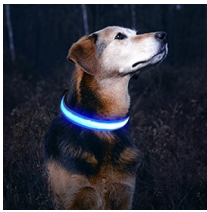




WINTER NEWSLETTER

STAY SAFE ON WINTER DOG WALKS

The mornings and evenings are darker and colder for dog walking.
Below are a few tips and hints for you and your dog to help you stay safe.

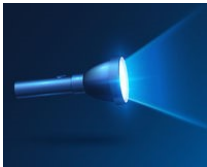


Spot the dog -

for both you and your dog wearing a LED light and /or a bright jacket works. Not only will this make your dog visible to you, but you'll also both be easy to spot for passing cars, cyclists and joggers.

Lead the way -

When it's dark, keeping your dog on a lead is a good idea. If you do let your dog off the lead make sure it is in a well-lit area and ideally somewhere you know.



Light it up -

A torch is another great way to keep an eye on your dog if you do let him off the lead. It is also handy for using when you need to scoop that poop.

Get cosy -

Wrapping up warm is an obvious tip but when you are in a rush it's easy to forget. If you have a short haired dog, then a winter coat for them is a good idea.



The law -

Don't forget your poo bags, even though it's dark there's no excuse.

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat, it was obvious that she thought her cat understood her I came to my house, and I told my dog we laughed a lot!



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If you have received this newsletter in the post, perhaps you would consider letting us know your e-mail address and we can send the next issue direct to your inbox. This saves the charity money on postage and is better for the environment.

Thank you.



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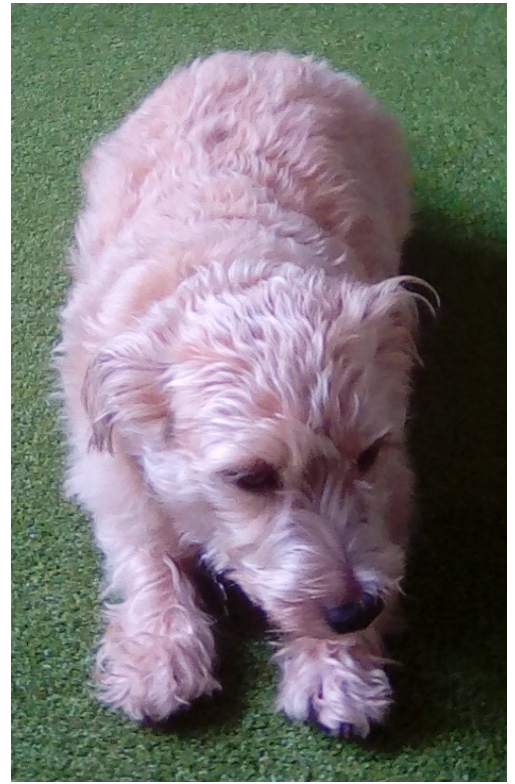
If you want to get in touch, send us your e-mail address, re-home one of our dogs or send us a success story you can contact us at jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com



SUCCESS STORY 1

Here we are one year on, well almost, since Bertie left you for us. What a change we have seen in him in that time from a dog that was easily over excited, ate everything (very, very quickly) and was nervous around other dogs and would not rest until absolutely tired out. Now he is confident, takes his time with his food, and is much better with other dogs especially ones he meets regularly and sometimes he doesn't want to get up in the morning! He has become a really lovely little fellow, despite on occasions being a bit grumpy with some dogs when on his lead.

He enjoys his walks, off the lead, in Raincliffe Woods where he likes trying to chase squirrels and along the Scalby Beck bank in the mornings and his trip to Falsgrave Park in the afternoons. He travels pretty well and has been with us when visiting family in West Sussex on three or four times this year. No trip to Thasos, Greece though and perhaps just as well as he found the summer here a bit hot for him. The recent cooler weather has brought him back to life though. Wishing you all at Cliff Top the best.



If you have a success story you would like to share, please drop us a line at

jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com

We love to hear how our re-homed dogs are getting on with their new families.

Display a Collection Tin for Us !

Contact us at the kennels on 01723 870456 if you can display a collection tin on our behalf at your place of work or somewhere you shop regularly.



