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THE SHOW WILL SOON BE HERE, THE DATE 7/8TH AUGUST 2010, THE PLACE, CATTON HALL, WALTON ON TRENT

Well the busy time has arrived for us now. One day of setting up and two days of fun and frolics...

You are all welcome to join us, there will be agility running all day, bronze awards in the morning and our fun dog show in the afternoon with classes for all.

If you have never seen agility before, come over and have a look, there will be refreshments and various trade stands there as well

If you wish to offer your help, don't be shy!!



WANTED

Please remember that we need more items for our raffle, we did give you all a letter and now is the time to bring all items in. This is our main fund raising event so please try and help where you can

THANK YOU

Thank you to all of you who have attended our displays so far, the dogs have all done well and the weather has been kind to us. The next one is at the animal ark on August 1st and we hope to see you all there again.

Well, I have had to keep dice on a short lead for a few weeks...for those of you who were in the know, our Dice was in the final for the Woof Factor 2010 on Touch FM. it was a tense time in the final but then....wonders never cease to amaze me, Dice was crowned the winner and will now have his food given to him for a year!! Well done Dice, see you can be a good boy :-)



Our dog of the month is...David and Frankie, they never thought they would get Bronze, now it's Silver, well done, Gold here we come

Don't forget to order your dog food and I will bring it down the next week

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Our new award dogs...lots of them this time, well done

BRONZE

Nikki & |Tia
Rachel & Tarn
Andrea & Sadie & Beau
Amanda & Cassie
Cheryl & Spud
Gemma & Benji
Ellen & Millie
Helen & Dexter
Carol & Breeze
Helen & Rosie
Peter & Georgie

Kayleigh & Bella
Stephanie & Roxy
Sam & Gerry
Lisa & Millie

SILVER

Jess & Toby
Diane & Ellie
Andy & Benji
Jeanine & Evie
Louise & Bailey
Aofie & Jazz

Sally & Jerry
Nicole & Murphy
Amanda & Cassie
Midge & Bertie
David & Frankie
Lisa & Millie
Nicky & Beau

GOLD

Ron & Ruby
Ann & Honey

AGILITY OUTLOOK

Well we have seen some really hot weather for the dogs, their wet coats have well and truly been on. Now we have had some new dogs on the scene and I have to say they are showing a lot of promise, Buster, Penny, Charlie, Leia, well done all of you. Lacey Lacey Lacey, well you are doing so well and then you have a Staffie moment! Bruno just needs to keep Al on his feet, yes it's on film!! Ice had a 2nd and 7th at Peterborough, Roxy & Ritz both picked up some places too. Dice claimed a 4th at his first event but has been a Muppet since but does work well at times, luckily he has been too busy to go back and annoy the sheep!!

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Bloat in Dogs

Bloat is a very serious health risk for many dogs, yet many dog owners know very little about it. It is frequently reported that deep-chested dogs, such as German Shepherds, Great Danes, and Dobermans are particularly at risk. The technical name for bloat is "Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus" ("GDV"). Bloating of the stomach is often related to swallowed air (although food and fluid can also be present). It usually happens when there's an abnormal accumulation of air, fluid, and/or foam in the stomach ("gastric dilatation"). Stress can be a significant contrib-

uting factor also. Bloat can occur with or without "volvulus" (twisting). As the stomach swells, it may rotate 90° to 360°, twisting between its fixed attachments at the esophagus (food tube) and at the duodenum (the upper intestine). The twisting stomach traps air, food, and water in the stomach. The bloated stomach obstructs veins in the abdomen, leading to low blood pressure, shock, and damage to internal organs. The combined effect can quickly kill a dog.

What are the Signs?

The most obvious signs are abdominal distention (swollen belly) and non-productive vomiting



Other signs include restlessness, abdominal pain, and rapid shallow breathing. Profuse salivation may indicate severe pain. If the dog's condition continues to deteriorate, especially if volvulus has occurred, the dog may go into shock and become pale, have a weak pulse, a rapid heart rate, and eventually collapse. A dog with gastric dilatation without volvulus can show all of these signs, but the more severe signs are likely to occur in dogs with both dilatation and volvulus.

What is the Treatment?

Once the dog is stabilized, abdominal surgery is usually indicated to accomplish three things:

- Assess the health of the stomach and surrounding organs. If areas of the stomach or spleen have been irreversibly damaged, they are removed. In such a case, the chances for recovery are very poor, and euthanasia may be an alternative.
- Properly reposition the stomach
- Suture the stomach in a way to prevent it from twisting again (a procedure called gastropexy). If gastropexy is **not** performed, 75-80% of dogs will develop GDV again.

After surgery, the dog is closely monitored for several days for signs of infection, heart abnormalities, DIC, stomach ulceration or perforation, and damage to the pancreas or liver. Antibiotics and additional medications may need to be given.

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.....

1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
2. Give me time to understand what it is you want of me
3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.
5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
7. Before you punish me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to harm you.
8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, my heart might be getting old, my bones ache today or I may just be tired.
9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.
10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to go with me. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.

Take a look on the notice board for our very own sheep dog day, I am collecting numbers just to see who would be interested to see if their collie has that ability to work.