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I am pleased to say that Glenthorne Veterinary centre has kindly offered all

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Capable Canine dogs 10% of their annual boosters, all you need is one of our vouchers, please ask if you require one.

Events up and coming at the RSPCA

16/17th May 10.00-16.00  
Plant sale at the animal home, Stretton

23rd May 13.30 Jumble sale at Rough Hayes Pavilion

20th June 11.30 Summer sale at the animal home

5th July 11.30 Open day & dog show for ex RSPCA dogs at the animal home

18th July 13.30 Jumble sale at Rough Hayes Pavilion

25th – 2nd August Pet adoption week, contact us for



WHAT BREED OF DOG WILL SUIT YOU?

Perhaps you are thinking of getting a dog, how many times do we hear that Border Collies or German Shepards are easy to train and intelligent.

This is indeed true to say they are trainable although this is different from intelligent. Both breeds have been bred over the years specifically to work for man. Both breeds are oblivious to weather conditions, agile and eager to please. However their

ability to learn is no different from many other breeds. I find these breeds 'workaholics' but this can cause problems within a pet environment. If you choose a breed with a high work drive it is unfair unless you intend to put its talents to regular use.

Before choosing your breed, it is important to think about your environment, life style, time and cost involved. Problems arise in certain breeds because they are housed in totally the wrong environment. A dog that is bred for work and not allowed to express itself under control will express itself out of control and therefore be branded as a problem.



BEHAVIOUR BLOG

Now many of you do I hear say 'oh my dog is jealous' I am sorry to say I am now going to spoil your fun. Dogs are just not affected by jealousy like humans. True they may get their noses put out of joint by changes in the environment and react in a strange way which gives the appearance of jealousy, but in fact it all has to do with how they perceive the pecking order. A typical example involves a dog that has always been the centre of attention, a surrogate child. Problems arise when a friend arrives with her child and the dog showed aggression when this child was cuddled or paid attention to. We assume the dog is jealous so then pay him extra attention when they next visit, this makes matters worse so the dog now has to be shut out of the room concerned for the child's safety. In fact, the dog was used to having all the attention and perceived the child as a threat to his rank as the child appears to be granted more favours on his territory. It is noticeable that if you took the dog to visit the child, no aggression is shown. This is the major difference between jealousy as a human emotion and what the dog appears to exhibit - with the dog it is almost always environmental. Giving the dog more attention whenever the child was around only reinforced the dogs opinion of his higher rank. Owners find this concept hard to accept, because they can not differentiate between jealousy as an emotion and the cold logic of the pack instinct, that rank has its privileges. It can be the same with husband and wife, the dog moves up the pack leadership because of the privileges that we inadvertently grant to our dogs. Next time we will deal with the issue of demoting our dogs to the rank that they find less stress with.



OUR VETS OPINION KINDLY WRITTEN BY HELEN MCRVS FROM GLENTHORNE VETERINARY CENTRE

Kennel Cough (Mixing with other dogs cough!)

Infectious Bronchitis – otherwise known as 'Kennel Cough', is a very contagious disease of the respiratory system, affecting dogs of all ages. The disease is caused by a mixture of viruses and bacteria, which pass easily from dog to dog as airborne droplets when dogs mix in groups at the park, on walks, training classes and kennels.

Dogs affected with kennel cough typically develop a very dry, hacking cough which almost sounds as though they have something stuck in their throats, as the trachea is so inflamed. This cough can last for several weeks and they may sometimes run a temperature, be off their food or lethargic.

In immuno-compromised animals, kennel cough can sometimes be fatal but it can be prevented.

The good news is that Kennel Cough can be prevented. Conscientious boarding kennels will insist that your dog is vaccinated against Kennel Cough and if your canine companion is walking with other dogs, attending training/agility classes, going to shows or mixing with other dogs it is advisable to protect them against this disease. The vaccination is best done at least 2 weeks before training classes/going into kennels.

The vaccine is different to your dog's usual annual vaccination; rather than an injection under the skin it is squirted up the nose, in a similar way to how the disease is contracted. In some dogs the immunity is not as close to 100% as the other routine vaccinations but any subsequent bout of kennel cough will not be as severe as if not vaccinated.

If your dog is unfortunate enough to contract this disease there is no specific treatment for Kennel Cough other than rest and antibiotics/anti-inflammatories to prevent secondary bacterial infections. The symptoms can last for up to 4 weeks and your dog can be contagious for considerably longer!

Prevention is better than cure!

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