are two older dogs who needed to find a home together as they had been lifelong companions up to now. Finding homes for two dogs can often be a challenge as prospective adopters think two dogs are double the work. However, Patch and Tinker found a home and are now happily settled with their new family.

We still have a number of dogs available if you are looking for a pet. If you'd like to come and meet them, please call us on 17694066.

Comic Relief Fun!

To help celebrate Comic Relief, Nicola and Charlie from British Airways helped make Saturday afternoon class on the 14th March a great deal of red nosed fun!



Ask Pauline

In this edition of Ask Pauline we're going to take a closer look at the topic of microchipping. Back in January 2013 we looked at why microchipping is so important, but in this edition we're going to look at where your pet's microchip number is logged and how you can access this information if you need it.

If you have your pet microchipped in Bahrain the individual vet practices keep their own registers of microchip numbers. This means that if your dog or cat becomes lost and is then subsequently found, you can be identified via the microchip number and your pet can be returned to you. This information is not shared between vet practices and is not passed on to any international microchipping bodies.

In many countries around the world there are national microchip registers that you can join. However, to date there is no national register of microchip numbers in Bahrain. The Kennel Club of Bahrain are keen to have a national register and hope that in the future they will be able to establish one. However this will take some time as it requires an investment of time and money and needs everyone to be supportive of it.

So if you find a pet and it has a microchip, you will need to check with all the vets to find out if it was microchipped here in Bahrain, and if it is on their register. If you find a microchipped pet and it cannot be found on any of the Bahrain vet registers, you should ask them for further guidance about what to do next.

If you leave Bahrain you need to make sure that when you reach your destination you register with a local vet and ask that vet to add your pet's microchip number to their register. If the country you are relocating to has a national register, you also need to join it. The vet you register with may do this for you, so check with them. In some cases you may need to pay a nominal fee, however, it is much better to do this than have your pet go missing in a new country and not have their microchip registered anywhere!

So what if you're relocating into Bahrain and your pet was microchipped in a previous country? When you register with a vet in Bahrain they will add your pet's microchip number to their own register. If this situation applies to you and you're not sure that it's been done, ask them.

Many owners think that once their pet is initially microchipped that is all they need to do. They are unaware that they will need to take additional action, especially if they are arriving into, or moving from, a country. So if this affects you, make sure you get your pet registered with your new vet and on a national register, if applicable, as soon as possible.

In addition you can join an online registry. There are a number of companies who have websites that you can join and register your pet with them. In practically all instances there is an annual fee for this. Some examples are:

- www.pettrac.co.uk
- www.worldpetregister.com
- www.petlog.org.uk
- www.freepetchipregistry.com

Until reliable small size GPS trackers become available for pets, a microchip is the best way to make sure lost and/or stolen pets are returned to their rightful owner, so make sure your details are logged in the right place to facilitate this.

