

The Poop Scoop

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The Scoop by Abbey van der Plas

The amount of requests that we get to take on peoples dogs would actually astound you. It's relentless. Every single day we get emails, Facebook messages, phone calls, drop ins.

Why is everyone giving up on their dogs? Yes there is the odd genuine reason, but mostly it's just the same old excuses that we've always been given – we are having a baby, we are moving house, it got too big, we put no effort into training or socialisation and now we have a problem dog, or my personal favourite – we don't have enough time. Everyone is busy. I am flat out every single day, I don't remember the last time I had 5 minutes to myself but I have 3 dogs and they are my family, giving up on them would never be an option.

If you know of someone thinking about getting a dog, please remind them that owning a dog is a massive responsibility and should not be taken lightly. If you can't commit to feeding, housing, loving, training, and nurturing a dog for 15+ years, then you are not ready to own one.



Bring on 2017!!

To say that 2016 was challenging would be an understatement, but with the support of our followers we have saved & re-homed more dogs than any other year to date.

We are feeling positive coming into 2017 with all the challenges that this year has to bring. It is starting off well with NO puppies in our care, which is a first for the start of a new year.

CBBR will continue to bring you our fun-filled fundraising events with the first one of the year being a doozie - our first ever official Poker Run!!! Check out the information for this event on page 4 of the newsletter. We have some amazing businesses who are sponsoring the event & they are providing some fantastic prizes.

A massive thank you to all our supporters who dropped off or sent gifts for the volunteers & dogs for Christmas. They were well received by all & it was lovely to be able to show that others appreciate our volunteers as much as we do.... xoxo



Weird dog fact: The most decorated dog of World War I was a Pit Bull named Sergeant Stubby.

In between his 17 battles on the Western Front, the legendary pooch helped comfort wounded soldiers.

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Doggie Tails

How to help you help your dog: Mental Stimulation

Everyone loves a good game of fetch with their dog or going out for a walk or run. It's perfect for getting exercise and having fun. But the downside to the game is that there is no thinking involved — just a lot of running around. So many games with dogs, from fetch to tug-of-war, don't require them to do a whole lot of thinking. On the other hand, interactive brain games not only tire out your energetic dog, but they also defeat boredom, increase your dog's confidence and strengthen the bond between the two of you as you work together as a team. So many great activities that you can do with your dog are simply dog-versions of favourite kids' games, all of which exercise the brain as much as the body. Use your imagination, you do not have to have a lot of money, toys or tools to create fun games for your dog. You can create an agility course out of various household items, make a treat ball out of a plastic bottle with kibble inside, your dog does not know the difference. Google and Youtube are a wealth of knowledge to give you ideas and videos on how to interact with your dog to mentally stimulate them!! Here are a few ideas to get you started:

Treasure Hunt - Getting your dog to use his nose to find hidden treasure is a great way to stimulate his brain and teach him to use all his senses. Starting out, you'll want to set your dog up for success so he understands the game and doesn't get too discouraged. Begin with something simple. Put your dog in a sit-stay, and hide a treat or favourite toy somewhere obvious, even letting him watch you hide it. Then give him the release cue to go find the toy. Reward your dog big-time for his success in finding the hidden treasure. Once your dog understands the game, ramp up the difficulty. Hide the treat or toy in another room, or some place where other scents mask the treat or toy, like the bottom of the laundry bin or under the food dish. You can also make the game really hard by using cardboard boxes. Set up 10-20 cardboard boxes of different sizes and, without your dog seeing, place the reward in only one box. Let your dog investigate all of them and provide the reward or a jackpot treat when he selects the correct box. There are so many variations on this game that it will have the two of you playing different versions for years to come.

