



HAPPY HOUNDS



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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the third Happy Hounds Group newsletter by email. Firstly, thank you so much for the great response. It's always good to know that these letters are well received. Please keep the comments coming.

If you are a facebook fan you will love our Happy Hounds facebook page. Pictures of the dogs that come in for grooming or boarding feature every few days. If you want to see what's going on then click on the facebook icon on the website and 'like' Happy Hounds. We now have 44 'likes' and would love to reach 100 by the end of the year so if you are a facebook user then please go onto the page and 'like' it.

WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR IN THE AUTUMN

The main thing to watch out for in the autumn is kennel cough. All dogs that are boarded either with Karen or in kennels must have their vaccination done. As it isn't a vaccination that is routinely carried out you will need to double check your certificate issued by your vet before your dog boards anywhere. This is a highly infectious respiratory infection that is caused by both bacteria and viruses that spread rapidly in the air or by direct contact. The disease usually takes 5 days from contact with the virus to the start of the cough. If your dog is unvaccinated and is unlucky enough to catch kennel cough then do not take your dog to meet other dogs until the coughing completely stops. This can take anywhere between 5 days and a month. Excitement and the cold autumn air can exacerbate the symptoms so exercise and barking should be limited. Your vet will be able to treat the bacterial side of the disease with antibiotics but as with us humans the virus needs to be dealt with by the dog's own immune system.

As the month of November brings us fireworks so it brings us frightened dogs. Noise fears are very common in dogs so here are a few tips to make life easier if your dog is scared. Walk and feed your dog early in the

evening before the fireworks start. Draw the curtains so that the lights of the fireworks are shut out. Turn the TV or radio on and most importantly act normally and ignore any fearful behaviour. The more you comfort and fuss your dog the more you are telling them that they are right to be fearful (difficult we know as it is our natural instinct is to comfort). One product that seems to work well is D.A.P which is a copy of the natural canine appeasing pheromone and is the natural way a bitch comforts her puppies. It is especially designed for dogs and is odourless, non-sedative and can be used alongside all types of medication. Ask your Vet for more information.

BOARDING

Just to remind you that Karen is now fully licenced, inspected and insured to board dogs at her home. To see what some of our clients think of her boarding service go to www.happyhoundsgroup.com and have a look at the testimonials. If you are thinking about going away and would like your dog looked after in a comfortable, loving, family home please contact Karen at Happy Hounds Home Boarding by emailing karen@happyhoundsgroup.com or telephoning 07905 431181. Please continue to ring 01895 811812 for all grooming enquiries and appointments.

HOLIDAYS

If you haven't booked your holiday this year or are forward planning next year's holiday and fancy a trip to Florida why not have a look at www.happyholsflorida.com part of the happy group of companies. For availability you may email me karen@happyhoundsgroup.com or enquiries@happyholsflorida.com. This lovely four bedroomed, three bathroomed house situated in Orlando is just a 10 – 15 minute drive from the wonderful world of Walt Disney. **We are taking bookings for 2012 now!**

PLACES TO WALK YOUR DOG

One of our favourite places to walk is Mad Bess Woods in Bury Street, Ruislip. Look out for the sign to Ruislip Woods and turn into the car park at the brow of the hill. We tend to do a big loop of the woods setting off on the right hand side of the car park, working our way to the bottom and along the fields where the scouts and guides have their camp and back up so that we end up on the left hand side of the car park. It usually takes about 45 minutes to an hour. The closing times for the car park, however, are quite

early so make sure you check the times on the board before you set off so that you are not locked in!

HEALTH

This seasons healthy product to tell you about is Forever Freedom. This is a drinking gel that contains Aloe Vera Gel combined with glucosamine, chondroitin and MSM, natural elements shown to maintain healthy joint function and flexibility. This product is great for old, arthritic dogs and we have had brilliant results with it. One customer said that his dog could now get up and down the stairs more easily within a month of starting with it. If you would like to try this product for your dog it comes with a 60 day money back guarantee so please email Karen – karen@happyhoundsgroup.com to place your order.

While on the subject of Aloe Vera products if anyone is looking to earn some extra money for Christmas working part-time around what they are currently doing please have a look at www.beauch.co.uk and watch a 25 minute video that could change your life!

If you would like more information on Forever Aloe Vera products, a brochure or leaflet on Aloe for Animals please email me with your name, address and telephone number and I will get one sent straight out to you.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Here is an event for Autumn that you might like to go to:

Discover Dogs at Earls Court

This is a chance to see over 200 different breeds of dogs and have a chat to the breeders. There are also lots of stands selling dog related products and events and demonstrations going on all day.

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th of November. Opening times are 10 am to 5 pm. Tickets are on sale now for £11 per adult (£14 on the day).

GROOMING TIPS

Now is a brilliant time to have that last clip off done. If your dog has the type of coat that is normally clipped short then now is the time to do it. This will give the coat plenty of time to grow back a bit for the winter. Having said that, as long as your dog isn't very young or very old we do still clip coats off in the winter as long as they are not kept in a kennel in the garden. It's a good idea to buy a little coat for the smaller breeds that feel the cold.

FINALLY

If anyone has anything interesting or informative that you would like to add to the quarterly newsletter or you come across an article, have an interesting story or have found a beautiful walk that you would like to share with other dog owners please let us know about it. Our aim is to pass on helpful tips and useful information to as many dog owners as possible so if you know of anyone that would like to receive this email but is not a Happy Hounds client then please feel free to forward it on to them or email karen@happyhoundsgroup.com and we will add them to the listing.

Have a safe, happy autumn with your dog and hope to see you soon.

Karen and Stephanie

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