

The Jolly Dog School

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Dear Members



WORLD RABIES DAY – 28 SEPTEMBER 2012

28 September 2012 is World Rabies Day. Please remember to ensure that your pets have their annual Rabies vaccination.

29 SEPTEMBER 2012 15h30 - SPIROCERCA LUPI TALK BY BAYER ANIMAL HEALTH

Have you heard of "The Silent Killer"? Have you lost a dog to *Spirocerca lupi*, a parasitic worm? Do you know how to prevent this parasite from infecting your dog and causing untold damage and possibly even death? Our Club will be having a talk from a representative from Bayer Animal

Health on *Spirocerca lupi*, the parasite and its life cycle, the damages caused and clinical signs observed and the prevention and treatment. They will be at our grounds after training at 15h30 on 29 September to give a presentation on spirocercosis, a potentially lethal disease affecting and often killing dogs throughout South Africa.

This parasite is proving to be a very unwelcome visitor and we know of several cases already – let's arm ourselves with knowledge in the interests of our beloved pets.

23 OCTOBER 2012 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 19H00

Please diarise the AGM which will be held at **19h00** on **23 October 2012**. All members welcome.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If there are any members who would be interested in joining The Jolly Dog School Committee please contact Ingrid Dinsmore. If you would like to put any members' names forward to stand on the Committee please ensure that you have that person's permission to do so.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICE/ASSISTANCE DOGS

10. Facility Dogs

Imagine being bedridden in a hospital or a long-term care facility. The more isolated people feel, the longer it may take for them to recover or respond to treatment. For Better Independence Assistance Dogs trains canines to visit people in facilities such as hospices and hospitals. The clear benefits of therapeutic animal visits have been the focus of medical studies, the results of which were published in the Journal for Gerontology: Medical Sciences in July 2002.

9. Skilled Companion Dogs

The human animal bond is so strong that the quality of life for those who are isolated or socially challenged is indelibly improved by the presence of a companion pet. Skilled companion dogs are specially trained pets that provide therapeutic affection while assisting in mobility tasks where necessary. Canine Companions for Independence includes people affected by autism, Down's syndrome, and cerebral palsy, all of whom have found themselves the beneficiaries of skilled canine companionship.

8. Therapeutic Companion Dogs

Therapy dogs differ from service dogs in that they provide comfort and companionship to people with disabilities, or those hindered by illness. Therapy dogs are usually part of a volunteer program that is made up of naturally good-tempered, docile, and friendly house pets. Unlike service dogs that have had specialized training, therapy dogs are not professionally trained; but they are often tested and accredited for therapy

7. Service Dogs for the Mobility Impaired

For people who have a limited range of motion (perhaps due to partial paralysis), a helping paw can help in carrying and retrieving items, or even helping to pull a wheelchair. The New Hampshire official website has a comprehensive list of service animals identified by their ability to assist mobility impaired individuals, which extends to providing support for people with stability and balance issues, as well.

6. Service Dogs

It is important to make the distinction between therapy, assistance, and service dogs. Service dogs, by definition, are specially trained to assist people with disabilities, including physical, emotional, and other health impairments. Because service dogs are professional assistants, they are not considered pets. Due to this, service dogs are allowed access to areas that otherwise prohibit pets.

5. Hearing Dogs

Professionally trained companion dogs for the disabled can be specially trained to help the hearing impaired as well. The National Education for Assistance Dog Services, trains and provides canine companions for people who are hearing challenged, including combat veterans and people with autism. By signaling people with gentle head-butts or other sensory stimuli, these service dogs provide vital assistance as well as companionship.

4. Diabetes Alert

Another incredible skill some dogs have is the ability to detect in advance when a diabetic person is going to suffer from a sudden drop in blood sugar. Unfortunately, like seizure alert dogs, diabetes alert dogs are not covered by medical insurance. But their ability to save lives, has gained media attention and recognition of their abilities.

3. Seizure Alert

Seizure alert dogs have an innate ability to detect the onset of epileptic seizures sometimes hours in advance. Though canine skill in predicting episodes is a medical mystery, Canine Partners for Life thinks it is "a natural instinct, or ability, which some dogs are particularly inclined to act upon most likely, through its sense of smell, the dog is detecting the chemical and electrical changes within a person's body caused by seizure activity."

2. Animal Assisted Therapy

"One of the most fundamental advantages of animal assisted therapy (AAT) over other therapeutic modalities is that it provides the patient a much-needed opportunity to give affection as well as receive it," said Dr. Andrew Weil, a specialist in integrative medicine, in an article written for the Delta Society, a non-profit organization that incorporates therapy, service and companion animals into people's lives.

"It is this reciprocity - rare among medical therapies - that makes AAT a unique and valuable route to healing."

1. Seeing Eye Guide Dogs

The most publicly familiar pet assistant is the Seeing Eye guide dog. Their training enables visually impaired people to move about safely, and also gives people a greater sense of independence. Guide dog programs originated following World War I to assist impaired veterans, which led to the establishment of The Seeing Eye in 1929, an organization that is still in operation today.

SERVICES

Please note that we have set up a tab on our website called "Services". Individuals/companies may advertise, at no cost, any service that will be of a benefit to our members. This section is not for items for sale, but rather services to assist members and their dogs, i.e. contact details of vets who give after hours service, pet house sitters and pet walking areas, etc.

Inclusion will be at the sole discretion of the committee, and the committee reserves the right to delete any service at any time.

Items for possible inclusion must be sent to both peter.dinsmore@mottmac.com<<mailto:peter.dinsmore@mottmac.com>> and Fiona@vibe.co.za

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Results

Handler	Dog	Show	Date	Class	Position
Rita Rheeder	Chippie	Collie Club	16/09/2012	C-Test	3 rd with CC

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Barking dogs

A reminder to members that incessant barking annoys the neighbours.

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Dog Treats

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

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"The Jolly Team"