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Do you think of yourself as a dog owner or a dog mom/dad/parent? In my day-to-day dealings, I can definitely see the difference and my Drake and Holly are absolutely part of the family and my precious fur kids. On the flip side – at the time of writing – we’ve had below-zero temperatures in our area and late at night I can still hear dogs barking in distress nearby. Do these dogs belong to dog owners or pet parents who would have their dogs inside to keep them safe and warm?

The terms “pet parent” and “pet owner” reflect different perspectives on the relationship between humans and their pets. A pet parent views their pet as a member of the family, embodying a deep emotional bond and sense of responsibility akin to that of a parent to a child. This perspective goes beyond providing basic needs such as food, water, and shelter. Pet parents invest time and energy into understanding their pet’s unique personality, emotional needs, and well-being, often going to great lengths to ensure their happiness and health. They might celebrate their pet’s birthdays, include them in family activities, and seek out the best veterinary care and nutrition options.

On the other hand, a pet owner typically views their pet from a more utilitarian perspective, focusing on ownership and the responsibilities that come with it. While they may care for their pet well, the relationship is more about fulfilling the obligations of pet care rather than fostering a deep, familial bond. The pet is seen more as an animal to be taken care of, rather than a family member. In this issue, we go a little further into what makes a pet parent and how more and more people are becoming pet parents. In my opinion – as it should be.

We’ve also looked at ways to improve your precious old dogs’ life in general. Senior dogs hold a special place in many hearts due to their wisdom, calm demeanour, and unwavering loyalty. These older companions often display the gentleness and patience that comes with age. They tend to form deep bonds with their humans, offering a comforting presence and a sense of stability. Senior dogs often require extra care and attention, which can strengthen the human-animal bond as owners provide the love and support their aging pets’ need. Adopting or caring for a senior dog is a profoundly rewarding experience, as these faithful friends offer unique companionship and unconditional love in their golden years. Shelters across our country are filled with special older dogs, just waiting for a family to love them in their golden years.

Enjoy the warmer weather which will soon reach our shores and until our Spring issue – give all your dogs a cuddle from me!

Sharon

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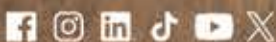
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UPFRONT

BUILDING A RAINBOW BRIDGE



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- Sponsor the Project – Wet Nose needs sponsors to help fund materials and supplies to bring this vision to life.
- Volunteer your Skills – if you're skilled in building, landscaping, or even painting, your expertise would be invaluable.
- Donate Materials – Contributions of wood, paint or decorations would be greatly appreciated.
- This initiative is a tribute to the unconditional love our pets give us. To get involved please email admin@wetnose.co.za or call 082 677 8084.

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As South Africa's leading pet insurance company, [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za) not only offers comprehensive affordable policies for pets and their owners; it also demonstrates a solid ongoing commitment to the well-being of animals.

From communities to vet clinics and animal welfare organisations, [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za)'s love of pets starts before they find their forever home. One such organisation that relies entirely on the generosity, good-

will, and financial support of the animal-loving public and corporates such as [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za) is the non-profit Animal Anti-Cruelty League (AACL), South Africa's second-largest independent animal welfare organisation.

On Friday, 14 June 2024, [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za) again contributed significantly to assisting the AACL when the company proudly handed over a donation of R150 000. "We value our long-standing relationship with the Animal

Anti Cruelty League, and we are delighted to see the benefits of this collaboration making a positive impact on the care and protection of the animals they look after," says Glen Anderson, Managing Executive, [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za).

This is just one of the ways in which [dotsure.co.za](https://www.dotsure.co.za)'s Soft Landing initiative exemplifies a proactive approach to animal welfare, ensuring that all animals, regardless of their circumstances, have access to

essential veterinary care and support. "At dotsure.co.za it's more than a policy, it's an opportunity to make a difference in the world," adds Glen Anderson. "We believe it is our responsibility to create a generous spirit by creating Soft Landings so we can do good, think good, and be good for the betterment of those around us. Lending our support to the Animal Anti Cruelty League to help animals, is what dotsure.co.za is all about."

Every positive action, every collaboration, and every effort to make the world a better place for animals, pets, animal welfare organisations and communities is what makes dotsure.co.za the pet insurance company that cares the most.



UNIQUE MUSEUM OF DOGS NOW OPEN



representing the memories. The museum will also feature a brief overview of the history of dogs in South Africa, a photography exhibition by well-known Johannesburg-based pet photographer, Emma O'Brien, ceramics by Cape Town-based Tania Bubb, stories on world leaders and their dogs, and short films about dogs from around the world.

A "memory book" will be available in the museum for people to write down their own dog stories. Suitable stories will then be included in the displays, which will change regularly. The museum will also include a small

The Museum of Dogs, the only museum of its kind in the world, opened its doors on 27 July 2024 in Cape Town. This unique museum, founded by Karel van der Vyver, will be housed in a 350-year-old historical building at 95 Keerom Street, Cape Town.

Karel says "growing up in a house-

hold where there were always dogs" inspired him to open this tribute to man's best friend. He wants it to be a happy space where dog lovers from all over the world will come together to enjoy themselves.

The main attraction will be stories by owners about their dogs in their own words, alongside objects

coffee shop and a gift shop.

Karel says the museum will add to the tourist offering in Cape Town, allowing overseas visitors to visit the only museum of its kind in the world. Opening hours are from Tuesday to Friday; 10:00 to 17:00. Entrance fees are R100 for adults and R50 for children under 16.

SHARING WARM-HEARTED PUPPY LOVE WITH SA GUIDE-DOGS ASSOCIATION

Winston



Maverick



Maverick and Winston are two adorable dotsure.co.za sponsored puppies currently in training under the SA Guide-Dogs Association. Based in Cape Town, cross Labrador/Golden Retriever, Maverick and black Labrador, Winston are set to become assistance dogs.

Before these puppies are ready to change lives they must undergo extensive training at the SA Guide-Dogs Association. Their journey begins from the age of eight weeks when they are fostered by caring Puppy Raisers who not only look after and socialise the puppies but also expose them to as wide a range of experiences, places, people, and animals as possible on a repeated basis.

At around eighteen months the puppies undergo training to become the “eyes” of a visually impaired person, or a trusted companion to a child with Autism. Some go on to become an assistant that is always by your side to people who are physically disabled. These special animals are

taught to guide their owners, to help navigate the world independently, and to enjoy the freedom of movement. Maverick and Winston will also become the beloved companions and guardians of the hearts and minds of their owners.

The core ethos at dotsure.co.za is to uplift people and communities thereby helping to create a better world for humans and their furry friends. As South Africa’s leading pet insurance company, the partnership between dotsure.co.za and the non-profit SA Guide-Dogs Association is a perfect fit. “The sponsorship of the training of some of the future assistance dogs and covering the costs of more than 50% of the organisation’s total monthly vet bills, means dotsure.co.za can help give people living with sight disabilities better quality of life,” says Glen Anderson, Managing Executive, dotsure.co.za. From puppies to becoming fully trained assisting adult canines, dotsure.co.za’s ongoing commitment to the SA Guide-Dogs

Association ensures the dogs are kept in optimal health throughout their lives and their owners don’t have to worry about medical or health costs.

“As a company, we believe it is our responsibility to create a generous spirit by creating Soft Landings so we can do good, think good, and be good for the betterment of those around us. Lending our support to make sure the life-changing process continues with the best veterinary care, is what dotsure.co.za is all about,” adds Glen Anderson.

Melanie Nel, SA Guide-Dog Association says “As a non-profit organisation that relies solely on the support of the public and partners to provide life-changing services to our disabled clients, Dotsure’s support is invaluable! We simply cannot do what we do without partners like Dotsure that support our mission of changing lives and ensuring that all our dogs are top dogs!”

JUST NUISANCE CELEBRATED



human in concept and intelligence”, writes Sisson, an ex-sailor who knew the dog personally. After doing his business, for example, Just Nuisance would thrust out a paw to demand a “handshake” from the nearest human.



Image courtesy of the collection of the Simonstown Museum

Just Nuisance, who died 80 years ago, was the first dog in the world to receive an official Royal Navy rank. Every April, humans, and canines flock to the naval suburb of Simon’s Town to celebrate his life with cake, walkies, and a pipe band.

Cathy Salter, the curator of the Simon’s Town Museum, is thrilled that the dog’s legacy of lifting human spirits lives on: “There was an awful war going on [World War II] and most of the sailors passing through Simon’s Town were very young,” she says. “For them, it was quite a big deal that this dog wanted to hang out with them.”

A pedigreed Great Dane born on April 1, 1937, Just Nuisance was bought by a man who worked in the naval port of Simon’s Town. “The dog took an instant liking to the sailors,” says Salter. “But only the low-ranking ones. He’d have nothing to do with officers,” whom he identified by their uniforms. While numerous sailors tried to adopt him, according to his biographer, Terrence Sisson, “Nuisance was his own master.”

At 67kg Just Nuisance was “massive,” even for a Great Dane, and “almost

He was given his name sometime in 1938 after being “enticed aboard” the HMS Neptune, writes Sisson. He got into the habit of “sunning himself, lying full length”, in one of the busiest parts of the ship. The “exasperated crew” had to pick their way

around this tangle of legs and tail, “and although they were all fond of the dog, their language directed at him was certainly not suitable for the ears of females and young children”. “Just Nuisance” was a sanitised version of these insults.

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Your Photos



ARA which means “I see” in Arabic is a gentle soul. She came to us after her owners emigrated. She misses nothing when it comes to snacks!

- **BERNADETTE MAGUIRE ROTHMAN**



VICTORIA is a nine-year-old Greyhound 9. She’s very delicate but a speedster of note. Her favourite spot is dozing on the couch.

- **BERNADETTE MAGUIRE ROTHMAN**

STORM was adopted as a puppy and appeared with Chloe in Canine Zone when he was still a pup. He loved his 11th Birthday party recently and he absolutely loves opening presents. We love our boy so very much.

- **KARIN HEYDENRYCH**



SABIA is the strongest girl I know. She’s been through so many health issues but overcame them every time. She is now ten years old.

- **CHIRESE DOS REIS MARQUES**



TORAH is three years old now. She loves playing football and solving puzzles. She also won the battle against Parvo. - **BONGANI MANDA**

BLADE is turning fourteen this year! He loves his walks and cuddling. He has been with me through thick and thin.

