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Behavioural Consultations—In home training

Classes held in Balhannah—Mt Barker—Murray Bridge

Puppy Playgroup



The risk of disease is ever-present for pups before they are fully vaccinated, however, it is extremely important that puppies are well socialised and are exposed to many enjoyable experiences **before** they reach 16 weeks. Early socialisation increases the likelihood of a puppy being a friendly, confident, well-behaved adult dog that can cope better with the day-to-day stresses that they will encounter throughout their life. Attending a Puppy Pre-School at your chosen Vet clinic is a great way to socialise your puppy. Puppy Playgroup is an adjunct to the Puppy Pre-school offered by your Vet. Puppy Playgroup focuses on socialisation and is a drop in program. You can attend one session or several (depending

on your pup's age). The aim of Puppy Playgroup is to expose your puppy to a wide variety of experiences in a fun, controlled, positive manner. Numbers in each session are limited to ensure a safe environment and individual attention for you and your puppy. Consequently, you must phone or email Scholars in Collars to register your puppy for Playgroup. **Puppy Playgroup is held on Sunday mornings in Balhannah and will commence from 9 January 2011.**

Dogs are dogs

Dogs greet each other by sniffing each other's bottoms, they roll in dead things and they love eating possum poo! These things often disgust their owners but dogs are dogs and consequently will do doggy things! Instead of depriving them of their dogginess, what about looking at these behaviours from a dog's perspective? Imagine all those overwhelming smells and sounds that we can't hear at all! Understanding what their world is like helps us to be more compassionate to our dogs, especially when they're not paying attention to us!

Wishing you and your dogs a safe and happy festive season!



Top 10 Utility Dogs

1. Rottweiler
2. Boxer
3. Schnauzer (miniature)
4. Siberian Husky
5. Bullmastiff
6. Dobermann
7. Dogue de Bordeaux
8. Samoyed
9. Bernese Mountain Dog
10. St Bernard

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Cool tips for hot-dog days



As a general rule do not exercise your dog on hot days. Monitor their playtime as well as walks.

Some breeds can handle the heat better than others—short faced breeds can become over exerted quickly so it's best to keep them in a cool place during the heat of the day.

Morning and evening walks are a good idea when it's cooler.

Frozen treats are fun for dogs on hot days: put a chicken neck, some soft fruit or a few pieces of meat in a plastic container, add water then freeze. These are cool treats for your dog to enjoy on hot days. Prepare a few at a time so you've got them on hand.

Ceiling fans, cool tiles and of course air conditioning help keep our pets cool enough in hot temperatures. Think also about cool places for them outside in the garden. Have a permanent place for your dog to seek shade if he is spending time outdoors or in the back yard. Make sure your dog has access to plenty of clean drinking water.

If you are travelling with your dog, make sure you have the windows down. Dogs should never be left in a parked car when it's hot outside. Temperatures

can easily rise inside a car even when the windows are down. On hot days, it's probably more comfortable for your dog to stay at home, if it's possible to travel without your dog.

Some dogs are also prone to sunburn—especially those with very short coats or little or no hair.

Also watch dogs with pink noses: a little sunscreen for hot days is a good idea.



Left: Kiddie pools are a great way to stay cool for dogs that like water.

What's in a name?

**Are you planning to have two dogs?
What about these ideas for a pair?**

Hide and Seek

Gilligan and Skipper

Kit and Caboodle

Kermit and Miss Piggy

Ren and Stimpy

Zig and Zag

Squirt and Sprite

Tom and Jerry

Yin and Yang

Dagwood and Blondie



Doggie Christmas stockings



Christmas is a holiday for the whole family, including our pets. Hanging a pet stocking is a great tradition for many families. If you do not already have a Christmas stocking for your dog, you can purchase one in a pet specialty shop or if you like to knitting or sewing, you can make one yourself. You know your dog best—make sure your stocking

fillers are things that your dog likes. Most dogs love to chew on things. And some like to play fetch or tug of war. So you could include toys and food treats.

There is a recipe below if you'd like to have a go at making some home-made treats for your dog's special stocking.

What about giving your dog a large raw, meaty bone while you're busy with the long family lunch on Christmas Day? Cooked bones are not safe for dogs—always make sure bones are fed raw, even at Christmas! Keep the roasts and leg hams for the humans. **Always give your dog raw bones!**

Home-made dog treats

CHEESE TWISTS FOR DOGS

Makes 18 treats

- ◆ 2 cup wholemeal flour
- ◆ 1/4 cup cornmeal
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 3/4 cup water
- ◆ 1/2 cup Grated Parmesan cheese

1. Combine all ingredients except 1/4 cup parmesan cheese. Knead until thoroughly mixed.

2. Using a teaspoon, scoop out dough and roll into 2cm balls.

3. On a lightly-floured surface, roll the balls into pencil-shaped sticks.

4. Roll sticks in remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, then flatten them by hand or with a rolling pin. Twist each stick several times and place on an ungreased baking sheet.

4. Bake in a preheated 160C oven for 30 minutes.

5. Let cool on baking sheet.

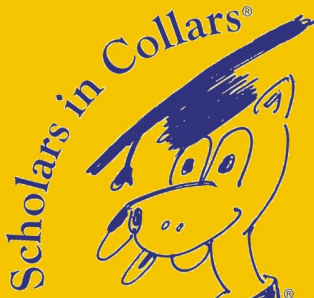
Store in a sealed container.

Christmas safety tips for dogs



- Place candles out of reach.
- Put a screen around the tree to keep curious noses and mouths away from decorations and gifts!
- Doggie Christmas costumes can be fun but should be free from choke hazards and should not restrict the dog's movement or vision. Take the costume off if your dog seems unhappy!
- Keep dogs away from onions, sweets, chocolate and cooked bones. Make sure bins and plates are out of reach to avoid any sneaky raids.
- Make sure your dog has a quiet place to go and rest away from all the activity if she wishes. Party noise and crowded rooms can be very stressful for dogs.

To stay safe this Christmas, make sure you know where your dog is and what the kids are doing. That way you can all enjoy the festivities together!



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What's happening?

We will be on holidays from Friday 24 December 2010 until Tuesday 4 January 2011.

2011 courses commence at:

Balhannah Sunday 9

January

Mt Barker Wednesday 12

January

Murray Bridge Monday 24 January



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Above: Izzi of Murray Bridge, Bacchus and Neo of Upper Sturt enjoying a walk at Balhannah.

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Above: Ned of Lobethal and Alice of Bridewater practising "stay".

Have a safe and happy festive season!

Our services

Alexis offers a range of training courses at indoor venues in Balhannah, Mt Barker and Murray Bridge. Class numbers are limited to 5-7 dogs to ensure individual attention.

She also conducts behavioural consults and provides in-home training throughout the Adelaide Hills, Murray Bridge and metropolitan Adelaide.

Did you know?



◆ When her husband, Napoleon, was in jail, Josephine Bonaparte sent **secret notes** to him, concealing the messages in her Pug Fortune's collar.

The Pug was very popular during the 1890's and is one of the most well loved toy breeds today.

◆ **Movie star Pugs** include Otis from *The Adventures of Milo and Otis* and Frank, the Puggy star of *Men in Black*.

◆ Fashion designer **Valentino owns 5 Pugs**: Molly, Margo, Monty, Milton & Maude.