



Groomingdales News

Tips, advice and some fun facts about our little friends who mean so much to us!

As the dead leaves of winter make way for green growth, blue skies and colourful flowers, spring creates a nice sense of optimism for the warmer, brighter days ahead. It really is so lovely to think that the longer evenings will soon be with us and it'll be so much more pleasant to head out in the evenings with our little four legged friends.

March really is a month for huge change so please take as much time as you can to get out and about to see nature stretch up her arms and reveal her beauty. Have the most wonderful month and I'll speak to you soon.

Kim

Preparing for the Arrival of a Puppy!

Puppies are simply delightful and with lots of love and extra guidance from their owners they can settle into their new lives quite nicely. But, of course, it's not always easy to raise a puppy and, although all dogs thrive from lots of care, they really need heaps of attention and direction during their younger years. As they wean from their mother's milk and care, it's up to us to provide them with all they need for health and happiness.



High-quality puppy foods benefit their **nutritional** needs, and it's important that they never receive dairy milk as a substitute for their mother's. A set feeding schedule can go a long way with **houstraining**, too, as you'll know to take them out soon after they've had each meal—and of course lots of times in between!

Positive reinforcement is helpful in all types of training and is often much more effective than scolding them for bad behaviour. Dogs strive to please their owners, so it's usually a matter of showing them what it is that you expect from them. But because they're naturally driven to some destructive activities, such as **chewing**, it's always good to direct those behaviours towards something harmless and acceptable from the very beginning. Praise them for chewing on their toys, and keep them away from anything that could hurt them, such as electrical wires.

Tired dogs are really the most well behaved dogs, so give them lots of **exercise** each day and praise every little bit of obedience they show you as you work on **obedience commands** afterwards. Many people are concerned that their puppies will cause trouble or be frightened at the groomers, but this is something you can prepare for and prevent in most cases. Play with their paws and gently wet their hair with water to prepare them for **grooming**, and get them in for their first appointment as soon as they're old enough. It's much easier for you, your dog and the groomer if the dog gets used to grooming before getting into a muddy or matted mess!

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Are you new to this Newsletter or trying to find a good Dog Groomer?

If you're reading this newsletter for the first time or are looking for a Dog Groomer, please read page 2. There you'll find out how I could really benefit you and provide you with exactly what you're looking for.

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A Wonderful World of Animals!

! Oscar, a tortoiseshell cat from Rhode Island, USA has predicted the impending deaths of about 50 patients in a New England nursing home over a period of five years. Oscar is typically uninterested in human interaction, according to the Telegraph, but he instinctively curls up with elderly patients in the final hours of their lives. Dr Dosa, who has studied Oscar's uncanny ability, notes that his predictions are often more accurate than those of the staff. Although Oscar's sudden presence may seem a bad omen, his company often comforts the patients and their families—he's even been mentioned in eulogies and obituaries.

! A woman in Wiltshire has rescued a lifeless fish, according to Ananova.com. She blew air into his mouth to resuscitate him and then put him in a tank of water. Boris the goldfish is now alive and well with the Venghaus family.

Did You Know?

A puppy as young as 8 weeks can learn some tricks and obedience commands.

Puppies don't have teeth until they're 3 or 4 weeks old, nor do they develop their sense of smell before then.

A Mastiff holds the world record for puppies, as she had 24 of them in one litter!

"Man's best friend that we all love lots, keep them well brushed to remove those knots"

Why Groomingdales is the Right Choice for You!

What I can do for you!

I'm sure many of you suffer with "bad doggie odour" given the wonderful weather we experience in the UK; the dogs are continually getting wet. I can offer you a quick and convenient solution to eradicate dog odours, giving you more pleasure in cuddling Rover now he smells so fresh!

The hydro-bath is made from high strength fiberglass meaning it is suitable for all sizes from Maltese Terriers to Great Danes. With an in built heating system it has its very own supply of warm water so you have no worries about your dog keeping warm. The spray head produces a unique hydro-combing action that massages and stimulates the skin, so not only is it the most effective way of washing your dog but also provides a therapeutic water massage. This helps with blood circulation, relieves tired muscles and has been found to be beneficial for arthritis sufferers and older dogs. Water penetrates the coat getting right to the skin removing dry dead skin cells, embedded flea eggs and other materials that can be hidden and hard to get rid of, especially for dogs with longer and thicker coats. Your dog and your home will remain doggy smell free for longer so you're friends and neighbours can visit and you'll not be embarrassed about the odour.

Another excellent advantage is that certain treatment solutions for skin conditions or flea prevention can be added to the water during the hydro-bath. This ensures that maximum benefit is obtained from any treatment as the water spray not only gets deeply into the fur but also reaches the skin which is most important for any type of treatment.

Depending on the size of the dog and the condition of the coat, a bath, brush and dry will take approximately an hour to complete, while you sit back with a cuppa and read the paper, knowing your dog is in the best hands just meters from your front door.