- **MONIQUE VOS**



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LUX is a five-month-old Boerboel. He's been with us for about three weeks now and he is a big ball of love, cuddles, and slobber. His best friend is our three-year-old toddler, and he loves holding blankets or teddies at night.
- **SHENÉ BARNARD**



KIMIKO enjoys driving to the beach where she loves digging for crabs. Here she is in her New Year's Eve party dress. - **LEEANN NAIDOO**



NINA is nine years old. She loves camping and enjoying her retirement with her human family.
- **ARLINDA ELS KLUE**



PATCHES is my ten-year-old Jack Russel who loves tanning under the winter sun.
- **TERSIA VERWEY**

SPROCKET arrived as a rescue with a heart murmur. Obviously, he stayed! He has just celebrated his first birthday.
- **JULIANNE PENN KRIEL**



FYNN is a true mama's boy with a heart of gold. He loves nothing more than surveying 'his' garden and playing with friends.
- **MELISSA BONNER**

Help!



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 behaviourists, Julie Bezuidenhout and
 Gordon Banks to answer



OUR DOGS CAN'T GO INTO THE BACK GARDEN



We have two Boxers and we recently moved into a new house. There are dogs next door and Lex and Lucy now constantly bark and jump up at the wall when we let them out. The little dogs next door then barks back, and it becomes quite a drama. We now dread letting our dogs out into our back garden. It's not the neighbour's fault and we've discussed it and would both like your advice, please. How do we stop this behaviour? – JENNIFER BENNET

GORDON SAYS - Relocating to a new property can be very stressful for dogs and the settling-in period can be equally as stressful for their owners. The new neighbour's dogs also have to come to terms with new changes in their immediate environment, so all in all, it can initially be a somewhat trying time for all concerned.

I would suggest asking your neighbour's if they would assist with doing a formal introduction

between the dogs. Take all the dogs to a neutral area, ideally a quiet park or open area. Start by allowing the "two groups" to walk on the lead side by side, but at a distance far enough from each other to avoid any reactivity from any of the dogs. Gradually decrease the distance between the dogs but do not stop walking. Reward any good behaviour with a nice, tasty treat. Continue this exercise until the dogs readily accept each other – this may take a few sessions. Once all is going

well without any negative reaction, you can repeat the whole scenario off-lead. If you are a bit wary, consider engaging the help of a qualified positive reinforcement dog trainer.

In addition, as this habit has now become a learned behaviour for Lex and Lucy, you could try counter-conditioning the behaviour with distractions. For example, scatter some really high-value treats (chopped-up Vienna's are good) outside the kitchen door. Taking one dog at a time on lead, open the door and encourage the dog to search for the treats. Continue this until the dog immediately looks for the treats when the door is opened, then repeat the exercise off-lead. By giving them something new to focus on (the treats) when the door is initially opened, you are breaking the habit of charging out and barking at the wall/neighbour's dogs. The treats can be replaced with their favourite toy and a cue like, "No barking" or "Play with your toy" etc. Remember to periodically reinforce the new behaviour with a tasty treat to keep them focused.

HOW DO WE SOCIALISE OUR PUPPY?



We will be getting a puppy soon and want to make sure that he or she can go with us anywhere and is well socialised etc. We will be enrolling for puppy classes but what else can we do to make sure that our new pup is a happy and calm dog? We would also possibly like to look at him or her being a therapy dog. We will be looking to adopt a puppy from a shelter to join our family as our previous, precious dog, Lenny, recently passed away at the age of 16.

– LEANNE DE BRUIN

GORDON SAYS - Firstly, thank you for considering adopting a puppy rather than purchasing one from another source. Our shelters are badly overcrowded, and any dog adopted is a blessing for the shelter.

When choosing a puppy, get as much background information as you can from the staff, why is the puppy in the shelter, where it comes from, etc. Also, tell the staff you are considering doing therapy dog work with the puppy once it has grown up, so an easily aroused, very high-energy pup may not be suitable.

Once home, enrolling the pup in socialising classes as you have indicated, is very important. This will help in teaching the pup to be calm and relaxed around

other dogs and people too. Exposing your puppy to different environments and situations will help build confidence, but always remember not to put him/her in any situation that may be fearful or cause the puppy any anxiety.

Obviously one of your first tasks in the home environment will be to house-train the “little one”. As a puppy, he/she will be used to doing her business if and when the need arises, so teaching a puppy to go outdoors is essential. Another

useful thing to do is to crate-train your puppy. This gives the puppy a safe place to go when feeling a little overwhelmed and can be effectively used as a time-out area for those moments when the family and puppy need a “break” from each other. A crate can also be successfully used as a sleeping area for a puppy at night. If in doubt about any puppy-related issues don’t be afraid to ask for advice from your socialising class trainer or any other experienced qualified trainer.

DOES THE ‘DOG TELEGRAPH’ EXIST?

We were wondering if the ‘Dog Telegraph’ actually exists. We have three dogs, and none are habitual ‘barkers’ but when the little dog across the road starts to bark, it sets our dogs off and they bark too. When the little dog stops – they stop too. Do you think that dogs can actually communicate with barking? How can we stop our dogs from getting set off by the other dog?

– DAVE SHELLARD

JULIE SAYS - Dogs certainly use physical and verbal gestures in communication between themselves and humans. If the neighbour’s dog barks, it would be relatively normal for your dogs to bark too, as this behaviour is influenced by the group. Normal and reasonable barking

could be sounding the alarm that something has been seen or heard, and because dogs are often influenced by other dogs, your dogs are also sounding the alarm. Once the stimulus for the alarm is removed, the dogs will stop barking.

Immediately after your dogs are set off by the other dog, quickly praise your dogs (for sounding the alarm, if that is the case), followed by a “No, that’s enough”. If the neighbour’s little dog is purely barking out of boredom and without a reason, go straight to “No, that’s enough”.

Keeping your dogs stimulated and exercised, should enable them to work out why the neighbour’s dog is barking, making it easier for you to allow them to understand the “No”



IS THERE A TRAINING AGE LIMIT?



I was wondering if there is an age limit on when you can take your dog for training. Our one dog Terry is a Border Collie and our other dog, Haley is a small cross-breed. They are both around five years old and now that I work from home, I have time to take Terry to formal training which I think he will enjoy. Is

he too old to start training and how do we find the best training school? We are based in Gardens in Cape Town.
– ANYSHA OLINA

JULIE SAYS - There is a saying that “it’s never too late to teach an old dog new tricks”. Not that your dogs are old, but they are adults and could be set in their ways. Dogs love to engage in a positive way with training and learning.

They would be required to be social and comfortable to engage positively in a group, to be accepted into a dog training class where there are other dogs present. If not, explain to the trainer that you would need a little one-on-one to start. I suggest you speak to your local vet and ask them about the best training school, where positive reinforcement is used.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

By Carli Johanson



In recent years, the concept of “pet ownership” has undergone a remarkable transformation. The term “pet owner” is increasingly being replaced by “pet parent,” reflecting a profound shift in the way people perceive and care for their animals. This evolution mirrors broader societal changes and highlights the growing importance of pets in our lives.

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Traditionally, pets were often viewed as animals that served specific purposes, such as guarding property, catching vermin, or even providing entertainment. However, over the last few decades, pets have increasingly become integral members of the family. This change is largely driven by urbanization, where people have less access to extended family networks and traditional forms of community.

Pets fill these emotional voids, offering companionship, emotional support, and unconditional love.

EMOTIONAL BONDS

The emotional bond between humans and their pets has deepened significantly. Pets are no longer just animals; they are family members. Pet parents celebrate their pets’ birthdays, invest in premium pet foods, and even include them in family vacations. This emotional connection is so strong that many people refer to their pets as their “fur babies,” indicating the level of care and affection they feel.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

The rise of pet parents has also had a significant economic impact. The pet industry is booming, with spending on pets reaching record highs. This includes expenditures on food, toys, grooming,

The Rise of the Pet Parent

healthcare, pet insurance, and even daycare. Companies have responded to this demand by offering a wide range of high-quality products and services, from a variety of pet food and treats to luxury pet hotels.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The wellness trend has not spared our pets. Just as humans are becoming more health-conscious, so too are pet parents. There is a growing awareness of the importance of proper nutrition, regular exercise, and preventive healthcare for pets. Veterinary care has advanced significantly, with options like dental care, acupuncture, and even pet therapy becoming more common. Pet parents are willing to invest in their pets' health and well-being, ensuring they live long, happy lives.

SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCE

Social media has played a pivotal role in the rise of the pet parent phenomenon. Platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and TikTok are filled with pet influencers who have millions of followers. These pets, often dressed in adorable outfits or performing tricks, have become celebrities in their own right. This visibility has further cemented the idea of pets as cherished family members and has inspired countless people to adopt and care for pets in more meaningful ways. Most pet companies in South Africa now have an extensive social media presence, for example, Complete Pet Food which posts a few times a day on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and X and has a unique YouTube channel where they upload interesting videos weekly.

CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

With the rise of pet parenthood comes increased responsibility. Pet parents must be aware of the commitment involved in caring for an animal. This includes not only the financial aspect but also the time and effort required to ensure their pets are happy and healthy. Pet parents need to be educated about proper pet care, including training,

socialization, and regular veterinary visits.

THE FUTURE OF PET PARENTHOOD

The future of pet parenthood looks promising. As society continues to evolve, the role of pets in our lives is likely to become even more significant. Advances in technology may offer new ways to care for and communicate with our pets, further strengthening the bond we share. Additionally, as awareness of animal welfare grows, we can expect to see more initiatives aimed at improving the lives of pets worldwide.

The rise of the pet parent is a reflection of the changing dynamics of human-animal relationships. Pets are no longer just companions; they are beloved family members who play a vital role in our emotional and social well-being. As this trend continues, the bond between humans and their pets will only grow stronger, enriching the lives of both pets and their parents. 🐾



Are some dog breeds more intelligent?

By Gordon Banks and James Montegue



Are some dog breeds more intelligent than others? This is a good and very interesting question. The answer, however, is far more complex and relies heavily on how we define animal intelligence. Evaluating a dog's intelligence can be very complex and can be measured in numerous ways resulting in a wide variety of "conclusions", even within dogs of the same breed.

HOW DO WE DEFINE INTELLIGENCE?

Over thousands of years, man has bred dogs to perform various functions that could benefit and assist him in conducting numerous daily tasks such as hunting, herding, and livestock guarding. Border Collies, which are bred to herd sheep, surpass most other breeds when executing this task. That does not necessarily mean a border Collie is more intelligent than let's say a Jack Russel who is not particularly

good at sheep herding. The Jack Russel has a different talent, he was bred to hunt and will outshine certain other breeds in this field of "intelligence" So, discussing or debating intelligence within different dog breeds can be quite confusing, especially if we do not have a clear understanding of how we define intelligence. It is particularly important to understand and remember that each breed of dog has their own unique talents (intelligence) which have been adapted to suit the tasks they were bred to accomplish.

