



GAP E-News



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Letter from the Editor



It's time to come together and have some fun!

I hope to have a "bonza" issue for you this month. Clyde has kindly provided a rather colourful letter, which I am sure you will enjoy, although I'm sure he won't be impressed of one of the photos Jenny sent in to accompany it :) I don't know about you... but I can't wait to read more from Clyde!

We have the GAP Afternoon tea date finally arranged which is the 27th July so we sure do hope we see you there! There is a full page add on page 2 to give you all the details.

As for committee news—it's still busy busy at GAP central. As you may remember I mentioned that some members went to the GAP conference in Brisbane. They had a great time and it was a perfect opportunity for them to meet with other GAP people. Right now Angela and Mick are busy working with interstate coordinators to help draft up the national policies and procedures which is excellent. We also have received some fantastic news—but alas, we are all gonna have to wait until the media release before I can let the cat out of the bag! Don't worry... it won't be too long!

Dr Harry is now officially a Patron of GAPSA. So once we get all the media images you will start seeing some pics on the website and around the place.

Oh—and if you have visited the website in the last couple of days you will notice we are now taking pics for next year's GAP Calendar. This one is sure to be better than ever!!!

Kind Regards

Kylie Mancini
Website Manager/Newsletter Editor

Special points of interest:

- GAP AFTERNOON TEA—27 JULY!
- Pics for GAP Calender wanted NOW!
- Feature Article: Separation Anxiety (Pt 1)
- Events Coordinator Wanted.
- Clyde's letter from the Donga.

Wanted! Committee Positions Available



We Want You!

Do you have a few hours each week that you would like to volunteer to a great cause?

Do you love being part of our great and friendly community and want to help out?

Do you have a knack for arranging and organizing events and things.

Are you available to attend a committee meeting once a month on a Monday evening?

If you think this is you—We currently have a position of Events Coordinator open! But it doesn't stop there!!!

If you genuinely want to join and are willing to volunteer some of your time to help out from anything to attending

functions, helping sell merchandise and fundraising items, etc. and would love to be involved in the committee, we welcome any submissions.

Simply send a letter giving some details about yourself and interests to GAPSA Office or email to the Coordinator and Chairperson. Contact details are located on the back of this newsletter.

Meet one of our Sponsors:



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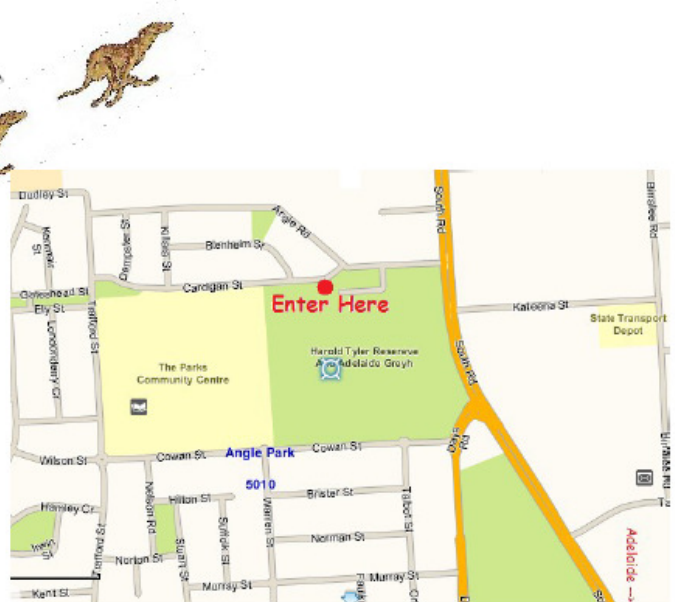
GAP AFTERNOON TEA



Everyone is invited to the Greyhound Adoption Program Afternoon Tea.

An annual event we encourage existing greyhound owners to mix with other owners and future owners. Also meet and greet the people who help with the program.

SUNDAY, 27TH JULY, 2008
11:00A.M. UNTIL 3:00P.M.



GREYHOUND RACING S.A. ANGLE PARK TRACK

55 CARDIGAN ST. ANGLE PARK

Sunday 27 July 2008—11am to 3pm

Drinks and Merchandise Available

Sausage Sizzle lunch with all profits going to GAPSA.

Please feel free to bring a small plate of sweets for supper to share.

P.S. Greyhounds.... Remember to bring your adopted humans.

Clyde's Letter from the Donga!

Unedited from explicit instructions from Clyde himself! *grins* Best read with the ocka accent!



What's happened to the Princess Pretzel Diaries? Clyde says if she's stopped writing to you he may have to start writing about life out here in the donga with his Sheila mate an' the dopey foster dogs. Geeze yer should 'a seen the last one, big as a road train with a head on 'im like a robber's dog.