Services Offered:

- Hydro-bath spa experience (bath, brush & dry)
- Full grooming service – all breeds considered
- Nails & Ears
- Pet Esthe product range available to order**
- Dog & Cat accessories**
- Pet Microchipping service
- Client Referral scheme to be launched shortly, keep checking the website for updates & don't forget to ask to join the loyalty scheme to get discounts on future grooms.

* All services will include a health-check of your canine as well as nail clipping and ear cleaning if necessary.

**Please visit my website for more information on the product range available.

The health-check gives me the basis to determine the product best suited to your dog's skin, coat type and age. I have sourced products that are made of 100% natural ingredients and ones that I consider to be the best in the market. Pet Esthé is a product range unique in its quality, range and results. An amalgamation of the spirit of Paris with the innovation of Japan - producing a synergy all its own. The shampoo range is 100% natural using plant based materials, Dead Sea Salt, Propolis (produced by bees) plus many more of nature's own finest ingredients to produce a range of Super Hypoallergenic Shampoos and Conditioners that are not only gentle on both you and your pets but will not pollute any rivers, oceans or water ways. In addition Pet Esthe offers the Paw Pad Care series developed to care for your beloved pets paw pads. This includes a moisturising gel for paw pads that have become dry and rough as well as an anti slip lotion to help prevent pets from slipping when walking in slippery environments outside or in the home.

So, why not give Rover a new lease of life and a wonderful fresh fragrance this month?

What you can Expect if from me!

Would you like your dog groomed so that she's looking gorgeous and left just the way you want her to look? Do you want her coat smelling delightful so there's no more 'doggy' smell in your home? Would you like her coat feeling as soft as velvet and just a dream to cuddle? And above all, do you want reassurance that your dog is getting the same gentle care and kindness during grooming that you give her at home?

Well, you've just found a groomer that can provide everything you want, plus much, much more!

With me, you can be sure that your dog will be groomed to the highest standard. You'll be so pleased with how she looks that you'll be proud to walk her down your street and show her off to your neighbours - just like the many other clients I have.

When I advise you on grooming styles for your pet, I always take your preferences, lifestyle and your dog's character into account. The health, safety and welfare of your pet are always my priority, so you can have peace of mind knowing that you'll get the best advice available to help you choose the right options for your dog.

As a good and caring dog owner, you'll want your pet to be healthy and happy. Therefore, it'll be reassuring to know that with me you'll have someone looking out for potential health issues and changes in your dog – some that may only be noticeable during grooming. Early detection of worrying ailments can make all the difference to your pet, so I make sure to keep a close eye during grooming.

Your dog will be well looked after and will always get the 'one to one' attention that she needs. You'll always feel confident that she's in the safest of hands with me; I can assure you of that.

Your pet deserves the best so I only use the best and safest products that will get her coat looking gorgeous but won't ever harm her. Others may choose to use cheaper, inferior products in grooming but that's something I simply will not compromise on.

With me, you'll also have someone to turn to if you have issues or worries about your pet. Advice and help is a free extra service I'm more than happy to provide. You can call me if you ever have any problems or just need to chat about your little friend.

So if you're looking for a groomer who will leave your dog looking fantastic then give me a call. You'll be over the moon when you see what I can do for you and your little furry friend.

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- ✓ **Have your dog gorgeously groomed so that she is left looking and smelling wonderful. You'll be delighted with how she'll look and you'll be so proud to show her off to your family and friends.**
- ✓ **You'll never have to worry when you leave your pet with me. She'll be groomed in a clean, relaxed environment where only the best and safest products are used.**
- ✓ **As a customer of mine, you'll get the respect and service from me that all good dog owners like you deserve.**
- ✓ **Help and advice is freely given so you'll always have someone to turn to if you ever have a problem or a worry about your little friend.**
- ✓ **I use a calm, 'tender loving' approach when grooming, where patience, praise and kindness is assured.**
- ✓ **And of course, kisses and cuddles for your little buddy are provided in abundance. She'll just love being groomed with me and you'll love how she looks afterwards!**

Call for an appointment today. Tel: **01249 721471**

First Aid for Dogs!

It's normal to feel alarmed when your dog has suddenly fallen ill, got into something dangerous or had a serious accident, especially when you don't know what to do to help them. These emergencies often require veterinary care, but first aid can lessen pain and damage, and even save their lives. Preparing for these emergencies can help you stay calm and focused should they need immediate help. First aid is not a substitute for medical care, though, so it's important that you ring your vet for help as soon as possible.

The goal of first aid is to stabilise the situation, so it's good to keep a few supplies on hand in case your vet instructs you by phone to use them. First aid items include water, sterile cloths, saline solution, a digital thermometer, saline eyewash, Benadryl (for allergic reactions), and peroxide (for some cases of poisoning).

Keep your vet's phone number on hand, and ring them immediately, especially if you see your dog drinking or licking a chemical, poisonous food or medication. Let the vet know exactly what the substance was and they should be able to advise if you should induce vomiting or take them in for medical care. Whatever you do don't wait to see if your dog has any symptoms before ringing the vet. Just like in humans the sooner that they are treated the better their chances are.