WHAT RESEARCH SAYS...

Research done over many years has produced some rather fascinating results. Through the domestication process dogs have become very adept at reading human emotions. They are far better at reading human body language, especially emotions displayed by facial expressions than humans are

Did you know that all dogs are quite capable of learning?



WHAT WERE THE RESULTS?

Having said all this, the answer to whether some breeds of dogs are more intelligent than others is **yes**. Results of research and tests by Dr Stanley Coren PH.D. from the University of British Columbia in 1990 and again in 2006 clearly showed that certain breeds do display a higher level of intelligence than others. He tested 120 dogs using Instinct, Adaptive Problem Solving and School Learning as the base of his tests.

The results showed that the top six breeds were -

Border Collies – They learn faster and understand more commands and words than other breeds. They also show a high capacity for problem-solving.

Poodle – They have a greater capacity for remembering and executing instructions.

German Shepherds – They are sturdily built dogs that learn and follow instructions quickly and have the capability of assessing a situation before acting.

Golden retrievers – They are very affectionate dogs and learn commands quickly. They also display strict discipline when executing commands.

Doberman Pinscher - They are very alert and easy to train. They have a high protective instinct making them the ideal breed for security work.

Shetland Sheepdog – These dogs are excellent working dogs and display a high capacity to execute complex herding commands.

Although certain breeds exhibit a higher level of intelligence, all dogs are quite capable of learning and understanding the majority of commands needed to live and coexist happily with and around human families. Even though your “best friend” may not be able to herd a flock of sheep into a pen, he is still very capable of reading your feelings and knowing when you need to be comforted – now that is intelligence! 🐾



at reading a dog’s emotions and emotional needs. Dogs are the only non-primate animals capable of doing this and it may be the result of the domestication process and their ability to live compatibly and harmoniously with humans.

Although all dogs possess a certain degree of intelligence in varying categories, studies have shown that large-breed dogs seem to have a greater capacity to perform better in “intelligence” tests. Their ability to remember and store information appears to be more extensive. This is not an indicator that small-breed dogs are less capable, they have different talents and skills that are used in other ways. Most small breed dogs have far better hearing for example, and this makes them far more alert, especially to unusual or disturbing sounds, etc. This makes them excellent “watchdogs”.

Clarke – Our Super Dog

By Louise Brolly



While my adopted Adora-Bull Terrier Rescue dog, Clarke, sleeps snugly in our bed, under all the covers (varying from warm and basic to overtly fluffy and snuggly) he lets out a contented sigh, I can't help but wonder if he ever thought this life was waiting for him?

A life where you get all the treats your heart desires, have your own little human to play dress up and teddy chasing games with, food is always available and there is nothing but love for you, the little Bull Terrier who came from the streets.

Approximately three years ago, Adora-Bull was contacted about a little bundle of bones of a dog who was found crumpled into a little ball, in the street of some Pretoria suburb. He was skin and bone and it seemed like he was just about ready to give up the fight to live. The Adora-Bull team jumped into action and got the male Bull Terrier to the nearest vet for emergency care. He was very underweight and had terrible wounds on his upper legs and a huge abscess in one of the wounds.

Through his ordeal he remained stoic, never rejecting any help or care.

THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

Slowly but surely, Clarke made enough of a recovery to join the kennel community at Adora-Bull and though he would limp a little on the compromised back leg, had no hair on his back and only a few remaining teeth, he endeared himself to all at kennels. He was happy to go for a little trot through the field in the mornings and happier to see his soft food (special diets are catered to at Adora-Bull and because he had lost teeth before joining us, we had to ensure his food was easy to chew and delicious) and one day he

found his greatest joy – a dark blue teddy bear that became his constant companion and friend.

Teddy would be carried with great care on every walk, chucked about in the kennel run for a game in the afternoons, and then cuddle with Clarke at night, while the kennels settled for the evening and all the activity of the day calmed down.

After losing our beloved Impi, we as a family decided that a house was not a home without a little pair of paws tip-tapping along the wooden floors and out into the garden. Erin, my six-year-old daughter, was adamant about adopting from kennels as soon as possible and on one beautiful Gauteng morning, while I was doing fundraising duties at kennels, she and her dad, along with Dania from Adora-Bull, set off to meet Clarke.

STEALING THE SHOW

Clarke absolutely stole the show, sharing his teddy with Erin and just being a brilliant little Bull Terrier.

A dog who will never know loneliness, hunger, or fear again

He was friendly, funny, and loving from the onset and of course, he and Erin were instantly inseparable. The decision was made. Clarke would become a Brolly soon - along with Teddy!

On the 24th of November 2023, Clarke was brought to our home by Dania, and her son, Jack and I were mesmerised by this lively, lovely boy who had walked out of an awful past, into kennels, and into our lives.

Every afternoon he lay on the ottoman by the window, waiting for Erin to return from school and to play with him in the garden. He barks his support while she learning to ride her "big girl bike" and then settles in the late afternoon, back on the (no longer) cream-coloured ottoman to wait for Graeme and I to return from work.

Coming home is always a happy occasion - he makes us laugh instantly on arrival, is permanently happy to see us, whether we have been out for ten minutes or two hours, and is always keen on a little treat that may have come home in my handbag (of course, there always is).

A HAPPY HOME

The secret to successful adoption is to be honest with yourself about what you are looking for in a dog. Age, energy levels, their track record with children, etc. are all matters that should be taken into account when looking at dogs to adopt. Also, we were so lucky to be guided by Dania, who is not only the founding member of Adora-Bull but works with the kennel dogs daily in her position as a qualified behavioural consultant. She suggested Clarke as a first option as soon as I mentioned we would be looking at adopting.

Lastly, start how you mean to continue! Bringing a fully grown dog into your home may seem daunting, but getting them into a routine, setting gentle boundaries, (and sticking to those) will allow your dog the opportunity to settle quicker, as they know what to expect and what is coming next.

As I rub Clarke's little head, knowing that the terrible scars on his legs and missing teeth are not the hallmarks of a happy past, I know he will never need anything again. He will never know loneliness or hunger and fear and pain will never be part of his life again.

He has completed our little family once again, and we couldn't have asked for a more wonderful super dog than our Clarke Brolly!

If you are not able to physically adopt a Bull Terrier from Adora-Bull, there are lovely sponsorship and virtual adoption programs where you can make a difference in the life of a kennel dog. Please email Lyndall at adoraBullrr@gmail.com for more information. 🐾



The THERAPIST will see you now



A dog behaviourist is a specialist in understanding and addressing canine behaviour. Unlike dog trainers, who focus primarily on teaching commands and obedience, dog behaviourists delve into the psychological and emotional aspects of a dog's actions. They play a crucial role in diagnosing and treating behavioural issues and enhancing the quality of life for both dogs and their owners.

UNDERSTANDING CANINE BEHAVIOUR

A dog behaviourist possesses a deep understanding of canine behaviour, including how dogs communicate, learn, and perceive their environment. They study the natural behaviours of dogs and how these behaviours manifest in a domestic setting. This

knowledge enables them to identify the root causes of various behavioural issues.

One of the primary responsibilities of a dog behaviourist is to assess behavioural problems in dogs. These problems can range from aggression, anxiety and phobias, to destructive chewing, excessive barking, and inappropriate elimination. Through careful observation and analysis, a behaviourist identifies the triggers and underlying causes of these issues.

DEVELOPING BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION PLANS

Once the root cause of a behaviour problem is identified, a dog behaviourist develops a tailored



The lowdown on dog behaviourists

behaviour modification plan. This plan is designed to address the specific needs of the dog and aims to change undesirable behaviours by reinforcing positive actions. Techniques used may include desensitization, counter-conditioning, and positive reinforcement.

WORKING WITH DOG OWNERS

A crucial part of a dog behaviourist's job is educating and working with dog owners. Owners play a significant role in the success of behaviour modification plans, so behaviourists spend time teaching them how to implement these plans effectively. They guide handling techniques, environmental modifications, and consistent reinforcement of desired behaviours.

While dog behaviourists are not primarily trainers, training is often a component of their work. They might teach basic commands and obedience to improve communication between the dog and the owner. In cases of severe behavioural issues, such as aggression or extreme fear, behaviourists may engage in rehabilitation efforts to help the dog overcome these challenges and lead a more balanced life.

ADDRESSING SPECIFIC BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

Dog behaviourists deal with a wide range of specific issues, including:

- **Aggression:** Identifying whether the aggression is fear-based, territorial, or due to dominance, and developing strategies to manage and reduce it.
- **Separation Anxiety:** Creating plans to help dogs cope with being left alone, reducing stress and destructive behaviours.
- **Fear and Phobias:** Using desensitization and counter-conditioning to help dogs become less reactive to specific triggers.
- **Compulsive Behaviours:** Addressing repetitive actions like excessive licking or tail chasing through environmental enrichment and behaviour modification.

COLLABORATION WITH VETERINARIANS

Dog behaviourists often work closely with veterinarians, especially when medical issues may be contributing to behavioural problems. Conditions like thyroid imbalances, pain, or neurological disorders can affect a dog's behaviour. A behaviourist might recommend a veterinary check-up to rule out or address any underlying health issues.

ONGOING SUPPORT AND FOLLOW-UP

Behaviour modification is an ongoing process, and dog behaviourists provide continuous support and follow-up to ensure progress. They may adjust plans as needed and offer additional training or consultations to address any new issues that arise.

In essence, a dog behaviourist is dedicated to understanding and improving the behaviour and well-being of dogs. Through a combination of expertise in canine psychology, personalized behaviour modification plans, and collaboration with dog owners and veterinarians, they help create harmonious relationships between dogs and their families. Their work is essential in ensuring that dogs lead happy, balanced lives and that their owners can enjoy a positive and fulfilling companionship with their pets. 🐾



A dog named BO

By Anne Taylor



moments that a friend suggested I consider adopting a dog. "It might give you something positive to focus on," my friend had said.

TAKING THE FIRST STEP

With hesitant steps, I found myself at the local SPCA. The shelter was bustling with activity, and dogs of all shapes and sizes barked eagerly as I walked through the kennels. I paused at each enclosure, reading the stories of the dogs looking for homes. Many had faced hardships of their own, but one dog caught my eye - a timid, scruffy-looking terrier mix named Bo.

Bo had been found abandoned on the streets, malnourished and wary of human contact. His eyes held a mixture of fear and longing as he cautiously approached

my outstretched hand. Something stirred within me - a sense of kinship with this small, frightened creature. Despite my own uncertainties, I decided to take a chance on Bo.

