



HOLDFAST DOG CENTRE

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NEWSLETTER MAY 2014

EASTER RAFFLE

Our Easter Raffle was drawn in April, where the prize was a container full of doggy toys, treats and vouchers valued at about \$500. Thanks to committee member Claire Cannell for organising the prize and our contributors.

Below are the people/businesses who kindly donated goods and/or vouchers towards the raffle.

- Yvonne and Brett Rowse - Committee Member
- Pets on Wheels and Laundromutt - 249-251 Seacombe Rd, South Brighton SA 5048. Ph: 8358 3309
- Glenelg Vet - 597 Anzac Hwy, Glenelg SA 5045. Ph: 8295 1312
- Pet Savvy - Shop 2/ 597 Anzac Hwy Glenelg, SA, 5045. Ph: 8295 2212
- Sruffies Pet Food - 41 Broadway, Glenelg South SA 5045. Ph: 8295 6695
- Caroline from Acuvet Ph: 0428179836



"Their kind donations made the raffle possible and thank you to all those who purchased/sold tickets to help raise funds for HDC.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated and our lucky winner was a GSP puppy called Bruce. Bruce is very happy with his new found toys (can you have too many!) and treats. His owner is very grateful for the inclusion of the vouchers to assist in Bruce's growth and development."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is being held on Friday June 6th at 7.pm

After the meeting, at approximately 7.30 pm, our Guest Speaker, Millie Miller, Adelaide's only accredited Tellington Touch Practitioner will be giving a talk on the benefits of TTouch(R)

Please bring basket supper, tea and coffee provided.

TELLINGTON TTOUCH®



My name is Millie Miller and I am Adelaide's only Tellington TTouch® Practitioner for Companion Animals.

So exactly what is Tellington TTouch?

Linda Tellington-Jones, a world-renowned horsewoman created Tellington TTouch over 30 years ago and it was originally used in the training and well-being of horses. The work has since developed to be used with other companion animals and humans, with my significant focus on dogs. It is now practiced in over 30 countries on almost every species of domestic animal and there are over 1500 certified Tellington TTouch practitioners spanning over 16 countries.

I am very proud to be one of them, having learnt from Linda herself and other instructors from the USA, Canada and Germany.

The Tellington TTouch method aims to reduce stress and fear in our dogs whilst increasing confidence through:

- A range of specific circular touches that communicate on the cellular level of the body
- The use of body wraps (an excellent example of this is the Thundershirt) to gain better proprioception and awareness in the body.
- The Playground of Higher Learning: aiming to increase focus and move the dog's body in a non-habitual way, creating new pathways to the brain and subsequently increasing the dog's ability to learn.

The use of all three of these techniques, coupled together with the use of further Tellington TTouch equipment we are able to give dogs new experiences in a safe learning environment that builds their confidence helping them to cope with the stressors of daily life.

I look forward to sharing this work with you and answering any questions you may have at the next AGM in June.

MEET NARLAH!



We welcome Narlah to the Holdfast Dog Centre family!

Narlah is an Aussie Bulldog who has recently chosen to adopt Monique Russell and her family as her guardian. Monique is a valued member of the Holdfast family as one of our advanced and masters class trainers.

Congratulations Monique! Narlah is absolutely gorgeous.

We all look forward to sharing her growth and development with you.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

With the approach of winter and shorter days the club grounds were looking a little gloomy after losing some of our lighting with construction work last year and a couple of blown globes. We employed the services of one of our club members who's a licensed electrician, and we can now see what we are doing.

Thanks to Doug Pammenter of Holdfast Electrical & Air Conditioning Services who started his business in May 1997 after more than 30 years experience in the industry.

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FROM THE EDITOR :

As the editor of our newsletter many of you already know me. For those of you who don't, my name is Simon, and as well as putting together our quarterly newsletter, I volunteer at day care and work as an assistant trainer. I have been with Holdfast Dog Centre for a little over a year now and I continue to love every moment of my involvement with the club. The world of dogs and positive force-free training has become my passion over that time, and I am making a career of it. Last year I successfully completed my CertII in Animal Studies with TAFE, and have just recently enrolled in the CertIV in Companion Animal Services with the Delta Society. The Delta course is the premier positive reinforcement dog trainers course in the country, and I am excited about my new studies which will occupy me for the next 2 years or so. I cannot thank the club enough for all the support and encouragement they offer me and I look forward to sharing all that I learn with all of you and your 4 legged companions.

See you at the club!

WINTER TIME & YOUR PET

Dr Katrina Warren article

<http://www.drkatrina.com/yourpet/Dogs-healthadviceandtips/wintertimeandyourpet.aspx>

While we are very good at looking after ourselves during the winter months, we often forget that our pets feel the cold as well. They look so cosy in their warm, furry jackets and cats especially seem to pass their days lazing on window sills in the sun or in the warmest spot on the lounge or bed.

It is important that owners of very young or old pets take extra care during the winter months. Cold can be fatal for young puppies or kittens, particularly during the first few days after birth. Orphaned puppies are particularly susceptible. Older dogs and cats tend to have more sluggish circulatory systems, which means they are more likely to find it harder to keep warm in the cold weather. Older dogs often suffer from arthritis and this is exasperated by the cold.

Pets with very short coats such as Devon Rex or Cornish Rex cats, or pets with a low percentage of body fat such as Whippets or Greyhounds, are also very susceptible to the cold and must be kept cosy during winter.

If your dog or cat is very short-haired, they will benefit from the added warmth of a jacket when they go outside. There are some great ones available but they need to be functional and waterproof- not just fashionable. Be sure to make sure jackets fit snugly but don't restrict movement in anyway.

To protect your pets against the onset of the cold winter months, make sure they have a warm, safe place to sleep at night, away from any draughts and if your dog is an outdoor dog, be sure that his/her kennel is waterproof. Older animals should sleep on a cushioned bed that is elevated off the ground.

An extra blanket in their bed or kennel will make all the difference - a natural fibre blanket such as wool is not a pet-lover's indulgence, it actually retains the heat much better than a synthetic blanket!

You can also buy heat pads from your pet store, which can keep an older or ill pet warm during the night. You can get ones that you simply put in the microwave.

Some dogs may get too hot in a heated house so it is good to have somewhere for them to retreat to - like a tiled floor.

Don't forget to provide fresh water at all times. It can be easy during winter to make the mistake of thinking that pets need less to drink. Clean fresh water should be available at all times.

Keep up the exercise and watch the diet- It can be too tempting to stay by the fire on winter days, or avoid a walk around the block after a long day in the office but it is important for you to maintain a regular exercise routine throughout winter. Remember to dry the dog if it becomes wet from walking in the rain and if it's muddy outside, regularly check between dogs' paws to make sure they haven't collected balls of mud.

INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

DOG RESCUE GROUPS

Looking for a new friend? Speak to us too, we are often looking for a great new home for a dog that we know.

www.sadogrescue.com

www.rspecta.asn.au/ or

www.adoptapet.com.au

www.awlsa.com.au

FACEBOOK

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YOUTUBE

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OTHER SITES

www.soe-bioremedies.com.au

www.rosehipvitalcanine.com.au/

www.apdt.com.au

www.lostpetfinders.com.au/pet-alert

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www.deltasociety.com.au