As for the Princess Pretzel Diaries... well unfortunately she doesn't want to do it anymore so I would love to receive some adventures from Clyde living out in the donga!!! That would be great.

G'day Kylie,

Geeze Mate, are yu fer real? Cripes Mate, I wus havin' yer on. I mean, I really miss th' Missus readin' Princess Pretzel's Diary to us but blimey, me, look mate, I'm just an old bushie, I c'n 'ardly string a story together like she did. Ther Mis-

sus says yer for real though so I might as well give ut a burl, she says I'm not playin fer cattle stations an' if yer dun latch onter me lingo I'll just cum a bit uv a gutser.

I suppose yer wants ter know a bit abaht us? Well there's me "n me good mate Heidi, she's a bonza sheila. We lives up here in the bush on a bit uv a farm. We lives with the Boss and the Missus.

Heidi's bin here since bag sewin' days [well 18 months at least. J] the boss an the Missus took up fosterin, an the Boss fell in love with her, he says she's just a slobber chops but she really gets a guernsey from him, too right she does. Heres' a picture uv her, Int she jist the glassy? Hey Kylie, c'n yer put it in the competition fer Greyhound uv ther month fer me? The Missus says nup she ain't gunna 'cos she reckons Heidi's got tickets enough on herself without winnin' a beauty competition. Ah break it down Missus, I c'n allus pull her down ter size. Geeze she were a hairy goat on ther track an I were only beaten by ther tin bunny. Oh Yeah, I'd better give yer a picture of me. Ther missus says me looks is nothin' ter write home abaht – she says I'm called Clyde after a camel because I'm all big feet and raw bones. Ther Missus is not very polite abaht me!



Above: Clyde's good mate Heidi

So the Boss an' Missus agree they'll keep one hound and foster a second one an everything were goin' along as right as rain, then I comes along an made a schemozzle of their plans. Yu see I've got Pannus, I gets itchy eyes an I has ter have drops an' ointment an' stuff an I has ter wear sunnies that make me look a real galah.

(I tells yer what, ef that Mollie dog thut's ther hound uv ther month had ter wear goggles every time she went fer a walk she'd not be so keen to have her picture took in them!) So I couldn't be a real G.A.P. dog an' go to a new family so the Boss an' Missus said I could stay here as long as I helps with the foster dogs.



Ther Missus says caring fer three dogs is a bit like Rafferty's Rules but she's tellin furphys, we're real good dogs Heidi an me, we're not on the grouter, we works hard ter help around ther farm an ter pull ther foster dogs into line.

Anyways Kylie, is that enough ter be goin' on with? D'yer wants ter know abaht thef farm an foster dogs another time? I've bin flat out like a lizard drinkin' doin' this fer yer an I'm flamin' pooped so I'm gunna shoot through. Ooroo f' now.

Clyde.

Left: Here's the pic Clyde didn't want anyone to see *Grins* This is Clyde in glasses, being a Surfie at the obedience club Christmas Party...he'd be horrified that you've seen it, doesn't fit his working dog image at all!

Separation Anxiety— Article from Balgownie Veterinary Hospital Part 1..

Separation anxiety is a severely distressed state in dogs related to the dog being excessively or overly-bonded to its owners. It is manifested in a variety of behaviours only seen when the dog doesn't have access to its owner.

Pre-disposing factors

- Genetics
- Life experiences- such as, a change of owners,
- significant changes in environment or routine or time spent as a stray or in a shelter or pound.

Breeds affected

Separation anxiety is no more prevalent in crossbred or purebred dogs.

Symptoms

The signs of separation anxiety include one or more of the following

a) When the dog doesn't have access to its owner...

- Barking, whining, howling- this is a serious, and often underestimated, cause of barking.
- Soiling in the house, urinating or defecating at entry and exit points as the result of panic
- Frantic chewing, scratching and digging behaviour, often at entry and exit points
- Escaping
- Pacing
- Self mutilation
- Depression
- Anorexia
- Salivation, vomiting and diarrhoea

b) In the presence of the owner the dog...

- Greets the owner excessively
- Bolt to the water bowl on the owner's return as it hasn't eaten or drunk all day in the owner's absence
- "Shadows" the owner
- Demands attention
- May exhibit signs of anxiety as the owner prepares to depart
- May attempt to hold or "mouth" the owner as they depart

Keeping a diary or using a video or a sound-activated recording device will help identify if and when behaviours are occurring and for how long. They can also provide a baseline to which you can compare recordings during the treatment program. Owners can leave for short periods (15 minutes) and return to observe what has occurred.