TAKING A CHANCE ON BO

Bringing Bo home was a turning point. At first, he cowered at sudden movements and loud noises, but I was patient. I created a safe space for him, filled with soft blankets and his favourite treats. Gradually, Bo began to trust me. His tail wagged tentatively at first, then with more confidence as he realized he was finally safe.

I sat on the edge of my bed, staring blankly at the divorce papers lying on the table in front of me. The room felt suffocating, filled with memories of a marriage that had slowly unraveled over the years. Anxiety gripped my chest like a vice, and waves of sadness crashed over me, leaving me feeling lost and alone.

Days turned into weeks, and I found myself navigating through a fog of emotions. Simple tasks seemed insurmountable, and the future looked bleak and uncertain. It was during one of my lowest



Together, we were ready to face whatever came next

As I cared for Bo, I found myself stepping outside of my own darkness. I established a routine - morning walks in the park, and quiet evenings curled up on the couch with Bo nestled beside me. Bo's presence provided a comforting constancy in my life, a reminder that healing was possible.

A DEEPENING BOND

Our bond deepened with each passing day. Bo's playful antics brought laughter back into my home. His unwavering affection became a source of strength, a reminder that I was capable of giving and receiving love despite my past pain. Bo didn't judge me for my tears or moments of doubt; he simply stayed by my side, a loyal companion through it all.

Slowly but surely, I began to rediscover myself. The fog of depression lifted, and anxiety loosened its grip on my heart. I started to reconnect with friends,

taking tentative steps back into social circles I had withdrawn from. Bo was my constant companion through these milestones, his presence a reassuring presence as I rebuilt my confidence.

FACING THE FUTURE

One sunny afternoon, as I sat in the garden watching Bo chase white butterflies with unbridled joy, I realized something had changed within me. I looked down at the dog who had come into my life during my darkest hour and felt an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Bo had not only found a home but had helped me find myself again.

With Bo by my side, I faced the future with renewed hope. The scars of my past were still there but they no longer defined me. I had learned that healing wasn't a linear process - it was messy and unpredictable, much like life itself. And as I looked into Bo's trusting eyes, I knew that together, we were ready to face whatever came next. 🐾

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Furry Friend Finances

By Judy Bryant (Senior Consultant)



Bringing a pet into your home is exciting, but it's a significant commitment. You need to plan and budget carefully to ensure the well-being of your newest family member and your peace of mind.

A pet can offer companionship and emotional support. However, careful planning is crucial if you want to enjoy a happy relationship with your furry friend.

JustMoney.co.za, a platform that helps South Africans make good money choices, advises you to start by researching the costs associated with pet care. These include vaccinations, spaying or neutering, and ongoing expenses such as food, grooming, and veterinary visits.

"It's essential to have a clear understanding of these costs before bringing a pet home. Keeping your 'fur-ever' friend healthy and entertained costs a lot more than you may expect," says Sarah Nicholson, operations manager of JustMoney.co.za.

BUYER BEWARE

If your heart is set on an unusual breed with distinctive characteristics and traits, be prepared for a hefty price tag. For example, a pedigree lilac French bulldog, which has a silvery-blue coat, can cost up to R85,000 to R95,000. This includes microchipping, health and vet certificates, registration papers and other documents.

Be wary when browsing breeder websites and social media pages, advises Nicholson.

The Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) warns that scammers resort to deceptive tactics, such as using fake logos of reputable organizations that register pedigreed cats and dogs, to mislead buyers into believing they're dealing with legitimate, ethical breeders.

Should you contact these fake "breeders", they'll often claim to have a "last-minute cancellation" that matches the breed, colour, and sex of your required pet.

Budgeting tips for pet parents

The “breeder” will usually say they live in a remote location, so you can’t view the animal in person. However, if you’re prepared to pay all costs upfront, such as the final vaccination, travel crate, transport to the airport, and flight, you will “jump the queue”.

After paying an eye-watering sum, you’ll be told that transport has been booked, and receive a reminder to collect your new fur baby at the freight section of the airport.

Soon after, you may receive a message that the airline refuses to load the animal as “the crate is too small”. However, the “breeder” will source a larger crate if you make an immediate funds transfer.

Having paid the money, you’re unlikely to hear from the scammer again, according to KUSA. Follow-ups will be fruitless – all you’ll encounter will be disconnected phone numbers and invalid email addresses.

BUYER BEWARE

To ensure you are dealing with a legitimate breeder, JustMoney offers the following tips:

- Check registration: Ensure the breeder is registered with KUSA or clubs for specific breeds.
- Visit the premises: Inspect the facilities, which should be clean and well-maintained.
- Check references and reviews: Ask for references and check online reviews.
- Meet the breeding pair: Meeting the animal’s parents can indicate the animal’s temperament and health.
- Regard red flags: Be cautious if the breeder avoids visits, lacks health documentation, offers multiple breeds, or demands a quick decision.

ADOPTION

Adopting a dog or puppy offers several advantages. In addition to saving a life and supporting animal welfare efforts, the pet will usually be much more affordable than what you’d find at a breeder or pet store.

Rescue dogs or puppies are vaccinated, and spayed or neutered by the organization in question. This offers considerable savings. It can cost R2,360 to R3,450 to spay a female dog, depending on its weight. Neutering a male dog can cost R1,800 to R2,250.

When adopting, deal only with a reputable animal organization that has a thorough, transparent adoption process. This may involve filling in detailed application forms and undergoing interviews and home checks.

TEARS Animal Rescue in Cape Town, for example, is a registered animal welfare organization that’s been operating for 25 years. Its’ cat or dog adoption fee of R950 covers numerous costs, such as a behavioural assessment, flea and tick control, sterilization, an identification tag, deworming, vaccinations, and microchipping.

PET PURCHASES

Setting up a home for a kitten or puppy requires investing time and money to ensure its health and comfort. A puppy may need housetraining aids, such as an artificial grass training pad (R190 to R800) or a fabric, metal, or plastic crate (R370 to R1,850). The puppy will associate the crate with a den and avoid soiling it, which helps it to develop bladder and bowel control.

Food and water bowls cost around R100 each. A standard, branded dog collar costs R132, and harness prices range from R250 to R800. The cost of high-quality puppy food varies according to brand, pet size, and dietary needs.

Interactive and chew toys and scratching posts prevent boredom and destructive behaviour. A chew toy for a dog costs R160 to R300. Brushes start at R150, shampoo costs R132, and nail clippers range from R200 to R400. Professional grooming services for a large, long-haired dog cost around R245 for a basic wash, dry, and nail clip and up to R310 when including a summer or winter shave.

VET VISITS

Veterinary care is expensive, and crucial – not only when your pet is ill, but also to prevent diseases from developing. A standard consultation costs R610. A check-up and vaccination for a dog of any age is R660. A dog deworming tablet costs R22 to R66, depending on the dog's weight.

Pet insurance helps mitigate the potentially high costs of veterinary care, ensuring that pets receive prompt treatment while limiting the financial strain on owners. You'll pay the bill in full, and either you or the vet will submit the claim. You'll usually receive a refund of 60% to 80%, depending on your policy.

"Shop around to ensure the coverage meets your pet's needs and your budget," advises Nicholson.

"Compare policies from reputable insurers. Focus on coverage details such as deductible amounts, reimbursement percentages, and annual or lifetime coverage limits. Assess whether the policy covers accidents, illnesses, and hereditary and chronic conditions."

Budgeting for doggy daycare while you're at work, or accommodation while you're on holiday, involves careful financial planning to ensure your pet receives good care without straining your budget. Research different facilities, compare prices, and read reviews to ensure you find the best value for your pet's needs.

BUDGETING TIPS

Nicholson urges pet parents on tight budgets to focus on priorities and be creative. She offers the following tips:

- Opt for DIY grooming: Learn basic grooming techniques such as fur clipping and nail trimming.
- Benefit from bulk buying: Purchase pet food and supplies in bulk when there are sales or discounts.
- Choose local: Locally manufactured dog and puppy food is usually cheaper and there are

many very high-quality brands like Montego, Complete, and Jock.

- Make homemade treats: Find pet-safe recipes online that use ingredients such as peanut butter, oats, and chicken broth.
- Focus on regular exercise: Keep your pet active with daily walks and play sessions to maintain their health without costly equipment or memberships.
- Create DIY toys: Make toys from household items such as cardboard boxes or old socks.
- Use community resources: Research low-cost animal clinics and non-profit organizations that offer dipping, deworming, vaccinations, and spaying or neutering services.

PET PROGRAMME PERKS

Nicholson recommends making use of loyalty programs. Absolute Pets, for example, offers a Pet Parent rewards program, where you earn points for every purchase. You can use the points to cover the cost of food, treatments, toys, and accessories at an Absolute Pets store or spa, or in their online store. Complete Pet's loyalty program gives you your twelfth bag of food free.

You can also make a "pawsitive" impact by directing loyalty points to an animal welfare organization. For example, you can register with Woolworths' MySchool program, and add one of the many worthy organizations as a beneficiary.

Alternatively, you can donate your Pick n Pay Smart Shopper points to the NSPCA, or convert eBucks to cash to donate. Investec clients may also convert reward points into an NSPCA donation. If cash is tight, you can use your rewards points to offset the cost of your pet-related grocery bills.

"If you invest time in careful planning and budgeting before welcoming a pet into your home, you'll experience less stress and you can focus on building a strong, loving bond with your new family member," concludes Nicholson. 🐾



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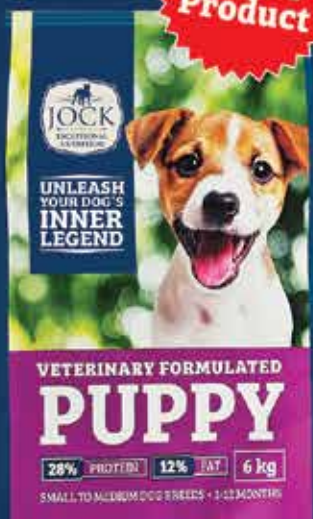
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A home for Hazel & Bailey

By Elanza Kloppers (Dogtown SA)



The only thing better than an adoption is a DOUBLE ADOPTION

try. We had to at least try to keep these sisters together. Days turned into weeks, weeks turned into years, and we started discussing splitting the girls, to give them a better chance of being adopted.

Then, the universe sent an incredible family our way and you guessed it, they were looking for a bonded pair! We could not show them, Hazel and Bailey, fast enough in the hopes of a connection. And there it was, that instant SPARK!