Please Help the dogs by giving a donation towards the care and wellbeing of the dogs that need it most, the dogs without homes!

Thank You for all you support



Pets at Home VIP Club

We are one of the charities chosen to benefit from this club. This is a unique loyalty scheme that gives its members a whole host of benefits ranging from discount vouchers in store to a quarterly magazine along with expert advice and hints and tips. What makes this loyalty scheme so different is that when members swipe their loyalty cards upon making purchases in store, they collect Lifelines which can be directed to their favourite charity that is a part of the scheme.

Every three months these Lifelines are collected, turned into money and sent out to the charities in the shape of a Pets at Home store gift card for us to spend to help the dogs in our charity's care.

You can join today at your local Pets at Home store or on line at www.petsathome.com/VIP help us to care for more dogs while you do your shopping. Don't forget when you are registering you must choose our charity from the link to ensure we receive the lifelines every time you swipe !!

It's the easiest way to help raise money for Cliff Top Kennels Rehoming Centre. If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

Help us raise more!
Register to support Cliff Top Kennels
Re-homing Centre at:
easyfundraising.org.uk
Register us as your charity to support then
simply follow the steps to shop and raise.
Happy fundraising!

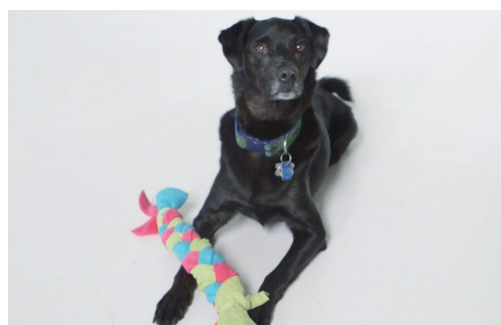
How it works



A cheap and easy to make toy for your dog **DIY Towel Dog Toy**

Materials:

Old towels
Scissors

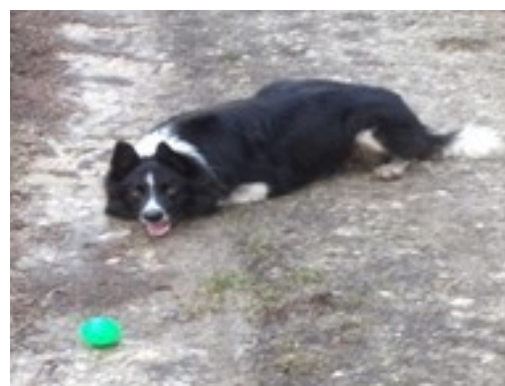


1. Cut three strips of towel, about 4 inches wide and at least 12 inches long. Cut two more thin strips of towel, about 1 inch wide and 6 inches long.
2. Hold the three large towel strips together and tie them off at one end with a smaller towel strip. Then braid the three towel strips and tie off the other end with the second small strip.
3. Play with your pup! This makes the perfect tug-of-war toy. You can even shove little bits of dried food inside to keep your dog entertained.

Buddy's Blog . . . the final instalment!

Hi Folks,

Buddy here again. Its hard to believe that I have been in my new home for nearly a year now and it really is my forever home. I feel now is an appropriate time to sign off from this blog and enjoy my life out of the spot light! I'm enjoying the cooler weather, now the hot summer has ended and I have welcomed the return of mud, glorious mud. Christmas will soon be here and I am looking forward to joining in the festivities, but no Christmas cake or pudding for me as dried fruit is very toxic to dogs. I think I will be in line for even more walks as my human family are going to need to burn off the extra Christmas calories that they are bound to consume.



Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

SUCCESS STORY 2



Well we have had Digby 2 weeks now and what a little love he is. He settled in with us so quickly and now its like we were never without him. He loves playing with our other Westie and they get on like a dream, enjoying walks in the park and to the beach. He is just so full of fun and seems to love life with us and we love him dearly.

Thank you so much for letting us have this little man in our lives.