Treatment

- Encourage relaxation- see [Lonely dogs](#) (pg5)
- Reduce intense attachment to the owner- see [Providing Stability and Security](#) (Pg8)
- Desensitise dog to departures and counter-conditioning
- see [Small Steps Towards a Final Goal](#) (Provided in Next Issue)
- Enriching the environment- see [Dogs with Energy](#) (Provided in Next Issue)
- Medication - **Clomicalm** used in combination with behaviour modification means dogs get better two to three times faster.
- Avoid sudden changes in the dog's routine, avoid harsh correction techniques or punishment.

Separation Anxiety— Article from Balgownie Veterinary Hospital

Part 1.. (Cont)

The type of behaviour modification will depend on the severity of the clinical signs. A good rule of thumb is to do no more than the dog can easily cope with and always finish on a good note. Start with relaxation and other short term strategies then gradually build up to a desensitisation programme once the dog is more confident, obedient and relaxed.

For the successful resolution of this problem, treatment takes time, effort and commitment on the owner's and the clinic's part. Generally, the presence of another dog does not help minimise this anxiety as it appears that these dogs need human company, not the company of another dog or cat.

Lonely Dogs—Helping dogs to be alone

Separation anxiety refers to the distress that some dogs feel in the absence of a person (or less often, an animal) to whom they are highly attached. The anxiety can be expressed in one or more ways including vocalisation (barking, whining), destructive behaviour, salivation, pacing, house-soiling, escaping or depression.

These undesirable behaviours need to be prevented from recurring in the short term.

Anxiety is a cascade type of phenomenon - once you get upset it is easier to become more upset very quickly. The memory of the unpleasant experience the last time anxiety occurred will make the same situation even more stressful for the dog on the next occasion.



Hence, the need to avoid these episodes whenever possible, until there is time to implement longer term strategies which will enable the dog to cope with separation without distress.

Here are some short-term strategies that can help your dog cope.

Denning and "Dog-sitting"

Some mildly affected dogs may accept confinement in an exercise pen, crate, cubby or den. It is ideal if an item such as an unwashed sweater can be placed with the dog, together with appropriate chew toys such as Kongs. Some dogs may prefer the car and settle better here. However, beware on warm days and in cases where the dog is very destructive. Another alternative is access to a place closely associated with the owner such as a couch or bed. You may have a friend or neighbour who is willing to check on the dog at certain intervals or temporarily "dog-sit", or "Doggie daycare" at a veterinary hospital or boarding kennels at those times early in the program when you just have to leave home, can be a great help.

Departure Routines

Many dogs will readily identify departure routines and use these as cues to become distressed. Ideally we need to try and identify ways that will relax the dog and help him tolerate your departures better. It is useful to carry out activities such as picking up keys, packing a briefcase or putting on a uniform but then staying home. Practice these "mock" departures many times. Alternatively, you might be aware of a cue that helps your dog relax eg putting on joggers indicates a short departure for a morning jog. You might put these joggers on and go to work. This can help to ensure the dog is unable to reliably predict which activities precede your departure.