PURE JOY

No words can explain the feeling of pure joy when the paperwork started coming in and we moved through the adoption process like a knife through butter. Then it was official, Hazel and Bailey were going home!

Fast forward a few weeks and it is as if these girls have always been in their home. They adore their new human siblings, and the human siblings adore them.

Their mom says “They bring such joy into our house”

Miracles do happen, it certainly happened for Hazel and Bailey. Please get in touch with us if you would like to help us make miracles happen by adopting one of our amazing dogs. Email adopt@dogtownsa.org 🐾



Hazel & Bailey have walked a long road to get to where they are. The sad reality is that people out there are struggling. Every day we hear the desperate stories of families forced to give up their pets. This was the case with Hazel and Bailey. These sisters have been together their entire lives and when they joined the Dogtown family it was clear that they were very, very bonded.

Although it is beautiful to see such a strong bond between two dogs, we knew that not only do we have to face the struggle of finding homes for adult dogs, but we would need to find a family who would be willing to adopt both of them. From experience, we know this is basically an impossible ask.

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12 Ways to Improve Your Senior Dog's Life



As our furry friends age, they deserve extra care and attention to ensure their golden years are happy, healthy, and comfortable. Senior dogs, like senior humans, may face various health and mobility challenges, but with the right care and lifestyle adjustments, their quality of life can be significantly enhanced. Here are 12 ways to improve your senior dog's life.

1. Regular Veterinary Check-ups - Frequent vet visits are crucial for senior dogs. Regular check-ups can help detect and manage health issues early, such as arthritis, dental disease, or organ problems. Your vet can recommend the best care regimen tailored to your dog's specific needs.

2. Proper Nutrition - A balanced diet is essential for maintaining your senior dog's health. Senior dogs

often benefit from foods specifically formulated for their age group, which typically have fewer calories, lower fat content, and added nutrients like glucosamine and chondroitin for joint health. Consult your vet to choose the right food for your dog.

3. Weight Management - Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial for senior dogs, as obesity can exacerbate conditions like arthritis and diabetes. Regular exercise and a controlled diet can help keep your dog at an optimal weight.

4. Joint Care - Arthritis and joint pain are common in senior dogs. Supplements like glucosamine and chondroitin, as well as prescription medications from your vet, can help alleviate pain and improve mobility. Additionally, providing a comfortable, orthopaedic bed can support their joints while resting.

Senior dogs often cherish companionship more than ever

5. Regular Exercise - While your senior dog may not have the energy levels of their younger days, regular, moderate exercise is still important. Short, gentle walks, swimming, or low-impact games can help keep them fit and mentally stimulated without straining their joints.

6. Mental Stimulation - Keeping your senior dog's mind active is as important as physical exercise. Engage them with puzzle toys, training sessions, and new experiences to prevent cognitive decline. Mental stimulation can help keep them sharp and engaged.

7. Dental Care - Dental health is often overlooked but is crucial for senior dogs. Regular teeth brushing, dental chews, and professional cleanings can prevent dental disease, which can lead to more serious health issues if left untreated.

8. Comfortable Living Environment - Ensure your senior dog has a comfortable living environment. Provide soft bedding, keep their living space warm, and minimize the need for them to navigate stairs or slippery floors. Ramps and non-slip mats can make their home more accessible and safe. Always let your senior dog sleep inside, especially during the cold winter months.

9. Hydration - Senior dogs are more prone to dehydration, so ensure they have access to fresh water at all times. Adding wet food to their diet can also help increase their water intake.

10. Grooming - Regular grooming is essential for maintaining your senior dog's skin and coat

health. Older dogs may struggle with grooming themselves, so regular brushing, nail trimming, and baths can help keep them comfortable and clean.

11. Monitor Their Health - Keep an eye on any changes in your senior dog's behaviour, appetite, or physical condition. Early detection of issues such as lumps, changes in mobility, or unusual lethargy can lead to more effective treatments.

12. Quality Time and Love - Lastly, spending quality time with your senior dog is invaluable. Your presence, affection, and attention provide them with comfort and happiness. Senior dogs often cherish companionship more than ever, so make sure to give them plenty of love and care. 🐾





Why some dogs want to eat everything and how to stop it

Balancing a busy lifestyle with the joys of pet ownership can be incredibly fulfilling, but it can also present unique challenges, especially when your beloved dog seems to have an insatiable appetite for non-food items. From your favourite shoes to potentially dangerous objects, understanding why dogs exhibit this behaviour is crucial. In this article, we explore the reasons behind this habit, the risks involved, and effective strategies to help your furry friend.

The Risks of Ingesting Non-Food Items

When dogs eat non-food items, they risk serious health issues. Choking is a significant danger, especially if they swallow objects that can block their throat. Immediate veterinary help is essential if your dog is choking. Ingesting inappropriate items can also lead to intestinal blockages, often requiring surgery to remove. Sharp objects can cause cuts and perforations in the digestive tract, leading to infections. Certain foods and substances, like chocolate, grapes, and xylitol, are highly toxic to dogs and can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, seizures, or even death. If toxicity is suspected, contact your vet immediately.

Curiosity

Dogs, especially puppies, are naturally curious and explore their environment with their snouts. This behaviour can sometimes lead to swallowing harmful objects. Younger dogs are more likely to explore and taste everything, and certain breeds, like retrievers and terriers, are inherently more curious. Playful and energetic dogs find pleasure in discovering new things, and stimulating surroundings increase their curiosity.

UNLEASH YOUR DOG'S INNER LEGEND



Teething

Puppies chew on objects to soothe their gums during teething, which occurs between 3 to 6 months of age. Providing chew toys helps manage this behaviour and prevents them from gnawing on inappropriate items. To prevent dogs from swallowing harmful objects, supervise young dogs and keep small, sharp items out of reach and teach the “drop it” command from the beginning. Offer safe, durable toys and rotate them to maintain interest. Use taste deterrents like Bitter Apple spray on household items to discourage inappropriate chewing.

Scavenging Instincts

Dogs have a natural scavenging instinct and often eat items from their surroundings to meet nutritional needs. This behaviour can expose them to dangerous substances. Dogs may scavenge due to hunger, nutritional deficiencies, boredom, anxiety, stress, learned behaviours, or instinctive drives.

To manage scavenging behaviour, use a humane muzzle during walks to prevent dogs from eating harmful items. Train dogs to respond to the “leave it” command and reward them with high-value treats. Choose less tempting walking routes and engage in scent games to keep dogs mentally stimulated. Ensuring a balanced diet is crucial in addressing nutritional deficiencies that might drive scavenging behaviour.

Pica: A Compulsive Eating Disorder

Pica is a condition where dogs compulsively eat non-food items such as metal, plastic, or rocks. This can stem from psychological issues, nutritional deficiencies, or underlying health problems. Pica is often considered an obsessive-compulsive disorder but can also result from nutritional deficiencies. Diagnosing Pica involves a physical exam, behavioural assessment, and potentially X-rays, urine tests, and blood work.

Treatment options include nutritional supplements to correct deficiencies, probiotics or digestive enzymes for gastrointestinal health, behavioural modification to encourage alternative behaviours, and environmental enrichment for physical and mental stimulation. Management strategies like using crates or muzzles to prevent access to non-food items are also helpful.

Final Thoughts

Dealing with a dog that eats everything can be challenging, but understanding the underlying reasons can help manage and reduce this behaviour. Whether it's due to curiosity, teething, scavenging instincts, or a condition like Pica, there are ways to help your dog overcome this habit. With patience, proper training, and appropriate preventive measures, you can ensure your dog's safety and well-being, allowing them to enjoy a good quality of life.

By taking these steps, you not only protect your beloved pet from potential harm but also foster a healthier and more fulfilling relationship with them. Remember, your dog isn't trying to disobey you; they are navigating their world the best way they know how. With guidance, love and understanding, you can help them make the right choices.

HAPPY TRAVELS



Car sickness in dogs is a common problem that can make travel stressful for both pets and their owners. Similar to motion sickness in humans, car sickness in dogs often results from the brain receiving conflicting signals from the eyes and the inner ear. Symptoms can include drooling, whining, vomiting, and uneasiness. Fortunately, there are several strategies and treatments that can help alleviate car sickness in dogs, making road trips more enjoyable for everyone.

UNDERSTANDING THE CAUSES

Before addressing car sickness in dogs, it's essential to understand the root causes. Puppies and young dogs are more prone to car sickness because their inner ear structures, which control balance, are not fully developed. However, some dogs may continue to

experience motion sickness into adulthood. Anxiety and fear can also contribute to car sickness. Negative associations with car rides, such as trips to the vet, can make the problem worse.

PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

Proper preparation can help reduce the likelihood of car sickness in dogs. Start by acclimating your dog to the car gradually. Allow them to explore the car while it is stationary, giving them treats and praise to create a positive association. Once your dog is comfortable, take short trips around the block, gradually increasing the duration as they become more accustomed to the motion.

TRAVEL COMFORTABLY

Ensuring your dog is comfortable during the trip is

How to Cope with Car Sickness in Dogs

crucial. Use a well-ventilated crate or a dog seat belt to keep them secure. This not only helps with safety but also prevents them from moving around too much, which can exacerbate motion sickness. Some dogs feel more secure in a crate because it limits their visual stimuli, reducing the conflicting signals that cause motion sickness.

MONITOR FEEDING

Avoid feeding your dog a large meal before the trip. Traveling on an empty or slightly empty stomach can help reduce nausea. If your dog needs to eat, offer a small, bland meal a few hours before departure. Also, keep water available to prevent dehydration but limit the amount they drink right before and during the trip.

TAKE BREAKS

Frequent breaks during long trips can make a significant difference. Stopping every hour or so allows your dog to get some fresh air, stretch their legs, and relieve themselves. These breaks can help reset their equilibrium and reduce motion sickness symptoms.

NATURAL REMEDIES

Several natural remedies can help alleviate car sickness in dogs. Ginger, known for its anti-nausea properties, can be given in small doses. Consult your vet for the appropriate dosage and form, whether it be ginger snaps, capsules, or a small piece of fresh ginger. Other natural options include peppermint and chamomile, which can have calming effects. For dogs with severe car sickness, some medications can be effective. However, it is crucial to consult your veterinarian before administering any medication to ensure the correct dosage and to

confirm it is safe for your dog.

BEHAVIORAL TRAINING

Desensitization and counter-conditioning can help reduce anxiety-related car sickness. Gradually exposing your dog to car rides and associating them with positive experiences, like treats and playtime, can help change their perception of car travel.