CANINE DNA

One topic that I do think fascinating is Canine DNA. I have looked at news items of this ever since the testing procedure was introduced. I love to look at the pets that people have and wonder what their ancestry is. Sometimes it seems quite obvious, my daughter has a golden Labrador whose nose and pads are not the standard pink that a golden coat would seem to indicate, there are smudges of black which apparently shows that goldens carry a black gene, which is not expressed in it's coat because the yellow gene blocks the black, but it does show in their nose, pads and eye rims.



Is there any value in knowing, beyond your own curiosity, which breeds are included in your pet's ancestry? It would always be helpful to know how big a pup is likely to get and to know which diseases the breed is susceptible to, to know what behavioural tendencies it may have, knowing a dogs breeding can make training a lot easier.

When you know which breed of dog is included in your dog's history then a lot of mysteries can be solved. When this knowledge is paired with the current trend for 'designer' dogs the identification of breed traits is important. Identifying the breed involved, and knowing that that breed has a tendency to develop certain health faults or weaknesses or inherited temperament difficulties will assist in trying to understand the dog you have. It would seem obvious that if you cross two breeds both with the same genetic weakness then the problem will surely escalate.

It is an easy matter, on the internet to find the information on the identification of such weaknesses and makes very worrying reading. Historically it was always thought that 'mongrels are fitter and live longer than pedigree dogs'. The 'breeding' programme associated with your standard old fashioned mongrel is so obviously haphazard that any 'pedigree traits' are so diluted that they are no longer of any significance in the final outcome, but that surely is not the case with the breeding of designer dogs which can deliberately combine two pedigrees that bear the same genetic faults which will double the trouble.

Originally pure bred dogs were separated into groups in accordance with their functions, herding dogs, for instance, have that instinct indelibly set into their behavioural characteristics. Some hounds or members of that group are hunters or rodent killers that love to roam independently, other dogs were bred to guard and will not take easily to living in an environment where people wander freely over their so called territory. Putting them into the wrong environment will cause trouble and unhappiness for both owner and dog.

Each individual dog must be assessed on it's own characteristics of course, but if we were given that magic ability to see into their past and their breeding then understanding our pets would be simple. Or if not simple then easier for those of us who do not have that quality in us to understand what goes on in a dog's head which is surely what all we dog owners want to know, anything in fact that makes dog ownership not a problem but a constant joy and pleasure.

Why vaccinate?

Why does my dog need to be vaccinated?

Vaccination stimulates your dog's immune system, teaching it to recognise and fight important infectious diseases. Some infectious diseases can prove very serious and treatment may not be effective. Vaccination provides the best way of reducing the risks that these diseases pose.

Your veterinary surgeon will advise which vaccinations are recommended for your dog, such as

Disempemper - Canine Hepatitis - Parvovirus - Leptospirosis - Kennel Cough - Rabies

Why does my dog need booster vaccines?

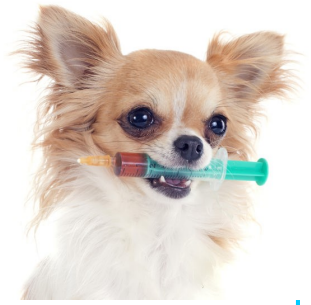
Your dog's immunity following vaccination wanes over time, and for certain diseases your dog will require an annual booster to ensure that immunity is maintained throughout life.

For other diseases your vet will decide when or whether your dog needs a booster depending on the risks your dog is exposed to.

In order to ensure vaccination is appropriate your dog must be in good health.

Why do we protect dogs against some diseases that are rarely seen?

Ensuring as many dogs as possible are protected by vaccination helps prevent these diseases spreading and keeps the incidence low. However, if vaccination against these diseases were to stop there is a risk that the illnesses may re-emerge and outbreaks occur.



Have you a little spare time to help out at or fundraising events?

We need help in the following areas:

Bag packing in local supermarkets

Collecting tombola prizes

Manning stalls at local events



If you are able to help please call 01723 870456 or e-mail jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com

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You can help these dogs by becoming a member of the charity. For a donation of £6 we will send you a regular newsletter keeping you up to date with our fund-raising activities.

If you would like to become a member, renew your membership or just make a donation please complete the form below. The form together with your payment should be sent to:

The Membership Secretary

Cliff Top Re-homing Centre, Rocks Lane, Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 0HX

(Cheques should be made payable to Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre)

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