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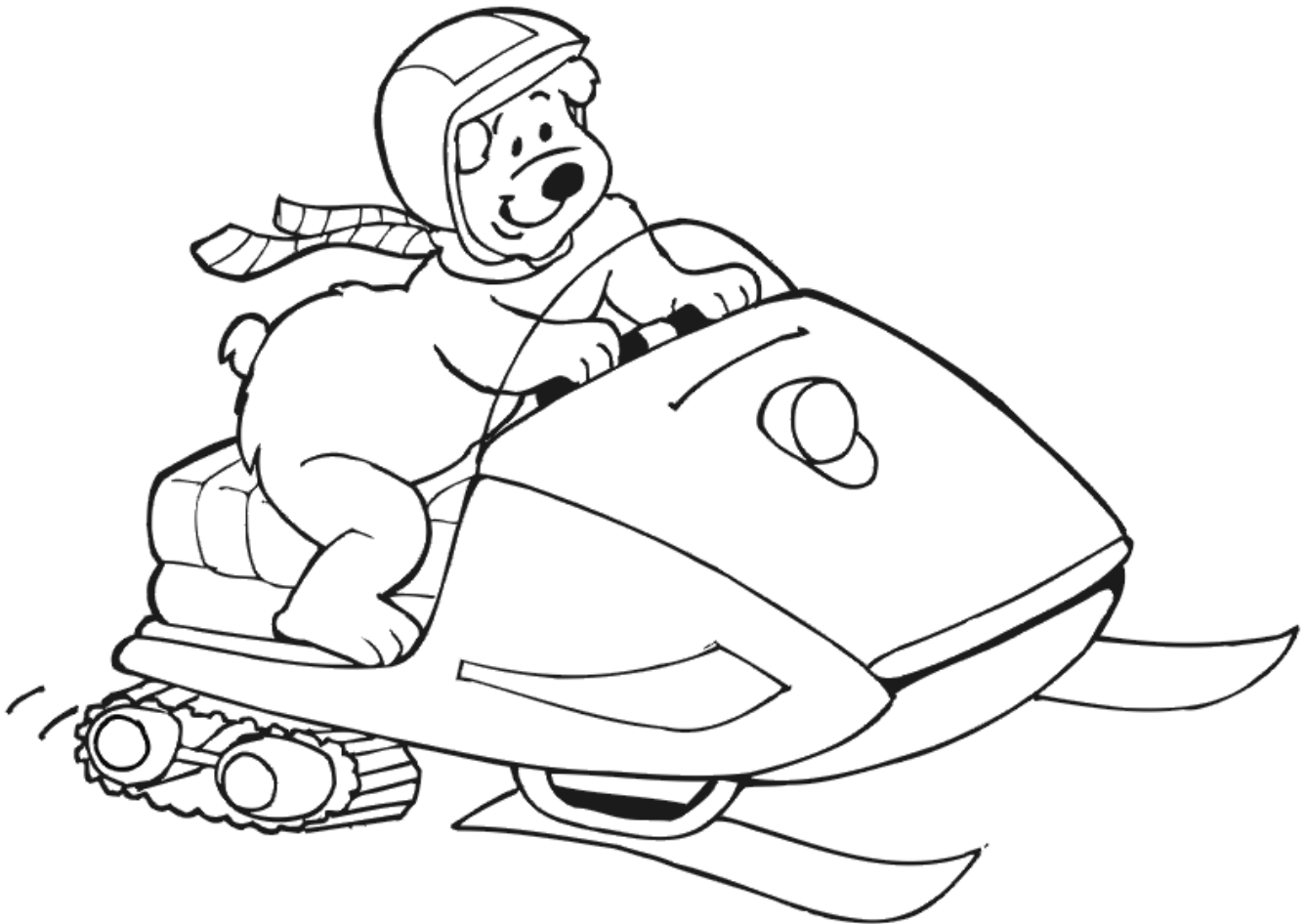
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KIDS CORNER

COLOUR IN ROLY—THE POLAR BEAR!



RAINY DAY CRAFTS—Button Beings (From DisneyFamily.com)



CRAFT MATERIALS:

- Buttons
- Pipe cleaners
- Permanent markers
- Craft glue
- Googly eyes
- Craft beads

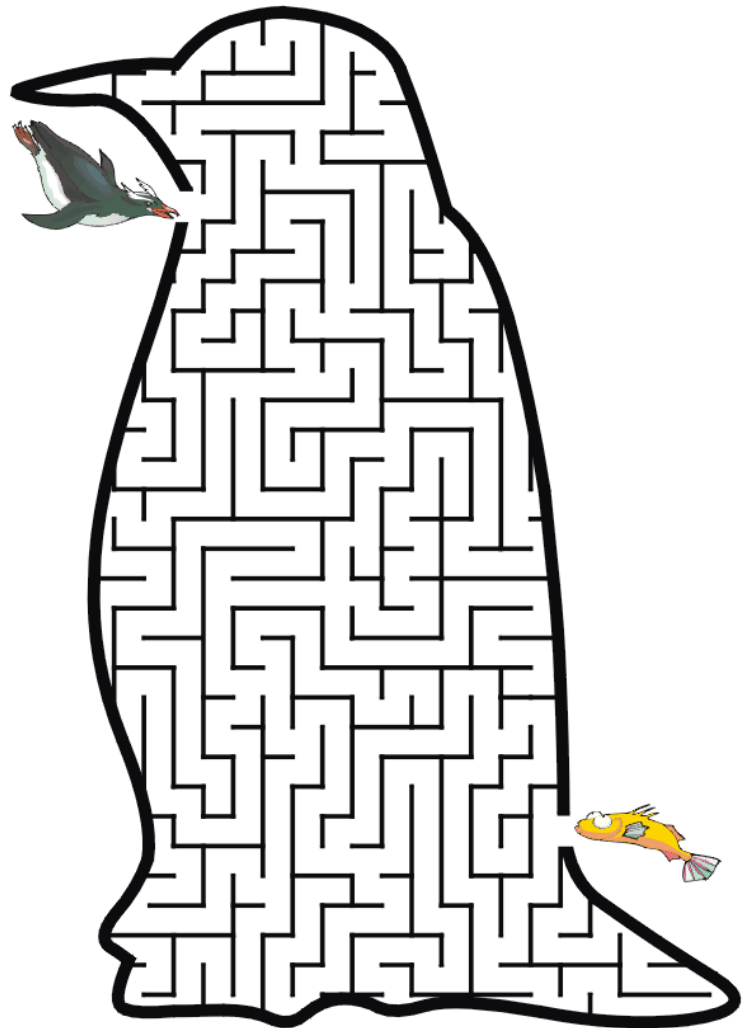
Time needed: 30 Minutes or Less

1. Gather buttons, pipe cleaners, permanent markers, craft glue, googly eyes, and craft beads.
2. Then encourage your child to make any creature he can imagine by threading the pipe cleaners through the buttonholes.
3. Get creative by linking multiple buttons and by molding the pipe cleaners into interesting shapes such as tails, antennae, legs, wings, and more. (Remember that you can twist together 2 pipe cleaners for extra length.)
4. Once a body's done, add a mouth with a marker and glue on 2 (or 3 or 4!) eyes.



