



So then, time for Novembers news...and it seems on time for a change. Well the nights seem to have drawn in even faster this year so with that in mind let's make sure that our dogs are seen and safe while walking. There are a lot of flashing discs on the market and fluorescent coats now to aid with your dogs safety, please ask for details, it also helps to locate them in the fields or park! Talking of safety, make sure that your dogs are walked and in before the echo of the those ***** fireworks start. Make sure the curtains are drawn, you have the radio or TV on fairly loud for them. You can also bring their tea time forward too. It is and will remain a difficult time for most dogs until we can get these banned from being sold to the general public, ok, getting off my soapbox...

WHY DOES MY DOG...

Separation anxiety in dogs is the fear or dislike of isolation which often results in undesirable behaviour. Separation anxiety is one of the most common causes of canine behavioural problems. As social animals, it is normal for puppies to form attachments to their mother and littermates. Once a puppy is separated from its family group, it becomes attached to its owner. Attachment implies a trusting relationship and is the foundation of a good, healthy bond between owner and pet. However, when a dog becomes overly dependent on its owner, problem behaviours may result. There are many problem behaviours associated with separation anxiety including: defecation and urination in inappropriate locations, destructive behaviour, excessive barking and whining, depression, and hyperactivity. These behaviours may also be the symptoms of other problems. However, if undesired behaviours are clearly related to the absence of the owner, occur shortly after departure and a prolonged greeting response occurs upon the owner's return, separation anxiety is the probable cause. If a problem behaviour has persisted for an extended period, a visit to the vet will ensure that there are no underlying medical problems. Presently, the most accepted method for treating separation anxiety involves planned departures. This method involves gradually adjusting the dog to being alone by exposure to many short departures. Because the stress response occurs very shortly after the owner's departure (within 30 minutes), the dog should only be left alone for very short intervals at first (seconds to minutes) to ensure the owner returns before the onset of anxiety. Before the departure period can be increased, the owner must be certain that the dog is not stressed. The owner must closely watch the dog for signs of anxiety and ensure that the dog does not engage in an extended greeting. After the short departures have reached the 30 minute mark, the length of time the dog is left can be increased by larger increments. Once the dog can be left alone for 1.5 hours, it can usually be left all day. Departure and return should be made as quiet and uneventful as possible to avoid over stimulating the dog. The dog should not be given attention prior to departures nor given attention and praise upon returns. Excessive attention prior to departure and upon return seem to increase the anxiety during separation and it does NOT make it easier on the dog as most people suspect. Safety cues may also be used to associate with the short departures. The T.V. or radio can be left on or an acceptable chew toy may be provided for the dog.



CANUS LUPIS or FIDO

Domestic dogs inherited a complex social hierarchy and behaviours from their wolf ancestors. Dogs are pack animals with a complex set of behaviours related to determining each dog's position in the social hierarchy, and they exhibit various postures and other means of non verbal communication that reveal their states of mind. These sophisticated forms of social cognition and communication may account for their trainability, playfulness, and ability to fit into human households and social situations, and these attributes have earned dogs a unique relationship with humans despite being a potentially dangerous predator.



Our dog of the month

Well done to Mel and Harvey this month, a young dog who is working very hard

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OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Well, this year we are pleased to say that we are having a xmas raffle to boost funds for our 'Kymberly Kennel' We have been lucky enough to have some good prizes inc an oil painting of your dog, dog goodies, vouchers for the Plough at Rosliston and some free training weeks! If you could offer some more prizes they be would be most welcome. Tickets will be £1 per strip and will be drawn during party week, so go get your tickets!

CLASS TIMES

Monday: Big Dog Grade 1 - 6.30.
Grade 2 - 7.30 Grade 3 - 8.30

Tuesday: Juniors Grade 1 - 6.30.
Grade 2 - 7.30. Grade 3 - 8.30

Wednesday: Puppy Playschool - 6.30
Advanced Puppy - 7.30
Graduate - 8.30

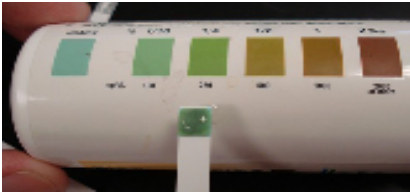
Thursday: Agility Novice - 6.30
Beginners - 8.00 Advanced - 9.00



November 2009 is Pet Diabetes Month

Diabetes is being seen more frequently in humans but did you know it can occur in cats and dogs too!

The pancreas secretes insulin into the blood stream. to help regulate blood sugar. Insulin helps cells take glucose in from the blood as their source of energy. Glucose either comes into the body in the form of food or if food is not taken in, body tissue (fat and protein) is broken down to release calories. In the case



DOG FOOD ORDERS

Capable Canines are pleased to say that they are now stockists of Snyeds Wonder-dog food. As well as a good range of value for money dog food they also do rabbit food. Please ask for details.

Prices for 15kg bags:

Original	£10.00
Gold	£10.00
Wheat /Gluten Free	£17.00
Resting Mix	£10.00

Remember to stock up on your Antos Natural snacks too for Xmas, we have a wide range and they are also good for your friends teeth.



In a diabetic animal there can be a lack of insulin or tissue cells are less able to recognise insulin. As a result the body is unable to make use of the glucose in the blood stream and feels as though it is starving. As body tissue is broken down the release of ketones can make your pet very poorly. The kidneys can only hold a certain level of glucose in the bloodstream. After this glucose spills into the urine, draws water with it and this makes the animal pee and drink more. Diabetic animals show a persistently raised blood glucose and the presence of glucose in their urine. The condition can be managed in a similar way to people using investable insulin. In humans you may have heard of diabetes being described as type 1 (no insulin is produced at all) and type 2 (where some but not enough insulin is produced). Virtually all dogs are insulin dependent whereas some cats can have a type of diabetes that can resolve. If your pet is diagnosed with diabetes life long insulin is required, usually twice daily. It is possible to monitor urine and even blood glucose at home. Sometimes your pet spends the day with us so we can monitor their blood glucose over the day and help stabilise. if you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch for your free urine glucose test (limited availability).



AGILITY ADVENTURES...

The dog's have now shed a tear, the summer shows are over, no packing up the caravan for the weekends away. However we will still be out and about during the winter, please check the schedule diary. And so to the awaited run from Alan and Bruno...well it seems that will still have to wait. It would seem that Alan did not want Bruno to win out of starters too soon so chose not to run him yet and passed the pleasure to his better half. Sian handled Bruno well round his first course {obviously not as well as Alan!} and only came away with 10 faults which let me tell you is no mean feat! Well done to the pair of you, I am sure with some more experience under his belt, Bruno will go on to higher things and we all wish them well. Willow continues to improve each time and Inca came away with two placing's at her last event, well done Catherine. Dice has now started his training but thank goodness we have a year before he can compete!

XMAS PARTY NIGHTS... For those of you not in the know, the dogs have their own party nights before Xmas, there are games to be played and prizes to be won. Please feel free to bring some refreshments for both you and your dog. Party night dates are 14/15/16 & 17th December.



Capable Canines will be having a Xmas break so there will be no training from December 21st to January 4th 2010. Thank you all for being responsible dog owners and I wish you all a very Happy Xmas and fun filled New Year. Oh and my friends...enjoy your presents and walkies xx

Remember that you can claim 10% discount off your best friends annual booster at Glenthorne Veterinary Group at any of their practices.

Remember to ask Jacky for your voucher

On the subject of vouchers, Capable Canines will be happy to supply a voucher as a birthday or Xmas gift for your friends or family, makes a pleasant change from the pair of socks!!!