Coping with car sickness in dogs requires patience, understanding, and a proactive approach. By preparing your dog for travel, ensuring their comfort, and using appropriate remedies and medications, you can help your furry friend overcome car sickness. This will make car rides a more pleasant experience for both you and your dog, opening up new opportunities for adventures and bonding. Always consult with your veterinarian to find the best solution tailored to your dog's needs. 🐾



Just Ginger

By Declan Rodocanachi (Wet Nose Animal Rescue)



In 2022, our team ventured into one of the harsh townships, where we found Ginger. This poor soul was the epitome of neglect, lacking even the most basic care needed to sustain a healthy, happy life. Amidst the despair, Ginger's eyes shimmered with a quiet hope, narrating tales of his hardship yet reflecting an unspoken promise of trust and resilience. With a coat as golden as the sun and a heart equally warm, it was clear that Ginger deserved a new lease on life - a second chance that we were determined to provide.

GAINING TRUST

Bringing Ginger to Wet Nose marked the beginning of his transformation. Initially timid and wary, he slowly began to unfold, revealing a spirited and

affectionate personality that had been suppressed by his previous circumstances. Our dedicated team worked tirelessly, providing him with medical attention to heal his physical wounds and plenty of tender, loving care to mend his spirit. Each small improvement in Ginger's demeanor was a testament to his inner strength and the power of compassionate care.

Through our social media platforms, we shared Ginger's progress, drawing in a community of supporters who followed his journey from a life of neglect to one full of potential. The outpouring of love and encouragement from people around the world was overwhelming, further fueling our commitment to his recovery.



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A WAGGING TAIL

As months passed, Ginger transformed into a vibrant dog whose tail wagged incessantly. His eyes lost their weary, hopeless gaze and sparkled with mischief and joy instead. The once timid creature was now a confident and joyful being, ready to embrace life with vigor. We knew it was time to find him a forever home where he could continue to flourish. The search for the perfect family was meticulous, as we wanted to ensure that Ginger would be placed in a loving environment that would nurture him continuously. Finally, we found a family that was just as golden-hearted as he was. They were experienced dog owners who understood the responsibilities involved in adopting a rescue animal. After several meet-and-greets, it was clear that there was a beautiful connection, and soon, Ginger was off to start his new chapter.



A NEW CHAPTER

Today, Ginger is thriving beyond our wildest expectations. His days are filled with endless belly rubs, playful afternoons basking in the sun, and cozy nights snuggled up with his forever family. His journey from a scared, neglected dog to a beloved family member is nothing short of miraculous.

This transformation could not have been possible without the incredible support from our community. To everyone who supports our cause, follows our updates, and spreads the word -you are a crucial part of this beautiful story. Your contributions foster miracles like Ginger's every day, proving that

compassion and action can change lives.

We are immensely grateful to Ginger's new family for opening their hearts and home to him. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you, our wonderful community of animal lovers. Your engagement and support make these happy endings a reality.

Let's spread the word that every animal, no matter their past, has the potential for a joyful and loving future. Together, we can ensure that more animals like Ginger find their way to a brighter tomorrow. 🐾

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Welcoming a puppy into your home is an exciting and joyful experience, but it also comes with significant responsibilities. Proper preparation, training, and care are crucial to ensure your new furry friend grows into a healthy, well-behaved adult dog. Here's your essential guide to navigating the first few months with your puppy.

PREPARING FOR YOUR PUPPY

Before bringing your puppy home, make sure your environment is safe and welcoming. Puppy-proof your home by removing hazardous items and securing loose wires. Set up a designated area with a bed, food and water bowls, and toys. This space will help your puppy feel secure as they adjust to their new surroundings.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT SUPPLIES

Investing in the right supplies is essential. Here's a list of basics:

- **Bedding:** Soft, washable bedding provides comfort.
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- **Collar and Leash:** Ensure a comfortable fit and start with a lightweight leash.
- **Toys:** Chew toys, puzzle toys, and soft toys help with teething and mental stimulation.
- **Grooming Supplies:** Brushes, nail clippers, and dog-safe shampoo are essential for maintaining your puppy's hygiene.

DIET AND NUTRITION

Feeding your puppy a balanced diet is critical for their growth and development. Choose a high-quality puppy food that meets the nutritional guidelines set by veterinary experts. Puppies have different dietary needs compared to adult dogs, so it's important to feed them appropriately. Consult your vet for recommendations on portion sizes and feeding schedules.



Must-haves, training, food, and more...

SOCIALIZATION

Socialization is a key aspect of raising a well-adjusted dog. Expose your puppy to a variety of people, animals, environments, and experiences during the critical socialization period (usually up to 16 weeks). Positive experiences with new stimuli will help prevent fear and aggression later in life.

TRAINING AND OBEDIENCE

Early training is vital for establishing good behaviour. Here are some fundamental aspects of puppy training:

- **House Training:** Consistency is key. Take your puppy outside frequently, especially after eating, drinking, and waking up. Reward them with praise and treats for eliminating outdoors.
- **Basic Commands:** Teach commands like “sit,” “stay,” “come,” and “leave it” using positive reinforcement techniques. Short, frequent training sessions are the most effective.

VETERINARY CARE

Regular veterinary visits are essential for monitoring your puppy’s health. Schedule a vet appointment soon after bringing your puppy home for a thorough check-up and to begin their vaccination schedule. Puppies typically require vaccinations for distemper, parvovirus, rabies, and other diseases. Discuss flea, tick, and worm prevention with your vet as well.

GROOMING AND HYGIENE

Establishing a grooming routine early helps your puppy become accustomed to being handled and keeps them looking their best. Brush their coat regularly to reduce shedding and prevent matting. Trim their nails to avoid overgrowth and inspect their ears for signs of infection. Bathe your puppy as needed, using a gentle, puppy-safe shampoo.

EXERCISE AND PLAY

Puppies have boundless energy and require regular exercise to stay healthy and happy. Engage in play sessions with toys and activities that stimulate their

mind and body. Be mindful of their growing bones and avoid overly strenuous exercise. Short walks and gentle play are usually sufficient.

MANAGING BEHAVIOUR

Puppies are naturally curious and may exhibit undesirable behaviours such as chewing, nipping, and jumping. Redirect their attention to appropriate toys and consistently reinforce good behaviour with praise and treats. Puppy-proof your home by keeping valuables out of reach and using baby gates to limit access to certain areas.

BUILDING A STRONG BOND

Spending quality time with your puppy helps build a strong bond and ensures they feel loved and secure. Engage in activities such as cuddling, playing, and training to strengthen your relationship. Positive interactions and consistent routines foster trust and companionship.

Raising a puppy requires patience and consistency. Puppies are learning and adapting to their new environment, so it’s important to remain calm and patient, even when accidents or misbehaviour occur. Consistent training and routines will help your puppy understand expectations and develop good habits.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

As your puppy grows, continue to reinforce training and socialization. Regular vet visits, proper nutrition, and exercise are ongoing needs. Enrol in puppy training classes and seek professional help for any persistent behavioural issues.

Welcoming a puppy into your home is a rewarding experience that comes with responsibilities. By preparing adequately, providing proper training, and ensuring consistent care, you’ll set the foundation for a happy, healthy, and well-behaved dog. Enjoy the journey of raising your puppy and cherish the moments as they grow into a loyal companion. 🐾

DOGTOWN NEWS

By Tracy McQuarrie (Dogtown SA)

Join us on our mission and let us give you the joy and love dogs provide us with

Nestled in the Hennops Mountains is the most remarkable sanctuary, for dogs who have lost their families or have been rescued from dire situations. Every day the dedicated team at Dogtown provides individual care to each of these dogs in a peaceful, tranquil setting while they wait for their forever homes.

MUTT N BEAN PET-FRIENDLY CAFE AND PARK

On our amazing farm where we save the lives of abandoned dogs, we are always looking for ways to create special spaces for dog lovers. Spaces that are different, unique, and true fun spots for our dogs. What you and your dog have been waiting for has arrived at the beautiful 50-acre farm at Dogtown.

I know for myself I am always a little nervous about dog parks, a few too many incidents have made the experience for me too stressful. I also know it's not a fun place for all dogs. Some thrive in the crowds of dogs but like people, dogs have different characters and lots of dogs really don't enjoy the company of so many dogs. This is why we built the Mutt & Bean Café - an amazing pet-friendly cafe, where you can book your very own fenced private tea garden to enjoy lovely coffee and yummy pastries and treats.

The cafe has both indoor and outdoor seating but when you book the private tea garden, your dogs get to run and play in a secured garden with you. There's a lovely paddle pool for the dogs and luscious trees for a bit of shade. What could be better than getting away from the hustle and bustle out into the countryside with your dogs?

We are almost complete with our fantastic 5 km walking trail around the farm which has shorter paths too, so you can make a wonderful day out for you and your dogs. Starting with a great hike, then a lovely rest in your private garden while you both enjoy a yummy cupcake. Inside the cafe is our pet shop where we have tried and tested products on sale for your dogs and some cool merchandise for you too. Our amazing behaviourists and trainers are

on hand to give a little advice to you and your dogs.

So if you're looking for the perfect day out with your best friend, then email woof@muttandbean.org to book your private garden today. All proceeds from the Mutt n Bean go to helping Dogtown save more lives.

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TALKING PYOMETRA

By Dr Larry Kraitzick, Bruma Lake Veterinary Clinic



Pyometra is a dangerous infection of the uterus of female dogs that can lead to death, especially if not treated timeously and aggressively. The treatment for pyometra consists of ovariohysterectomy together with supportive care such as IV fluids and antibiotics. Female dogs who are not sterilized are susceptible to this condition and most cases occur in middle-aged and old dogs.

Multiple cycles cause the uterus lining to thicken and this may result in cystic endometrial hyperplasia. This condition results in secretions which provide an ideal environment for bacteria to flourish. During the dog's oestrus, the cervix opens, allowing bacteria

to enter and cause infection of the uterus. The uterus then fills up with pus and bacteria.

SYMPTOMS

There are two types of Pyometra - one in which the cervix is open and there is vaginal discharge and one in which the cervix is closed and there is no discharge. Closed pyometras are more dangerous.

Here are some of the symptoms. It's important to note that affected dogs may show any combination of the following -

- Vaginal Discharge (in open pyometra)
- Listlessness
- Decreased or absent appetite
- Urinating and drinking a lot

of water.

- Enlarged abdomen.
- Severe abdominal pain
- Muddy or pale mucous membranes
- Gastrointestinal symptoms.
- In severe cases, the affected individual may go into life-threatening shock as a result of infection and other secondary complications. This leads to collapse and possibly death.

DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

Diagnosis will depend on the above-mentioned symptoms. When symptoms are present, evaluate the vaginal discharge microscopically for bacteria and pus. Imaging the uterus by using X-rays and/or ultrasound can also



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Sterilise your female dog to prevent this serious, life-threatening condition

be used.

Lab tests are carried out to determine if any parameters are abnormal as well as to check organ function and measures will be taken to correct these abnormalities. Antibiotics are administered, often intravenously. Intravenous fluids are administered to prevent shock, correct abnormalities and keep the patient hydrated.

If an ovariohysterectomy is performed to remove the ovaries and affected uterus, this surgery is very demanding, and supportive

care and intense monitoring are required to avoid complications.

PROGNOSIS

The good news is that with prompt, corrective, and intensive intervention, most dogs will recover. If the affected dog is brought in late for treatment when there is collapse, shock, and intensive sepsis, (bacteria and toxins in the blood), the prognosis is guarded, and the possibility of death is much higher.

PREVENTION

Ovariohysterectomy (removal

of the uterus and ovaries) when your dog is young is the best way to avoid this condition and the risk of death. If this is not performed, then breeding can help to decrease the chance of this condition. However, this author is against breeding as I feel that there are enough unwanted dogs in this world and adoption is the way to go. The take-home message is to please sterilise your female dog to prevent this serious life-threatening condition. You will also prevent your dog from the pain and suffering associated with pyometra. 🐾

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TEARS ANNOUNCES RESCUE INTAKE CAPACITY AND WARNS OF PET HOMELESSNESS CRISIS



TEARs Animal Rescue has announced that it can no longer accept rescue intakes as the organisation has 363 pets in its care at its Kennel and Cattery and foster care. Of those, 75% are considered adoptable while the remaining 25% are in its rehabilitation program either convalescing from illness, injury, and/or abuse; or are too young to be adopted and are still with their mothers or being bottle-fed via their Puppy Foster Programme.

Says TEARS Operations Manager, Mandy Store, "This is a last resort but TEARS can't admit any more rescued and/or surrendered animals to its Kennel or Cattery unless our adoption rates increase substantially to allow for new admissions. Even our stray runs, which hold a maximum of 16 animals, are full."

This comes five months after TEARS announced in December 2023 that it was no longer able to accept admissions to its Kennel due to decreasing adoption numbers not keeping pace with the number of homeless pets needing homes.

A SAD TREND

"It's heartbreaking what's happening within the companion animal welfare sector at present," says TEARS Head of Fundraising, Lara Van Rensburg. "Cape Town is reflecting the same trend that national and international shelters are experiencing. Adoptions simply aren't keeping pace with the number of homeless pets needing homes. It's a harsh reality that over-burdened shelters and veterinary clinics are dealing with as the non-profit sector has to face and fund the full brunt of the pet homelessness crisis. We call on local government and corporate social investment donors to mobilise funding and resources to implement a mass sterilisation solution that includes better policing of pet ownership by-laws. Without this dual approach, irresponsible and non-compliant pet owners will continue to perpetuate the endless cycle of illegal breeding, pet overpopulation, illness, and suffering that companion animals experience."

TEARS acknowledges that the Cape of Good Hope Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is shouldering the bulk of the surrender and euthanasia burden as dozens of animal welfare organisations send homeless pets to the organisation as the official 'pound' for the Cape Town Metropole. SPCA spokesperson, Belinda Abraham confirmed in an Independent Online interview last month that the SPCA is "extremely overburdened". Abraham was quoted as saying, "Based on current trends the SPCA will admit around 20,350 surrendered and stray animals to its facilities this year alone. Approximately 2,300 of these animals will come from other animal welfare organisations including those who call themselves no-kill. And while no-kill is certainly attractive to animal lovers, it creates a very misleading narrative about animal welfare realities."

HUMAN TREATMENT

TEARS, as a pro-life animal rescue and veterinary treatment charity, is committed to the humane treatment of companion animals to include all life

TEARS has rehomed 22,522 vulnerable pets since its launch

stages, including end-of-life care.

Says TEARS Head Veterinarian, Dr. Tanla Heuer, "TEARS is opposed to euthanising healthy animals and doesn't euthanise any of the animals that have been admitted to its Kennels or Cattery unless for inoperable or extreme medical reasons, or in the case where an animal has proven to be a danger to people and pets. However, TEARS has had to adjust its' euthanasia policy to adapt to the changing landscape that it's operating within as the euthanasia burden being born by the SPCA isn't equitable or in the best interest of animal welfare. TEARS is committed to making a difference for vulnerable pets in the face of the current animal welfare crisis and acknowledges, with sadness, that humane euthanasia is a compassionate and ethical option for animals that have no other options. Where the TEARS Kennel and Cattery are full, and all options to rehome or transfer a stray to an alternative animal welfare organisation for admission have been exhausted, we consider humanely euthanising the animal to be the most responsible option under the circumstances."

ADOPTION IS KEY

TEARS has rehomed 22,522 vulnerable pets since its launch in 1999 and works hard to ensure that its adoption rates remain as high as possible as each adoption creates room for another pet in need. But based on year-on-year averages adoption rates are down by nearly 40% and surrenders are increasing exponentially as pet owners aren't able to feed their pets.

TEARS Kennel Manager, Katie Butler comments, "While we're pushing for more people to adopt, we don't want to encourage adoption if it's not something that will be sustained." The Mars Pet Homelessness Report of 2022 estimated that 15% of dog owners and 13% of cat owners consider giving up their pets in their second year.

TEARS has recorded a massive increase in the number of pets being surrendered because of

affordability or due to the limited pet-friendly rentals available to families with pets. Our Feed Hungry Pets campaign contributes to supporting responsible pet owners in our welfare communities by providing critical pet food support in the interest of keeping pets in loving homes. And for those who can adopt we encourage adopting a shelter pet as not only do they have lots of love to give, but it means pet adopters are saving two animals because a space becomes available for another deserving and needy pet."

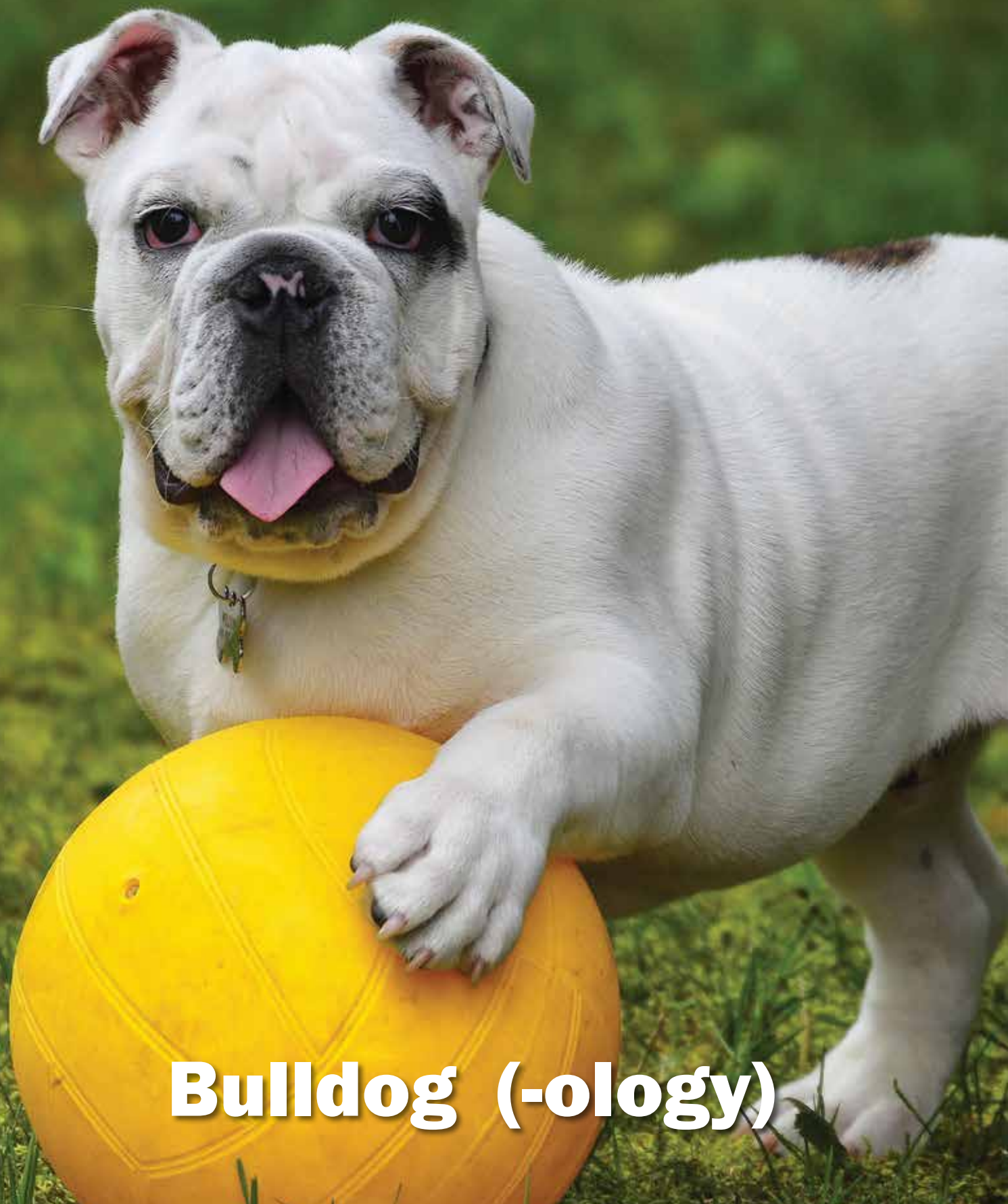
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To help support the life-saving work that TEARS does, the public can consider adopting a shelter pet, donating financially to TEARS, or donating any pre-owned items for re-sale via the four TEARS Charity Shops which contributes 100% of proceeds to fund 30% of what it costs to keep the TEARS Veterinary Hospital and Mobile Clinics, Kennel and Cattery in operation.

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Bulldog (-ology)



Loyal, loving, and laid-back

The English Bulldog, often simply known as the Bulldog, is a breed with a rich history, a distinctive appearance, and a unique temperament. Over the years, they have transitioned from tenacious working dogs to a beloved companion known for their gentle and affectionate nature. Despite their charm, Bulldogs require specific health care due to their breed characteristics.

HISTORY

The history of the English Bulldog is as robust and storied as the breed itself. Originating in England, Bulldogs were initially bred for bull-baiting, a popular yet brutal sport in the 13th century where dogs were set upon a tethered bull. The breed's name is derived from this early purpose. Bulldogs of that era were ferocious, strong, and tenacious, traits necessary for their dangerous work.

