

Jolly Dog School News Letter



MAY 2009

Hallo all members,

Now that all the holidays and long weekends are behind us we can get back onto the field and continue with our training.

There has been a real change in the weather and our daily clothing seems to include something warm like a fleece, or even raingear. Winter is just around the corner, or has it arrived and are we living in the Cape with all the rain and cold? We hope we can soon enjoy our normal lovely Highveld weather, blue skies and crisp days, perfect for the dogs.

Welcome to all the new members, we hope you all enjoy your training and teaching your dog things you think they could never learn – but they will!

I would like to remind you about the small tuck shop under the solid awning where you can buy crisps, chocolate and cool drinks. There are also home made liver biscuits for your dogs. They are very popular so you might have to put an order in for the following week. Wendy is the doggy chef and you can contact her on 073 431 6206.

What are Anal glands?

Your dog's anal glands are two small sacs inside the anus. They produce a thick secretion which is smeared onto the faeces, presumably for scent marking.

Because our dogs really don't have "natural food" the glands don't empty properly and can get blocked and infected. Your pet will be uncomfortable and may –"Scoot" on his bottom on the grass, (could be worms too) or continually lick the area

If you notice any swelling or discharge you need to take your pet to the Vet immediately.

When you go for the annual inoculations and check up, ask your vet to check the anal glands as well. If they are full the he will empty them manually, and if they are infected will prescribe antibiotics.

A young Labrador in England ate 250 pound notes about (R3500) over the 2008 festive season. The 5, 10 and 20 pound notes had been left on the table and Lewis the Lab decided to sample them. The Bank of England told the owners to send the subsequent "evidence" to them and they would be reimbursed!!

A nice doggy story

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar (though no tags), and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep on the couch.

My dog Morgen seemed ok with him so I let him nap. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out. The next day he was back, resumed his position on the couch, and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap. I don't mind but want to be sure it's ok with you."

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with ten children -- he's trying to catch up on his sleep. May I come with him tomorrow?"

COMPETITION RESULTS

Please can all competition results be sent to both Shirley - - etebbutt@worldonline.co.za AND Peter -- paddy@classicmail.co.za

Peter keeps the records so we know who will be awarded cups at the end of the year. If he doesn't get the results, you may lose out and that would be disappointing. I need the results so I can put them into the newsletter. Many thanks for your co-operation.

March -- Rita Rheeder and Chippie -- Novice - came 4th with 93% Agility - Contact -- 3rd place

March -- Joop and Duke in "B" twice won 1st place and also a 2nd place

March - Pat and Gusto - Agility non-contact came 3rd twice Agility 3 another 3rd

Jumping Grade 1 –2nd place Pat and Zee –

Jumping –3rd place April - Pat and Zee -

Pat and Zee -- Jumping in the knockout pairs - 1st place and **Overall Winner** Pat and Denver – TD1 came 2nd and Qualified

Congratulations to pon all and keep up the good work!

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing in your right ear

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Happy training from