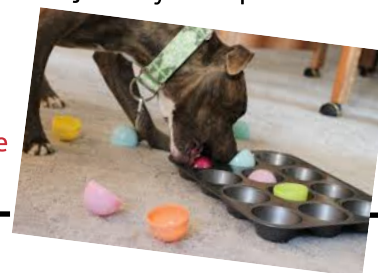
Hide-and-Go-Seek - Boost the excitement and reward level of the popular treasure hunt game by being the treasure your dog is tasked to find. You'll need to play this with at least two people. One person gives the dog the sit-stay cue and distracts him while the other person hides, then gives the release cue for the dog to start looking. This game works wonderfully both indoors and outdoors, and is a fun way to spend a rainy afternoon with your dog.

Shell Game - The shell game is simple, but really challenging. Take two plastic opaque cups and turn them over. With your dog watching, place a treat under a cup. Give your dog the cue to come turn over the cup and get the treat. Do this eight or 10 times, letting your dog really understand the game. Then alternate which cup you place the treat under. When your dog selects the correct cup, let him have the treat. If he doesn't select the correct cup (and that will happen, even when he sees you placing the treat under the cup), show him the treat under the correct cup but don't let him have it. Keep him watching which cup you place the treat under so he can guess the right cup. It sounds easy to us, but for many dogs, this requires some serious thinking. If your dog masters this, it's time to challenge him even more. Place a treat under the left cup, then slide the cups to switch places, so that the cup with the treat is now on your right. Release your dog to find the treat. If your dog selects the correct cup, give him the treat. If your dog doesn't select the correct cup, show him the treat but don't let him have it. Keep repeating this and see if your dog can figure out the trick. Some dogs may never quite get how the treat magically switches sides — this is a tough game using visual tracking, and not all dogs make the connection. But if your dog does, bump up the challenge even more by swapping sides randomly. See if he can use his eyes, nose and thinking skills to find the treat after the old switcheroo. Very few dogs will make it to this stage, so don't be discouraged if your dog isn't a whiz at the shell game.

Toy Pickup - Cleaning up has never been so fun! To get your dog understanding the game, you'll want to start with "drop it." Getting your dog to drop a toy on command is a key component to getting him to the next step of dropping it in a particular location. After you have a solid drop-it, start shaping your dog to dropping toys in a basket or box. Click and/or treat stages of the behaviour a little at a time, such as your dog heading toward the basket with the toy, or dropping the toy near the basket. Anything that leads closer to the behaviour of dropping the toy in the basket. Eventually, your dog will understand that a command like "put it away" means to grab a toy and take it to the basket, drop it in, and leave it there. After this part is mastered, build up to the number of toys your dog picks up. Start with rewarding your dog each time he puts a toy away. Then reward him only after he puts away two toys, then only after three toys and so on. Eventually, the reward will only come when every toy is put away, and you'll have a dog running around the room finding every toy as quickly as he can in order to win that wonderful jackpot reward of a handful of treats. Just remember, it takes time to build up to this, and the journey is all part of the game, so have patience.

Play, try & have fun!!

Just remember all games should be fun for both of you!



If you would like to make a donation, there are a number of ways to do so:

Directly into our Trust account - Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue Trust – 38-9016-0659994-00

Directly into our vet account - Avonside Wainoni Vet Clinic - Ref - 11751 – 06 0829 0207978 00

One of our Give A Little pages - <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/bullbreedrescue>

Fill in the form below & send in a payment to us at 1 Barton Street, Woolston, Christchurch

As we are a registered charity, we are able to offer receipts for tax purposes, so please let us know if you require a receipt for payments made in any of the above ways

Name: _____ Address: _____ Email: _____

Payment made into an account: _____

Payment attached: Y / N

Receipt Required Y/N

Receipt: Emailed / Posted

All for a good paws

There are some amazing events coming up, so please come along to support us on the day, as these events help keep the dogs fed & doors open.

We are lucky to be supported by some great people & businesses in the community who give proceeds back to us. By showing these businesses your support, you are supporting us.

