

# MTD Dog Grooming Spring Newsletter



I hope everyone is enjoying a great start to 2012. It has been great to have seen so many of you so early in the year and welcome to all of my new customers. Presently I am booking 7 to 10 days ahead and therefore if you are looking for an appointment on a specific day/time please ring, text or email me allowing for this. Remember every 5<sup>th</sup> visit qualifies you for 20% discount. Recommend me to other dog owners and I give you additional credits so that 20% can be earned much more quickly. Two recommendations equals a grooming visit!

## An important point of information for all owners.

I have been recently concerned about the number of dogs coming into grooming without a collar and ID tag. I have always understood that a dog must have both of these items and therefore did a bit of investigation and below is a summary of the law as it stands.

In the UK, the Control of Dogs Order 1992 states that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. Your telephone number is optional (but we would recommend this).

### **You can be fined up to £5,000 if your dog does not wear an identification tag**

You do not have to put your dogs name on the tag, this is optional. Unfortunately dog stealing does occur and if the thief knows the name of your dog this may help them pass on the dog to the unsuspecting new owners because it appears they know the dog because the dog responds to their name. **We would therefore recommend, you do not put your dogs name on the tag.**

Some people are of the opinion that if their dog is micro chipped, they do not require a dog tag with their contact details on it. This is incorrect, and you should always have a dog tag on your dogs collar no matter if they are micro chipped (which is highly recommended) or not.

There are also companies who run schemes where you pay a fee and if your dog goes missing, they will assist in finding your dog. Usually you receive a tag to go on the dogs collar with the companies phone number and an ID code.

Even though it is possible for your dog to be reunited with you if found via such a system, the law still states that you **MUST HAVE** a tag on your dogs collar with your name and address, i.e. you will have both tags on your dogs collar.

**Also remember that there is no dog warden in this area and therefore if your dog does stray they could very well end up outside the area in a pound or licensed kennels. Police stations do not have kennels anymore and therefore do not have microchip readers. Pounds/kennels will charge you a substantial fine, to release your dog, even if you have a microchip if the dog is not wearing a collar.**

## Photograph Competition

I am pleased to announce that Jacky and David Tolley won the free hour photo session for their Springer Bailey. I know Rosie, of Rosie Lamb Photography, is looking forward to meeting all concerned and getting

some great photo's of Bailey. If you are interested in having your own session with Rosie for you, your dog or the whole family contact Rosie direct, her contact details are on my website.

## [Natural Instinct – natural feeding for dogs and cats](#)



I have now been feeding my dogs this product for a couple of months having been introduced to it by other dog owners in the area. I am more than pleased with the product and I am happy to recommend to you all. Some of you may have heard about natural feeding of raw food for dogs – BARF is the term generally used. This product does it all for you and comes in 1kg frozen tubs of various meat combinations (450gram tubs also available for the smaller dog). You do not need to feed this product with any other commercial food, wet or dry. All you need give is 2% of your dog's body weight daily.

As an example a 10 kilo dog would need 200 grams of food, I suggest 100 in the morning a 100 in the evening. You feed it raw! You can add raw vegetables cut up small (I give my dogs cabbage, broccoli, carrot, courgette, swede combinations when I can pick them up cheaply or veg we will not eat as beyond sell by date) The working food costs £2.45 per kilo so would feed a 10 kilo dog for 5 days.

### Advantages of this food

- No additives, completely natural so has a positive effect on behaviour.
- Great for conditioning of your dog – coat and teeth (contains bone so naturally cleans teeth)
- Weight control (diet) and maintenance of body weight.
- Has a positive effect on excretion – very small and hard stools with no smell!
- Anal gland problems should not occur as hard stools should clear them out daily.
- Positive effect on those dogs who suffer from flatulence – happy TV watching in our house now!

Those of you who have been in recently for grooming will have been given a brochure about the food and if you wish for any further information please visit [www.naturalinstinct.com](http://www.naturalinstinct.com) The company is based in Camberley and I will be offering a monthly order and pick up of food for my customers starting at the end of March. Attached you will find an order form and price list with a schedule for ordering and dates for pick up – usually a Friday. To have it delivered direct it costs £6.50 per order, I am willing to collate and send through an order and collect (for you to pick up from my address) monthly for a small fee of £1 to cover my time and petrol. The order form is easy to use and does all the calculations for you. Cash or cheque made payable to M T Danks when you pick up please.

If you are interested but do not wish to make a full first order until you know you and your dog are happy with the change, request a couple of kilo's the first time. I also often have a few extra tubs in my freezer if you want to buy them from me. (on a first come first served basis).

Please contact me if you have any further questions.

## **Spring Warnings!**

### **Bites and Stings**

As the days get longer and the wildlife awakens from their hibernation pet owners should be more wary. The most common allergic reactions that are seen in the Spring are caused by wasp & bee stings and adder bites.

Mild symptoms might include:

- Face, muzzle, limb or localised swelling
- Hives
- Red and irritated skin
- Severe itching

More severe reactions (anaphylactic reactions) can cause:

- A sudden drop in blood pressure
- Pale gums and tongue drooling
- Vomiting and diarrhoea
- Breathing problems and collapse

Occasionally, a more mild reaction will progress to a severe reaction. For this reason its recommend that any pet with a suspected allergic reaction is examined by a vet.

Also remember as the grass in parks is cut, many dogs get itchy feet and will lick and chew their toes and pads. To help your dog not to get such problems, dip their feet in a shallow bowl when you get home and dry well with a towel.

## **Easter Eggs**

We all love to eat Easter Eggs, but for our beloved pets they can be a danger. All forms of chocolate are poisonous to cats and dogs, due to the Theobromine content, which they find toxic. In simple terms the darker the chocolate the more toxic it is.

At low doses symptoms include:

- Gastrointestinal signs
- Vomiting and diarrhoea

As the amount of chocolate ingested rises, you will start to see problems with:

- Hyper excitability
- Increased heart rate
- Problems with abnormal heart rhythms (called arrhythmias)
- Low blood pressure
- Collapse

At very high doses, seizures are possible. Vomiting and diarrhoea are extremely common with this toxicity and can cause dehydration. Contact your vet if you are at all concerned.

## **Why not order your dog its own Easter treats?**

While most of us will be tucking into our chocolate eggs this Easter, your dogs' do not have to miss out! Indulge them with Maz's Homemade Biscuits! Each Gift Bag contains a variety of treats including Banana and Honey Cookies, Cheese Hearts, Peanut Butter Bones and more! Please contact Maz for further details

Sent to you or straight to a friend (addressed to their dog)

£2.50 + Postage

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If you or your partner, run your own local business, shop or service, can you email [mtddoggrooming@gmail.com](mailto:mtddoggrooming@gmail.com) brief details and contact details if different to the ones I already hold for you. Please can you say which dog you own as that is how I file – dogs name and your surname.

I am looking to put together a database of local business owners for the use of my customers. So if you are an electrician/plumber/plasterer/butcher/ baker or candlestick maker and want to be involved? Contact me.

Also don't forget if you have a dog friendly holiday you can share with other dog owners, send me the details to – [mtddoggrooming@gmail.com](mailto:mtddoggrooming@gmail.com) and I will add to the list.

I hope some or all of the above has been informative and of interest to you. Please contact me if there are any dog related questions or issues you wish for me to cover in the next newsletter.

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