In 1835, bull-baiting was outlawed in England, leading to a decline in the Bulldog population. However, breed enthusiasts saw potential in these dogs beyond their fighting abilities. Through selective breeding, they transformed the Bulldog from a fierce warrior to a companion dog.

By the late 19th century, the Bulldog had evolved into the more docile and affectionate breed we recognize today, with a distinctive wrinkled face, pushed-in nose, and robust physique.

TEMPERAMENT

Modern English Bulldogs are known for their gentle and affectionate temperament. Despite their stern and sometimes intimidating appearance, Bulldogs are incredibly loyal and loving. They are known to form strong bonds with their families and are particularly good with children, often displaying a protective nature.

Bulldogs are calm and laid-back, preferring a leisurely lifestyle. They are not overly energetic and are content with moderate exercise, making them suitable for apartment living. However, they do enjoy short walks and playtime, which help keep them fit and mentally stimulated.

Socialization is essential for Bulldogs, as with any breed. Early exposure to various people, environments, and other animals can help ensure they grow into well-rounded adults. Bulldogs are typically sociable and enjoy being around people and other pets, but they can be stubborn, which can pose challenges during training. Patience and positive reinforcement are key to successful training.

HEALTH


While English Bulldogs are beloved for their looks and temperament, they are prone to several health issues due to their unique physical characteristics. Responsible breeding practices and diligent care can help manage these concerns, but potential owners should be aware of the

breed's health needs.

One of the most common health problems in Bulldogs is brachycephalic syndrome, a condition caused by their short snouts. This can lead to breathing difficulties, especially in hot or humid weather. Bulldogs are prone to overheating, so it is crucial to keep them cool and avoid excessive exercise in high temperatures. Bulldogs are also prone to joint issues, such as hip and elbow dysplasia. Maintaining a healthy weight and providing moderate exercise can help mitigate these problems.

The breed's characteristic wrinkles, while adorable, require regular cleaning to prevent skin infections. Bulldogs are prone to dermatitis and other skin conditions, so it is essential to keep their skin folds clean and dry.

Bulldogs can suffer from various eye conditions, including cherry eye and dry eye. Regular veterinary check-ups can help detect and treat these issues early. Dental health is another concern, as their unique jaw structure can lead to dental problems. Regular brushing and dental chews can help maintain oral health.

While they come with specific health concerns, informed and dedicated care can ensure that Bulldogs live happy, healthy lives. For those willing to invest the time and effort, English Bulldogs offer unwavering loyalty, affection, and a charming, unique presence in any home. 

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DOGTOWN SA (GAUTENG)



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MOLLY is such a happy-go-lucky girl. She is very clever and always keen to learn something new. She loves to show off her good manners too. Molly is social with other dogs and loves to be made a fuss over. This frosty-faced girl has been waiting for a long time to settle into a forever home.



MILO is still a very young-at-heart boy and loves to play with toys and keeps us entertained with his playful nature. He also loves water and often splashes around in his paddle pool. Milo gets along with other dogs and loves people. He is a goofy boy who always puts a smile on our faces.



LOIS is a sweet, gentle senior boy who loves people. He has been at Dogtown for many years, hoping to be noticed. Lois enjoys going for walks, even though he only really goes for short strolls now, but he still enjoys the outing. Lois loves going into the paddle pool and splashing around the water. He is a happy boy whose tail never stops wagging.

TEARS (CAPE TOWN)



ARNAN is a Greyhound with a striking white and black coat. Surrendered with a broken leg, Arnan needed surgery but has since healed, is as good as new, and is eager to start his new life with you! This happy boy is a jester at heart, always aiming to make you smile. Athletic and energetic, he loves going for walks and meeting new dogs. Arnan is also great with kids and confident, dog-savvy cats.



MAX - I'm an independent young boy, who's used to life on the street as a loyal sidekick to my former owner, and canine partner-in-crime. Sadly, my life took a drastic turn when both of my companions passed on. I will thrive under the guidance of a strong-willed individual to match my athleticism, who will enjoy taking me for runs, and who shares my passion for exploration.



FRANGELICA is a pretty Africanis mix with ears as big as satellites and a heart full of love! Her glistening, eager eyes hold hope of a new beginning after a tough start in Khayelitsha. A playful, curious, and confident socialite, she enjoys the company of other dogs. Frangelica is a breeze to walk on and off the lead, making outdoor activities a delight.



RAMONA is just one of our wonderful puppies waiting for a family. All TEARS Animal Rescue puppies are micro-chipped, vaccinated, sterilised, dewormed, deflead, and infused with extra love and cuddles! They need to be taught all those good things that puppies need to learn in order to grow up to be adult dogs, of course.

WOODROCK ANIMAL RESCUE (GAUTENG)



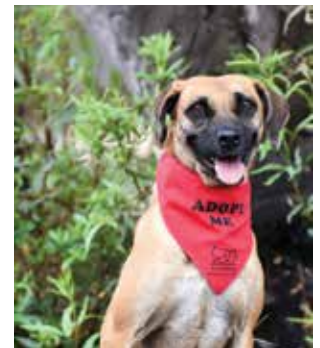
EZRA is a beautiful male Jack Russel Cross who was born at Woodrock. He's been waiting for seven long months for a family to call his own so get in touch with us to meet this handsome boy.



ROO arrived at our clinic with a broken leg that was left for too long so had to be amputated...but we don't think anyone has told Roo yet, because he hasn't noticed that he only has three legs now! He's Just a big love bug that's ready to jump into your heart and home. Roo loves cuddles and is super sociable with other dogs.



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WILLOW - I was confined and chained and my babies were kept in a boiling kennel with no water. Woodrock came and rescued us all and made sure we were looked after. I am still nervous, but I will trust people again. All I need is time and a loving home.

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EZRA, ROO, THANDI & WILLOW

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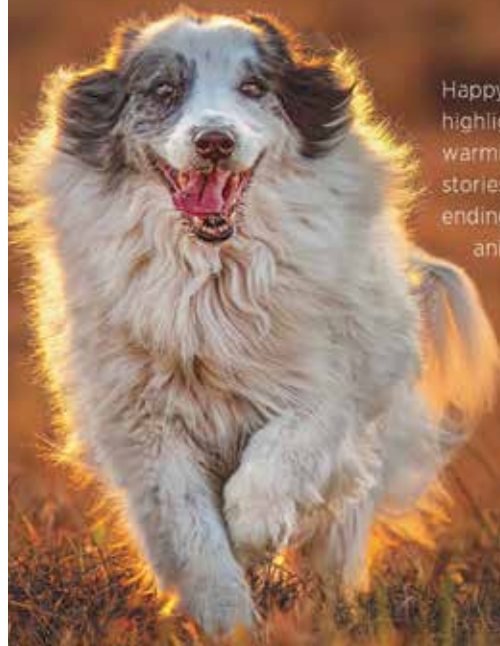
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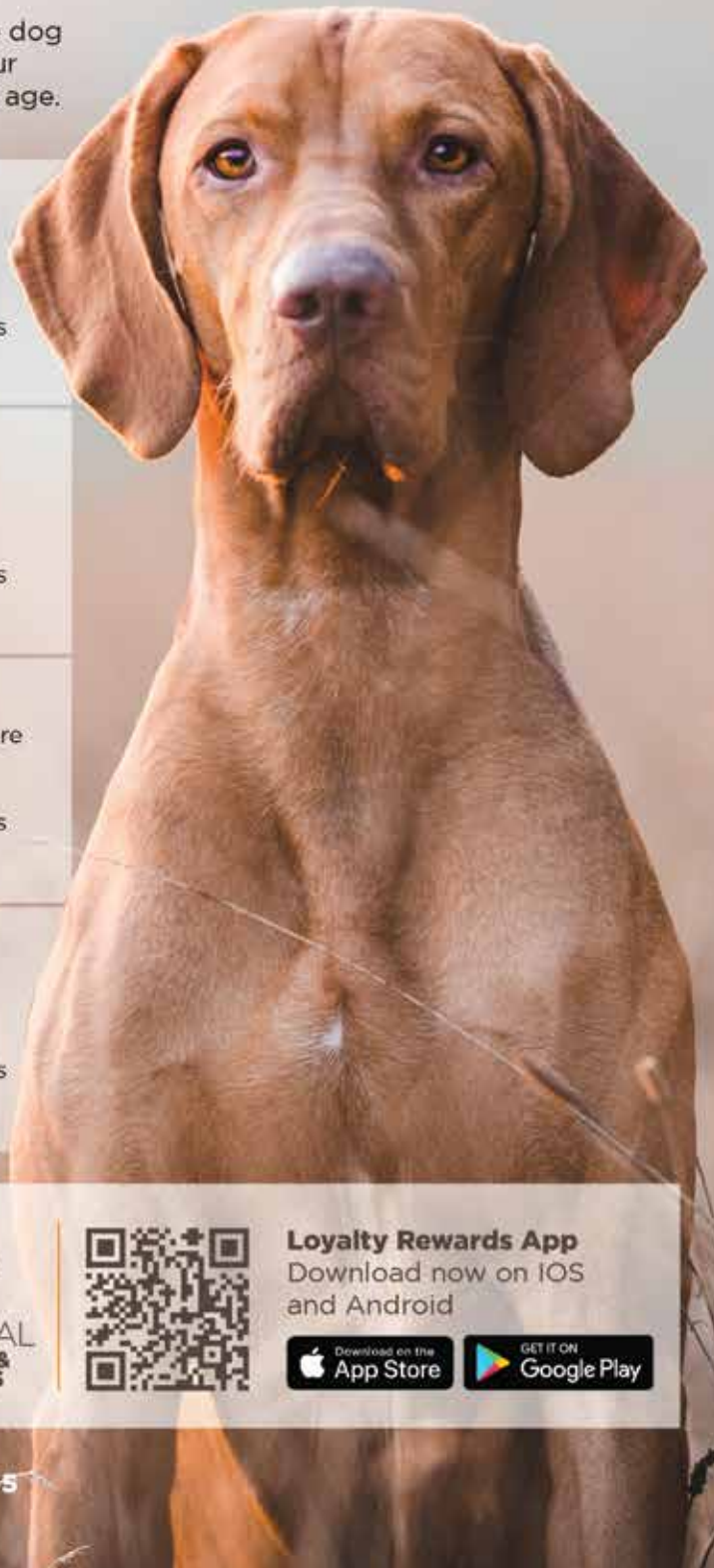
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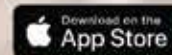
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