



JDS Newsletter

November 2015

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We have a jam-packed calendar of club challenges and exciting events planned for November as we approach the end of another great Jolly Dog School calendar - all details are in this newsletter! Also in this month's newsletter, we feature an article on rabies, ahead of the December holidays. Look forward to seeing you at the club challenges and year end event!!

"The Jolly Team"



Important Dates

Remember, remember, these important dates in November!

Guy Fawkes (5 Nov)

Remember, remember your pets on 5th of November!

- Keep your pet safely indoors with a radio or TV on to hide the noise of the firecrackers.
- Rescue remedy is safe to administer and can be given beforehand to keep your pet calm, otherwise consult your Vet for alternatives treatments.
- Make sure your pets are tagged in case they escape

Last day of "proper" training (7 Nov)

Saturday 7 November is the last day of training for the year before the year end challenges and events listed below. Training will resume again on **16 January 2016**. Returning single members will qualify for a discount on the 2016 fees. Pensioners and families are already discounted.

Stay connected



Join our Facebook community

We make use of this medium to let you know if we are still training during adverse weather conditions



Check out our website

www.jollydogs.co.za
Our website is constantly updated for all times and dates of functions

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Club challenge Senior Classes & Agility (14 Nov 13h00)



Please come along to the Club Challenge to participate or watch and pick up a few tricks. We have an invited non-JDS to judge the senior challenge, so please support them!

Canine Good Citizen - checklist (21 Nov 13h00)

- Register for entry - email Ingrid on jeanville@pixie.co.za
- Bring vaccination certificate
- Bring R50 entry fee per level (R40 per level if doing three levels)
- Bring previous KUSA Canine Good Citizen certificate (if entering Silver or Gold)
- Practice beforehand - see last month's newsletter for details on the tests!

Year End Function & Prize Giving (28 Nov 12h30)

Our year end function is organised by the club as a thank you to our members for their patronage, and to celebrate the achievements of our handlers and furry friends over the year.

Join the fun! This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow handlers, trainers, and committee, enjoy a lunch together, hand out the club trophies and certificates and watch a DVD of our dogs and what they have been up to at training.

Each trainer will reserve a table for those in their class. This means you will be sitting amongst the folk you train with and no need to feel shy. If you wish to sit elsewhere though, please feel free

When

28 November 2015, 12h30

Note that there is no regular training on that date!

Where

Orban School. 40 Winchester Street, Westdene / Melville (26 deg-10'-25.66"S, 27 deg 59'- 47.13"E)

Please note that this is a covered venue and we will continue with the function even if it rains.

Who

All members of the JDS club are invited and are welcome to bring a partner. Sadly, no furry friends at our year end function though.

What to bring

- **Salad / dessert** - The club provides the meat and drinks, and just asks for a contribution of a salad or dessert. Demi will have a list where people can write down their contribution of a salad or dessert. She will move around during training session in Oct/Nov with the list.
- **Bring your own cutlery / crockery** - and don't forget extra for the dessert!

RESULTS



Please would members who compete in shows inform both Peter Dinsmore (peterdinsmore@gmail.com) and Bronwyn Prytz (bronwyn.prytz@gmail.com) via email of their results for us to showcase in the newsletter. We also keep a record of results in order to correctly award the trophies at the year-end function.

Handler	Dog	Show	Date	Class	Position
Bronwyn Prytz	Epic	Pretoria Kennel Club	27/09/15	Non contact Grade 2	1st
Bronwyn Prytz	Epic	Pretoria Kennel Club	27/09/15	Contact Grade 2	1st
Bronwyn Prytz	Epic	Utility Breeds Club	18/10/15	Non contact Grade 2	1st
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AGM Update

Our AGM and Committee meeting was held on 22 October 2015.

Key agenda items included the Chairman's report, the annual financial statements and the election of the new committee.

The committee is dedicated to maintaining high quality training standards and keeping JDS as one of the most affordable dog training schools in Gauteng.

For any questions, Contact Ingrid on 083 260 8801



Five Things Everyone Needs to Know About Rabies

Tips from the vet

"In South Africa Rabies vaccination is required by law. In order to be considered protected a dog needs two vaccines within 9 months of each other, with a booster at minimum every 3 years thereafter.

Rabies is endemic to KZN, but outbreaks occur throughout the country a few times a year.

The most common "cause" of outbreaks in Gauteng is holiday goers picking up loose dogs when on holiday and then bringing them here.

If dogs are not up to date with their vaccinations when an outbreak occurs in an area the government has the right to have the unprotected animals destroyed.

Having an up to date vaccination book is critical!"

Dr Bronwyn Prytz, BVSc

World Rabies Day (September 28th) was created in 2007 to raise awareness about the global public health impact of the disease. In (belated) honour of this important day we rounded up some facts that every person, whether a pet owner or not, should know about rabies.



1. Rabies Is Preventable

Vaccinating your pet is key to preventing rabies and helping keep humans and animals safe. If your cat or dog contracts rabies, he cannot be cured. In most states, dogs and cats are required by law to be vaccinated against the disease and thankfully, legal and educational efforts to prevent rabies have proven successful. The number of cases of canine rabies in the United States dropped from 8,384 in 1946 to only 93 in 2009. It's a no-brainer: Get your pet vaccinated.

2. Rabies Is Horrifying

Rabies is a cruel and deadly virus — and our fear of the disease has pervaded our culture throughout history. Rabies could be why many of our horror stories are about being bitten by werewolves, vampires and zombies. Rabies even plays an important role in classic American books such as *To Kill a Mockingbird* and *Old Yeller*. As Dr. Marty Becker writes in his review of *Rabid: a Cultural History of the World's Most Diabolical Virus*, before vaccination protocols, rabies was so feared that dogs in England and France were killed by mobs or beaten to death.

3. We're Still Fighting Rabies Abroad

In 2013, Dr. Carrie La Jeunesse visited Liberia while working for Veterinarians Without Borders U.S. La Jeunesse was working at a vaccination clinic when she was bitten by a dog. Because the dog was not vaccinated

against rabies, she needed a post exposure vaccination within 24 hours of the bite. Thankfully, she was able to get the life-saving vaccine in Monrovia, Liberia.

But many people in developing and impoverished countries are not so lucky. Without ready access to post exposure inoculation, they are unlikely to survive if bitten by a dog with the disease: Rabies has a 100 percent fatality rate. And the rabies vaccine is too expensive for most Liberians, who live on the equivalent of R12 a day. Thanks to programs like Veterinarians Without Borders, many impoverished people can get the vaccination for their animals. However, these countries face many more obstacles, including lack of refrigeration for the vaccines and rampant stray dog populations.

4. Doctors Can Learn a Lot About Rabies From Vets

Veterinarians are trained to be vigilant when looking for the signs of rabies in animals. But human doctors aren't always so cautious. In 2013, a man died from rabies because he was infected by a donated organ. Dr. Patty Khuly says the veterinary community would have tested the donor for rabies (he spent a lot of time outside and died from a neurological condition of unknown origin). Vets are trained to automatically assume that all mammalian patients without vaccination records who have central nervous system symptoms could have rabies. Khuly thinks tragedies like this one can be prevented if doctors take a page from the veterinary playbook and become more vigilant about the disease.

5. You Can Still Contract Rabies in South Africa

Although vaccination is critically important for preventing rabies in pets, being bitten by a pet or stray dog or cat is not the only way people contract the virus. Because any mammal can carry rabies, rabid wildlife also poses a risk. To help keep rabies at bay, avoid approaching or handling wild animals. Immediately contact your doctor or health officials if you are bitten by an animal or come into contact with an animal who is acting strangely

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