KIDS CORNER...

Help the penguin to find his dinner!



ANIMAL JOKES

What do you get when you cross a parrot with a centipede?

A walkie talkie!

What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower?

I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it!

What's grey and squirts jam at you?

A mouse eating a doughnut!

What do you get when you cross a porcupine with a balloon?

POP!



RAINY DAY CRAFTS—Paint a Batch of Beetles (From DisneyFamily.com)

My kids go buggy over this open-ended project: decorating a colony of brightly colored beetles. We usually spread out our bug-making over two afternoons—one to mold the beetles and one to paint them.

To start, mix a cup of plaster of Paris according to the directions on the box. Pour the mix bit by bit into disposable plastic spoons and let them dry overnight (we usually make 20 to 40 at a time and save some for later). The next day, pop the bugs out of the spoons and have your kids paint them with acrylic or tempera paints. An insect guide can offer some fun inspiration for colors and designs.



Painting the bugs can take up the better part of a rainy afternoon, but you can also extend this project in other ways. For example, make your beetles more functional by gluing them onto magnets. Or challenge everyone to create an interesting beetle cage from any supplies around your house (toothpicks are a good jumping-off point).



Separation Anxiety– Article from Balgownie Veterinary Hospital Pt 1 (Cont...)

"Relaxation" Cues

On days when you are leaving the dog for very short periods only, you can start to develop some specific cues that indicate your return is imminent. These could include such things as a particular piece of music playing, an unlit vanilla candle, a special blanket or rug, a novel toy etc. These signal to the dog that the departures are "safe" and that you will be back very soon and can be provided during the desensitization program set out in Small steps toward a final goal. These items MUST be removed at other times or they will lose their significance.

Greetings and Departures

Greetings and departures should be downplayed. The dog should be ignored 15 minutes before you leave and for 15 minutes on your return. This helps to avoid the intense highs and lows that are contributing to the anxiety levels your pet is experiencing. Setting a light or radio on a timer programmed to come on 30 minutes before your arrival home can help to defuse the sudden nature of your return.

Providing stability and security

This programme will benefit all dogs but especially those with behaviour problems. For example, dogs that suffer from separation anxiety show obvious signs of distress when separated from you. These individuals are likely to have a higher anxiety level at all times than most dogs.

Providing a secure environment in which the dog learns to look to you for direction and control can help to relieve the underlying tension that is always present and reduce the likelihood of a crisis episode developing.

The aim is for the dog to recognise that you are dependable and to recognise where in the household hierarchy he fits. This reduces or removes sources of confusion or conflict, the dog feels more comfortable and confident that he can rely on you to determine departure and return routines.

There is also a section included for those dogs with attention-seeking behaviours.

The Veterinary Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania has developed a program to assist in providing the dog with this secure, stable environment. It involves the dog sitting for all of the things that it values.

Sit

First you need to train "sit". There is no need to push down on his bottom. Firmly hold a food reward above his nose and move your hand backwards until his hindquarters start to drop. As they go down say "sit" and good boy and when he sits give his reward. You may need to ask your vet for advice on teaching your dog how to sit on command if it has not been trained to do this previously.

It is essential that it is taught in a gentle, positive manner which results in the dog being rewarded when it is obedient. Many people dislike food rewards as they consider them a bribe. However it may be thought of as a "payment" for a good job. Once the behaviour occurs 95% of the time then start alternating food rewards and pats. At this stage intermittent reward becomes the strongest reinforcer of good behaviour.

Once your dog can reliably sit on your request he should be encouraged to make eye contact with you when he sits. You can hold a favourite toy or tit-bit near your eye while asking him to "look". The treat should be given as soon as he complies. Over time the item can be replaced by a hand movement up towards your eyes only and a reward given from your pocket.

If you are concerned that your dog is focusing on the food rather than you, an alternative is to hold a tit-bit in each hand and hold them at shoulder height to your left and right. Initially your dog is likely to look from one to the other- eventually he will look at you and as he does so instantly give the word "look" and reward him with both pieces of food.

