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Letter from the Chairman

We have a change of venue this year for our A.G.M. We have booked the Parish Church Hall in Prestatyn for 25th May at 7:30 p.m. We have done this in the hope that more members will be able to attend. It will be a very interesting meeting; we will be able to tell you all what achievements were made in the last year and what our aims are for the coming year, so please do try to attend. We also have a number of events booked throughout the year so please do try to come to them and support the Abandoned Animals Association Charity. We organise these events in order to raise funds which, in turn, help to improve the wellbeing of the animals in our care.

Thank You

Lyn (Chair - AAA)

Events 2017

Event	When	Where
Jumble Sale	Saturday 22nd April from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Fun Dog Show	Sunday 4th June from 11am	Rescue Centre, Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE
Bingo Fun Night	Saturday 17th June from 7pm	North Wales Bowls Centre, Ferguson Avenue, Prestatyn, LL19 7YA
Jumble Sale	Saturday 8th July from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Tony Knight Dog Listener	28th - 30th July (Weekend)	Rescue Centre, Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE
Jumble Sale	Saturday 12th August from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Open Day and Mini Fun Dog Show	Sunday 27th August from 11am	Rescue Centre, Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE
Jumble Sale	Saturday 16th September from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Jumble Sale	Saturday 28th October from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP
Christmas Event & Annual Christmas Draw	Saturday 2nd December from 7pm	North Wales Bowls Centre, Ferguson Avenue, Prestatyn, LL19 7YA
Jumble Sale	Saturday 9th December from 1.00pm - 3.00pm	Jubilee Centre, Seabank Drive, Prestatyn, LL19 7PP

Abandoned Animals Association AGM

25th May 2017
Prestatyn Parish Church Hall
7.30pm

Fun Dog Show
Sunday 4th June
From 11am
At the rescue centre
Stall space still available
Call 01745 857975



Toms is two years old and his friend Paws has just been rehomed and left him all alone. He is affectionate when he gets to know you and likes having his cheeks rubbed.



Simba is 18 months old and is a friendly and playful dog but he can be a little excitable. He is very loving and affectionate and he loves a good belly rub. He gets on okay with other dogs but needs a home without children or cats.



If you shop at ASDA in Kinnel Bay - please ask for your green charity tokens at the checkout and post them in Abandoned Animals Association box as you leave the store. if we have the most tokens by the end of June, we will receive £500 for our animals.

Please share this with your family and friends. It can be for a "big shop" or a "pop in for a pint of milk" purchase.
Thank you!



First Class Dog Education



28th - 30th July 2017

Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE

What the Program Covers:

- Day 1 (No Dogs Please!)
Introduction to Dog Listening
Status & Separation: Correct interactions to calm a dog.
Rules of Engagement: How to avoid over 95% of dog bites.
Separation Anxiety: Solving destruction/howling/messing etc.
- Day 2
The Walk: How to prevent pulling on the lead.
Recall: How to get your dog to come to you when you ask.
Playtime: Knowing the rules of the game.
- Day 3
Socialisation: dog aggression, proper play, taking control.
Danger: How to prevent constant barking.
Feeding: The "turbo boost" to all training.
Obedience*: The right way to teach your dog to sit/stay etc.

* This section is subject to time restrictions.

Date Classes Commence: Friday 28th July 2017 at 6pm

Class Format: 3 x 2hr

Total cost of Program £155.00

(includes a free lifetime support service)

Full payment of £155.00 required to secure booking.

No refunds unless 28 days' notice is given or Tony is unable to attend.

This special weekend program will help attendees really get the relationship they want with their dogs. The aim of these classes is to help dog owners understand and solve their dog's behavioural issues. The method I use is a holistic one in that it recognises the dog's instinct and teaches owners how to work with their dog's nature to help overcome 'bad' behaviours. I cover a broad range of behavioural issues including dogs that pull on lead, aggression, separation anxiety, nuisance barking and much more. The method I use doesn't involve force, intimidation or physical dominance.

10% of all proceeds will go directly to Abandoned Animals Association

Call 01745 857975 for details on booking

Dog Sense Training

Separation anxiety/ Distress

"Most dogs seem to be more distressed with they are separated from their owners than when they are separated from other dogs." Bradshaw J. (2012)

This point was highlighted during a recent study carried out whereby eight 7-9 year old mongrels had been living as littermate pairs in kennels since eight weeks old.

