

Barking Beauties



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Warm Up This Winter

It's true that your dog feels the cold. Depending on the breed, if your dog is more than seven years old it's wise to start preparing now to protect them against the cold nights in store for winter. Senior pets are more susceptible to health issues, such as arthritis, obesity, diabetes, cancer and heart disease, that can be compounded by extremes in weather.

- Ensure they have appropriate shelter and warmth and if possible, keep them inside at night.
- Make sure your dog's bed is off the cold floor and away from all draughts. A cosy futon and a warm blanket are ideal.
- If you clip your dog's coat, leave it slightly longer to provide warmth and protection. If you have a short haired dog, a jumper or a dog jacket is a great option – check out our handmade to order range now in store.
- Give them regular exercise – it will do you and your dog good!
- When housebound in bleak weather, try a new trick, toy or game – it decreases boredom!
- Make sure they have a balanced diet with proper calories, vitamins and minerals. And reduce the quantity of food you give them if they are less active in winter.
- If your dog is stiffening up in the cold, your vet can advise you on an appropriate arthritis treatment.

My GOAL in LIFE is to be as GOOD of a person as my DOG already *thinks* I am.

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter. This month we are bringing you all of the latest Barking Beauties news as well as some really handy hints and tips for taking care of your beloved dog, especially in the winter weather.

Have a read and feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We hope to see you all in store again soon.

Ashley and Kim



Winter Grooming

When the weather starts getting colder people tend to forget about getting their dog groomed because they want their coat kept long to keep them warm. The problem with this is the coat becoming matted and tangled which is uncomfortable for your dog, much like when you have knots in your own hair. The great thing about the ever changing developments in grooming is that there are now something called extension blades that allow groomers to keep a dog's coat long but under control (especially during winter). When a dog's coat becomes matted it can cause great discomfort and in the worst of cases, the mats can become so tight that they can break the skin and cause sores. Your dog would be much happier with a shortened coat and jumper to fight the winter than mats pulling at the skin. Giving your dog baths during winter can be a bit more difficult with long fur, unlike in summer where you might just let your dog run around the yard to dry off, in winter you will need to use a blow dryer and make sure your dog is completely dry before they return to the yard.

For winter, we recommend your dog has a 'winter clip'. For this we will use the extension clips mentioned above which will keep them neat and warm during these cooler months.

Million Paws Walk

We'd like to thank all of our friends who joined us on the Million Paws Walk on Sunday 17 May 2009. We had a great day and are so pleased to see so many people out supporting the RSPCA. The day was attended by 70,000 participants and 30,000 animals across the country. We hope to see more of you there next year!



Revesby Craft Markets

Come and see us at our stall at the Revesby Craft Markets at Marco Avenue, Revesby on Saturday 27 June 2009. We'll be there on the day selling dog coats, collars and a range of other merchandise.

We will also have our dogs Brinkley and Duke there so be sure to drop by for a pat and to check out all of the special merchandise that we have for the day!

Toxic Plants

We had a very stressful week a few weeks ago, caused by our Shih Tzu puppy, Duke, eating a poisonous plant. It was a very upsetting and stressful day in our household, however, it all ended well so we were lucky.

However, not everyone is so lucky. You may not realise that the plants in your garden can hurt your precious dog, we certainly didn't. So we thought that it may be best to give you a list of the poisonous or toxic plants that can harm your dog so that you might be able to prevent your dog getting sick, and some very large vet bills.

The list of toxic plants can now be found at our website: www.barkingbeauties.com.au

Make sure you visit our website so you can be aware of any plants in your garden that may cause harm to your dog if ingested.



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