Use caution when approaching an injured dog, because they may become aggressive from pain or fear—you may also need to muzzle them to apply first aid and get them to a vet safely.

Common first aid procedures include:

- * Applying pressure with a sterile cloth to reduce blood flow from a wound. However be very careful if the wound has been caused by glass, as there may be some glass still in the wound.
- * Flushing fire and chemical burns with cool water.
- * Gently placing them in a blanket or on a hard surface for transport if you suspect broken bones.
- * Keeping them warm if they go into shock.
- * Wiping the stomach, armpits and neck with cool water for heat stroke.

The variety of emergency situations can make it difficult to prepare yourself for anything that may arise, but it's good to look over such procedures and to learn about CPR for dogs, too—it can really make a difference in the event of unfortunate circumstances.

Reminder!

A daily brushing does wonders for your dog's skin and coat, and it's an excellent way to spend some quality time with them. For best results, go for brushes that suit the texture and thickness of your dog's hair, and get into those hidden spots!

Doggy Humour!

Mrs Smith dropped by her neighbour's home to tell him she saw his dog out chasing a young boy on a skateboard. When she asked what he planned to do about the dog's rotten behaviour, he turned to her and said, *"Well I know for a fact that my Rufus wasn't out doing such things—he doesn't know how to ride a skateboard!"*

A Look at Golden Retrievers

The golden retriever got its start over 100 years ago in the Scottish Highlands, and is now one of the many popular breeds among dog owners.



A look at their traits, skills and overall needs can provide some insight to these gorgeous dogs.

Although they were originally bred for hunting, golden retrievers also do search and rescue, and serve as seeing-eye dogs. They're widely known for their pleasant and friendly temperament, and they've often got quite the charismatic facial expressions.

Retrievers benefit from lots of exercise and from activities that entertain their high level of intelligence. They are unfortunately prone to a few health conditions, such as cataracts and joint problems, so it's important to be on the lookout for such things.

Keeping the thick coat in tiptop shape is usually a matter of monthly grooming, but this can vary by the dog. A good daily brushing helps control the shedding and can prevent mats from forming in their coats.

Quiz

Can you match the dog breed to its place of origin?

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| 1. Chihuahua | A. Cuba |
| 2. Saint Bernard | B. England |
| 3. Basenji | C. Afghanistan |
| 4. Havanese | D. Mexico |
| 5. Beagle | E. Central Africa |
| 6. Afghan Hound | F. Egypt |
| 7. Dachshund | G. Switzerland |
| 8. Saluki | H. Germany |

When Dogs Eat Inedible Objects!

Dog owners are often confused when their dogs eat strange and inedible objects, such as feces, carpet, wood, dirt, and rocks. We think they ought to know better than to eat inedible or potentially harmful things, but sometimes this behaviour comes from a condition known as Pica.

Rather than eating an assortment of inedible things, a dog with Pica usually goes after the same inedible object over and over again, be it soap or rubber bands. This behaviour can be incredibly dangerous, as they're not always able to safely digest whatever it is they're eating. Some dogs may vomit or experience diarrhea with it, but it isn't always accompanied by other symptoms.

The causes of this condition vary, and it's widely believed to come from nutritional deficiency, underlying health conditions, or behavioural problems. In puppies, and in some adult dogs, this obsessive behaviour over one inedible object may come from boredom, which can be alleviated with extra exercise.

Some dogs with Pica may benefit from a well-rounded diet, behavioural management plan, or help with an underlying health condition, such as diabetes.

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Answer To Quiz:	1. D	2. G	3. E	4. A	5. B	6. C	7. H	8. F
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Did You Know?

! The most likely reason why your dog barks at the postman is because he's guarding your house! When the postman comes to the door and tries to get in (or so your dog thinks) he barks and then the postman leaves. In their mind they're just guarding your home!

! If your dog likes to roll in disgusting smelling animal droppings, he's doing it to make his scent stronger. In dog language it is widely believed that the stronger and more foul a dog smells the more superior he will appear to other dogs.

This may explain why a dog likes to roll around the garden or rub up against furniture straight after getting bathed.

Dog Appreciation!

We sometimes lose sight of the special bond we share with our dogs, and as the days run into weeks and years, we can end up taking them for granted. But because it's so very important to them—and us—that we make the best of our time together, it's a great idea to go look for new and exciting activities to do with your dog.

Some dogs may love to join an agility course, training program, or just to go for a swim. A walk through a new area can be the highlight of a dog's day, too, so it doesn't always take lots of time or innovation to find fun and healthy activities to do with them.

What's important is that you're able to look back on the time you shared with them and think, We really had a great time together! So go on and set aside some time in your schedule for one-on-one activities with your dog, or maybe even try a weekly training or activity time with your dog and the whole family. Each endeavour is one more bit of valuable time spent with your best little friend.

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