When the study began, they had spent very little time apart and had been fully socialised to people. When they were separated from their littermate for four hour periods, the level of the stress hormone cortisol in their blood did not alter. However, when they were taken to an unfamiliar kennel, their stress levels rose by over 50% and this occurred with each they were on their own or with their littermate. Also, they failed to interact with each other any more than usual which proved that whatever bond they had was insufficient in helping to cope with unfamiliar surroundings.

If the human carer sat with them in the unfamiliar kennel, they would pester them for attention and the brief episodes of being stroked ensured that their cortisol levels stayed close to normal.

The strength of our dog's attachment is in part closely connected to why they have become so successful as a domesticated animal and as this strong attachment has been cultivated by us, it is our responsibility to ensure that we help them to cope at times when they are left alone.

Some very prominent professionals in the dog world have put forward some very dubious proposals and explanations when explaining the reasons behind Separation anxiety/Distress and why it occurs which contradicts some of the available evidence. Next time we will look at this in more detail and consider some of the ways in which we can help to prevent Separation anxiety/Distress from becoming too great a problem.

Paul Moroney

Home Vetter's Corner

Two older dogs - Basil, an 11 year old Collie and Lola, an 8 year old Great Dane (a good age for this breed), have both found their forever homes. Another dog called Wampo, who is a lively young Huskamute, was at the centre for a long time because this is a difficult breed to re-home. Fortunately a couple who had experience with these dogs have taken her home and are giving her the time and patience she needs. After being in a kennel for so long she was very stressed and needed to calm down and understand she at last had found a loving home where she can start trusting the human race again! A Persian cat called Colin, now known as Puggy, was brought in with his coat full of knots and tangles. Fortunately, a couple already known to the rescue as Persian cat lovers came immediately to take him home. They have given him the care and attention this breed needs and he is now a healthy loving cat with loads of character. We also took in a cat from a local veterinary practice who was thought to have been involved in a road traffic accident. We called her Poppy and placed her on our Facebook page to see if the owner would come forward but they didn't. So after a time of recovery at the centre it was decided that she needed surgery and fortunately for Poppy, she was taken home to recover from the amputation of a leg by the very kind lady who had bothered to stop to pick her up off the road. She is now enjoying a lovely life with her new owners other cats.



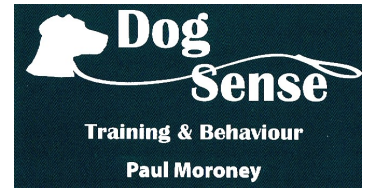
Rocco is 20 months old and is a friendly dog. He is playful and loves kisses and cuddles. He is okay around other dogs and doesn't seem bothered by cats but cannot be rehomed with children under 16.

Dog Training, Socialisation and Behaviour course

These courses are run over six weeks with regular start dates, for up to eight attendees. The complete six week course will cost £30 to be booked and paid for in advance



With



For dogs who have completed our beginner course and wish to continue their training, we offer an advanced course for the same price.

We also run agility classes for dogs who have completed one of our training courses



Our training is outdoors so please dress accordingly

Held at Abandoned Animals Association Rescue Centre,
Little Pydew, Ffordd Ffynnon, Prestatyn, LL19 8BE.

on Sundays from 12.30pm

For more information contact Carol or Michael on 01745 857975

Training classes

Training classes are continuing to be well attended despite the cold conditions! However, as I say to the classes, dogs don't get walked around community centres and church halls; they thrive in the outside environment.

As someone who I respect very much once said "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather.... only inappropriate clothing!!"

I have met some fabulous people and terrific dogs all eager to learn and have fun which makes the learning process so much easier for all concerned. Once the warmer weather arrives.... Please! Please! We will be looking to expand the class by introducing basic scent work along with some interactive and fun games which will help with the owners to engage with the dogs and achieve a greater level of focus!

All of the rescue dogs which have attended have been superb and handled brilliantly by the staff which can only help speed up the process of helping to find them a loving home!

Vets Corner

Pet Passport

With summer drawing near we'll begin to think about holidays. Nowadays, it is relatively simple to take your dog, cat or ferret abroad with you. Your pet will need a Pet Passport - the countries included in the scheme are listed on the DEFRA website. Your veterinary surgeon will explain what you will need to do to obtain a passport for your pet. Make sure your pet is microchipped (all dogs should already be microchipped because it is now illegal in the UK to own a dog which is not microchipped and/or for which the details are not up-to-date). The pet must then be vaccinated against rabies. The vet will then issue the passport and 21 days after the rabies vaccine you may take your pet to any countries on the list. There are other rules regarding the protocol for treating your pet for worms and fleas. There are countries outside those listed to which you can take your pet but the rules are different and may include other vaccines and blood tests to qualify for a passport.