

The Jolly Dog School

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Dear Members

Please would members refer to the Welcome to Jolly Dog School brochure and take note of the long weekends during 2012 on the website (www.jollydogs.co.za).

Please remember that if you cannot locate your newsletter in order to confirm times and dates of functions please refer to the website which is constantly updated.

Winter Walk

On a cold winter morning, 16 June 2012, a number of members gathered to walk their dogs through Melville Koppies West.

The dogs seemed to really enjoy themselves, especially the border collie who rolled in really smelly stuff and Buddy who ran into stagnant water and came out a black retriever instead of golden.

Agility Work Party

The agility work party went off very well. We had a number of members helping to clean out the hut, paint the jumps, repair the seesaw and dog walk. A very big THANK YOU to all who helped.

There was a recommendation last week that we ask the dogs to wash their paws before using the agility equipment.

Ten Dog Facts

1. Ancestors

Ever wonder where dogs really came from? Wonder no more. Dogs are descended from wolves. Archaeological evidence suggests dogs might have diverged from the wolf family between 15,000 to 40,000 years ago, inheriting their complex social hierarchy and behaviors. Some dogs like the Alaskan Malamute<http://petmd.com/dog/breeds/c_dg_alaskan_malamute> and German Shepherd<http://petmd.com/dog/breeds/c_dg_german_shepherd> have even retained their wolf-like appearance

2. Presidential Pups

George Washington was a dog lover. But it seems he was very partial to a certain breed of dog: the Foxhound. So partial he had 36 of them! That's a lot of doggy bags to carry on the daily walks.

3. Go, Dog, Go!

The Greyhound<http://petmd.com/dog/breeds/c_dg_greyhound> is officially the world's fastest dog. They can run at over 40 miles per hour. We'd be lucky if to get to three miles per hour. But even if you were faster than the average human, we still wouldn't recommend challenging the next Greyhound you see to a race.

4. Smelly Fido

Yes. All dogs smell. We don't mean they're stinky (though if yours is, we'd suggest it's high time for a bath!), but they can smell, extremely well. A dog's sense of smell, in fact, is more than 100,000 times stronger than yours. So don't fool yourself, he knows where you hid the bone

5. Colorblind

Dogs aren't completely colorblind! They can see in color, just not as well as we do. There is much debate as to which colors they can detect, but many experts believe dogs have fewer retinal cones cell - because of this, they are red-green colorblind (or dichromatic).

6. Fetch

Fetch might seem to be, in our minds at least, a dog's naturally favorite game. After all, it's what they always talk about in books and movies and TV. But it's not. A dog's very favorite game, one you'll never have to teach him is "keep away." Keep away is where you try and take a toy from the dog. It's fun. Fetch, however, is a game that needs to be taught

7. Can't Change Spots?

We all know leopards can't change their spots, but did you know all Dalmatian<http://petmd.com/dog/breeds/c_dg_dalmatian> puppies are born pure white? It's true. Don't they even mention it on Disney's 101 Dalmatians

8. Catdog?

It might sound really strange, but some dogs actually lick their paws and then clean their heads, just like cats. If they start meowing, though, it might be time to start worrying... or double-check to make sure you don't actually own a cat!

9. Time Keepers

Dogs have a fantastic internal clock. They know when it's time for walks, play, dinner, bed and always, always, when you come home from work - especially if you keep to a regular schedule. In fact, you might want to just start setting your watch to the dog.

10. Toilet Break?

Ever wonder why a little puppy always has accidents during the night, and why, though you try so hard, you can never fix it? Well, that's because all puppies are unable to control or "hold it in" overnight until they're about four months old. Which, you have to admit, takes a lot less time, than toilet training than a child.

Barking dogs

A reminder to members that they are to keep their dogs as quiet as possible. Incessant barking annoys the neighbours.

Refreshments

For the humans there are cold drinks for sale under cover near the main parking lot.

For our furry friends there are fantastic biscuits for sale. Please contact Peter Dinsmore to purchase/order the dog biscuits. The dogs love them.

Results

Handler	Dog	Show	Date	Class	Position
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Shetland Sheepdog Club	5/05/2012	C-Test	1 st with CC
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Shetland Sheepdog Club	5/05/2012	Contact Agility – A3 L	4th
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Shetland Sheepdog Club	5/05/2012	Dog Jumping Grade 1 Large	2nd
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Australian Shepard Club Eastern Gauteng	10/06/2012	Agility A3 Large Non Contact	4 th
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Dobermann Club	17/06/2012	Jumping Grade 1 Large	3 rd
Rosemarie Aust	Mr Green	Dobermann Club	17/06/2012	B-Test	1st

Email addresses

We prefer to communicate by email in order to keep costs down, but understand not every one has this convenience, so will provide hard copies to those without email at training.

If you have an email and have not had a communication from us or are not getting our monthly newsletter please can you email Shirley (etebbutt@worldonline.co.za) so we can pick up your correct address.

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Enjoy your training ----

“The Jolly Team”