Stay

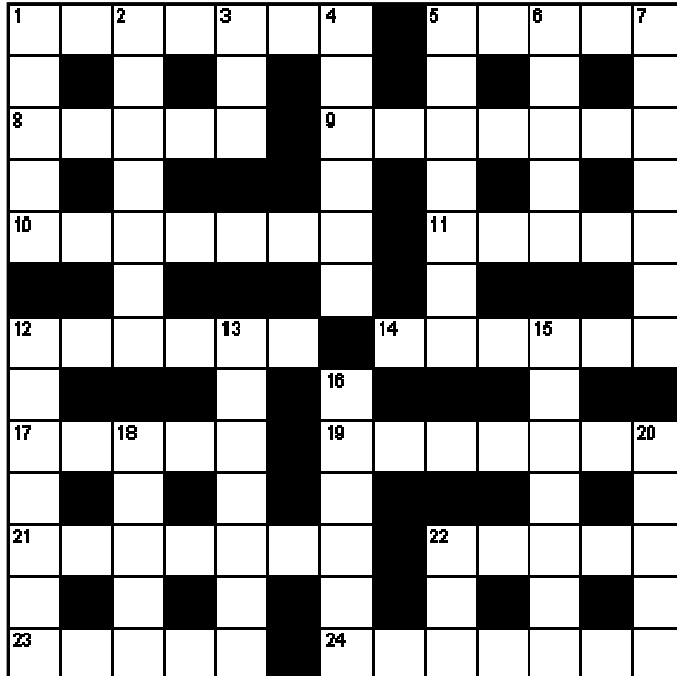
The next step is to introduce the "stay" and ask the dog to remain in position until a release command such as "free" is given. Make this learning process fun. Use a happy tone of voice and lots of verbal praise together with the reward of a tit-bit or a game. Sessions should be short and enjoyable. No more than 5 minutes at a time but repeat these sessions a minimum of six times during the day.

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PUZZLE PAGE

Now the kids are set... here is a little something for us "bigger kids" to tease our brains with. (Answers page 12)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Chronicle (7)
- 5 Proverb (5)
- 8 Graphic (5)
- 9 Cautionary advice (7)
- 10 Help grow and develop (7)
- 11 Free of impurities (5)
- 12 Neckband (6)
- 14 Systems of principles (6)
- 17 Hackneyed (5)
- 19 Facets (7)
- 21 Gullibility (7)
- 22 One of the senses (5)
- 23 Larceny (5)
- 24 Unprocessed or manufactured (7)

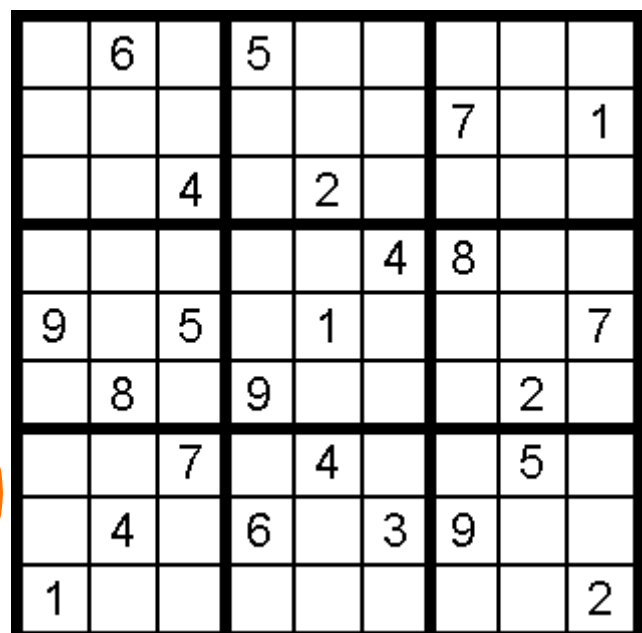
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- 1 Oasis (5)
- 2 More than two or three but not many (7)
- 3 Of long duration (3)
- 4 Gaped (6)
- 5 Fruit (7)
- 6 Stage whisper (5)
- 7 Machines (7)
- 12 Piece of furniture (7)
- 13 Complaint (7)
- 15 Tooth (7)
- 16 Ravine formed by a river (6)
- 18 Racket (5)
- 20 Hex (5)
- 22 Toddler (3)



SUDOKU

Hint: Each line to total 45



Seperation Anxiety (Part 1 Cont...)

If you and your dog are not looking forward to them then progress will not be as good as it should be. If you are continually becoming frustrated with your dog, then it is time to contact your veterinary clinic for some assistance.

Once you have taught your dog to sit and look at you on request you can begin to ask this of him for ALL the things he enjoys in life. You might like to think of it as the dog saying "please".

It does not mean that your dog has to miss out on anything - only that he must earn what he has previously been given for free, by sitting and looking at you. This needs to become part and parcel of your daily interactions. A few examples are: "please" (sit, look and stay) can I have my dinner, "please" can I have my lead put on for a walk, "please" can I cross the road, "please" can I have a pat, "please" can you open the door, "please" can I get into/out of the car and so forth.

This program will reach its full potential if you concurrently ignore any attempt on your dog's part to control YOUR actions. For instance, if your dog comes up and nudges you while you are reading the newspaper (his way of saying "gimme"), it is important not to reach down and pat him until he chooses to move away. Doing so would have allowed the dog to dictate that entire interaction. It is preferable to ignore the dog (even if he whimpers or paws at you).

If he jumps up, make no physical, voice or eye contact with him. Don't push him away - this is a response. Just turn around and walk away or stand and walk away. Once the dog has moved away you can call him over, ask him to "sit" and "look" (i.e. he says "please") and then pat him provided he complies. In this way, your dog doesn't miss out, it is just a matter of you deciding when he can be patted.

If your dog does not do as requested, walk away and ignore him.

It is important to watch for potentially "pushy" behaviours by your dog to ensure you are not inadvertently being manipulated. It is to be expected that there will be some resistance to the change in the household hierarchy and the behaviours may become worse in the short term but will eventually disappear when the dog realises he gets no benefit from them.

Remember in attention-seeking dogs any recognition is a reinforcement for the behaviour.

That includes even small gestures like eye contact or negative things like yelling. These will seem like acknowledgment to this dog. We must avoid all signs of acknowledgment unless we initiate it. We need to teach our dog basic manners.

This program often means quite a big change in the way that you interact with your pet. In the short term you might feel like you are being harsh on your dog by refusing to meet his demands if he does not comply with your directions. However, dogs are like people in that they generally value things more highly if they require some effort to obtain.

The simple act of sitting and looking at you will provide your dog with direction and reward for deferring to you. It helps to provide a clear set of rules for your dog to follow, which can play a major part in relieving anxiety and hence, the undesirable behaviours that often follow this emotional state.

Head Collars

The use of head collars such as **Halti** (available from most vets and pet accessory stores) is another way to reinforce your rank and therefore enable your dog to feel more secure. They also give you more physical control of your dog but are in fact far gentler than neck collars or choke chains. The pressure of the strap over the back of the neck and the nose also translates to the dog a feeling that the owner is higher in rank. When playing the dog of higher rank mouths or puts his paw over the back of the neck and over the top of the muzzle of the dog of lower rank.

It is important that collars are fitted correctly and that they are introduced in a slow and positive way to the dog.

Do not remove the head collar if your dog is showing any irritation such as pawing at the collar. Distract him with a tit-bit or toy and remove it once he is relaxed. Some dogs may resist the psychological effect of having their rank diminished.

Behaviour modification takes time and effort and can be a slow process. Dedicate at least a four week period to start and then assess the situation. If you are having difficulty with any of the programs please don't hesitate to contact your local vet.

Stay tuned for Part 2 in next issue

RECENT ADOPTIONS **Meet our latest adoptees!**

We are all so happy they now have their forever homes. If I've missed any here I do apologise!



Fawn—Who loves to play, great with kids and small dogs has found a forever home with The Darmanin Family



Bryce has found his forever home with the Lillicrapp Family



Monty—Raced as Master William- has been adopted by Pam Mattschoss



Denver—Raced as Mum's Gollie has found his forever home with Molly Claire & Family



DJ has found a forever home with the Hardman Family.



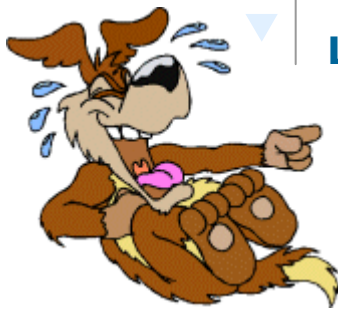
Josh has been adopted by The Bond Family

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Patrick—(Aka Oska)- has been adopted by The Kinnaird Family

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Kaiser—Raced as True Pirate - has found his forever home with the Leaney Family



LAUGHS AND GIGGLES



What the???

Thanks goes to Peter Fry for submitting this rather funny snippet! →

DOGGY HUMOUR!

A burglar is stalking stealthily around the living-room of the house he's just broken into. He jumps with fright when he suddenly hears a voice behind him saying "Croaoak, beware, Jesus watches you"

He turns around, swings the beam of his flashlight in to direction the voice comes from and sees what indeed the voice had made him think once he was over his first fright : a parrot. The bird repeats "Croaoak, beware, Jesus watches you"

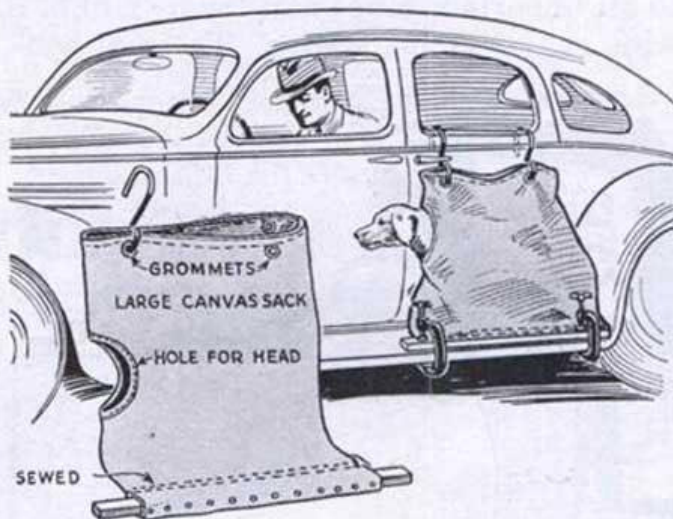
The burglar walks up to the cage and asks "And what may your name be? The parrot answers "Coco"? The burglar sniggers and says "I've always found that a very stupid name for a parrot." The parrot answers "Maybe, but not half as silly as Jesus for a pitbull terrier"

Just a thought....

When dog food is new and improved tasting, who tests it?



Dog Rides Comfortably in Sack on Running Board



Your dog will ride safely in this sack, which is quickly attached or removed

When you take your dog along for a ride, but prefer not having it inside the car, it can ride safely and comfortably in this sack, which is carried on the running board. The bottom of the sack is clamped to the running board and the top is fastened to the lower part of an open window with hooks, covered with small rubber tubing to prevent marring the car.

Announcements... Dr Harry is Patron to GAPSA.

Your committee has pleasure in advising that Dr. Harry Cooper, well known veterinarian and television personality has agreed to become GAPSA Patron. Dr Harry as he is known to his many fans is a huge fan of the greyhound and will bring a wealth of experience to our organization. GAPSA is honored to have Dr Harry aboard and is looking forward to working with him to promote our great cause.



Letters to GAP

We always love to receive letters and here is one sent in just the other day with a very cute pic of their Bessy (right).

Dear GAP,

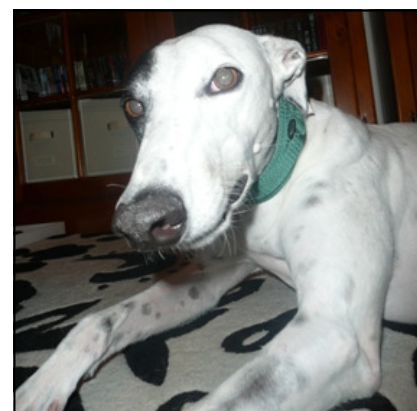
This is the cutest photo we have of our much loved Bessy, we just had to share it with you.

We hope to adopt another greyhound as soon as we find a home with a larger backyard (hopefully that won't be too long).

Thank you for all your hard work and support for these beautiful animals.

Kind Regards and warm wishes,

Ausma & Tim Nicholas



GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM—SA

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Coming Events

July 27th : GAP Afternoon Tea

**At Greyhound Racing SA Race Way at
Angle Park**

11am to 3pm

SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!

July 2008

Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

2009 GAP CALENDER—WE WANT YOUR PICS!

Don't Miss Out! We want your favourite pics of your greyhounds for next year's calender. And to make it even easier for many we have set up a photobucket account where people can upload directly at <http://photobucket.com/gapsa>

Don't fear for those who have printed copies using 35mm film—simply send in to the office and we will ensure they are scanned in for you.

All requirements and full details is available on the website, however below is a brief outline:

Landscape Format ☐

Images to be crisp and clear for professional printing purposes,

Size to be at least 600 x 400 pixels, although the bigger the better :)

Details to be included and any images with children to have parental consent required.

Photos to be in by Mid August!!!

(Please don't hesitate to contact me if anyone has any problems or needs assistance)

Which Bones to give your pooch!



Above: Evie enjoying her big ol' bone.

Giving bones is a personal choice—there appears to be mixed consensus whether to give them or not. Some vets say no and some say yes— however if you do give your dogs bones there appears to be some general guidelines on which are safe and which are not.

The Good

- Raw bones, such as leg bones, marrow bones which are available from local butcher.
- Milk bones
- Choose bones too large for your dog to swallow whole.

The Bad

- Definitely no chicken or fowl.
- Pork and Cooked bones—tend to splinter
- Round Steak bones

If you do give your dogs bones—always use common sense—determine if your dog is a chewer or swallower, do not give a big dog a tiny bone where it may easily get lodged in their throat, supervise your dog when giving bones etc.

Regardless —If in doubt—speak to your own trusted vet.

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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