Dog Harness Special

All proceeds come to Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue

Size 1 - Girth 35-45cm \$35

Size 2 - Girth 40-60cm \$40

Size 3 - Girth 55-75cm \$45

Size 4 - Girth 70-100cm \$55

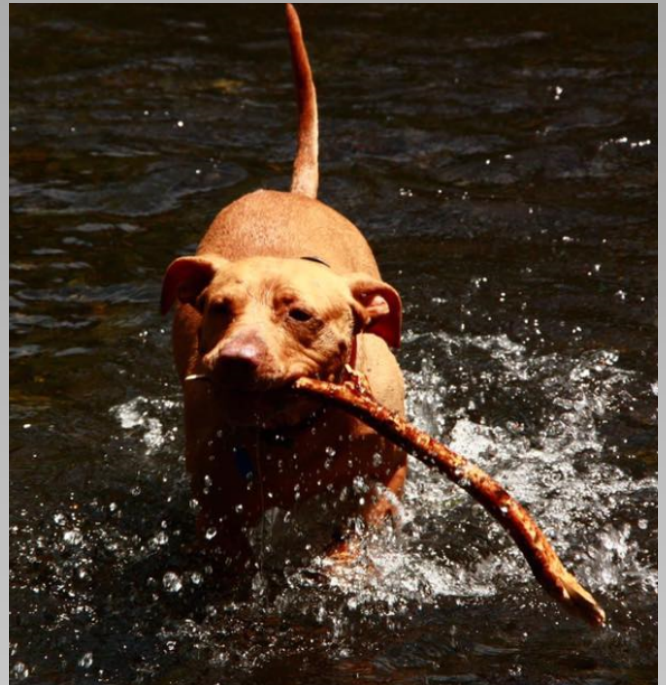
Size 5 - Girth 85-115cm \$65

Size 4 & 5 come with a flashlight

Pop down to the Rescue Centre for a fitting or email us your order & we can post it out - admin@chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz



DOG OF THE MONTH



Zion is a beautiful natured 6yr old boy who is looking for a loving home to retire in.

Zion is still active and loves his walks, playtime, has great lead manners & is fantastic with kids.

Zion has been great with the dogs he has been introduced to, he is in foster care with other dogs, regularly goes to the dog park, beach & sees lots of other animals on his walks.

He knows his commands in Te Reo, is very polite and is really just a pleasure to have around. He wants nothing more than a warm spot on a couch and a lap to rest his head in.

Zion is de-sexed, vaccinated, chipped & registered. If you're interested in offering Zion a furever home, please complete our on-line adoption questionnaire:

<http://www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/adopt/>



2017 Calendar special - \$10



Keep up to date with our daily posts on our facebook page:
Bull Breed Rescue Fundraiser

Up Coming Events, Specials & Merchandise

Our first big event for the year, all types of cars & bikes are welcome!!!

Come along & support us on the day

CBBR RIDE TO THE RESCUE

1st Annual Poker Run

Saturday 28th January 2017



\$250 Best Hand
Prizes for other hands & spot prizes

100% of entry fee goes direct to the dogs of CBBR

NO DRUGS
NO ATTITUDE
Live band & BBQ at CBBR
Entry is open to everyone
All makes of bikes & cars welcome

Registration from 10:00
at The Mak,
1276 Main North Road, Kianga
Leaving 11:00 sharp
Finish at CBBR



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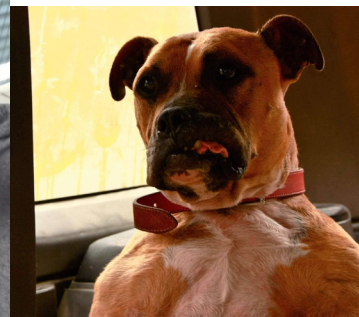
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Pre sale tickets available now for \$20 or \$25 on the day
www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/events or at 1 Barton Street, Woolston



Come down and join us for a fun day at Ferrymead Heritage Park!

We will have a stall with all our merchandise and products plus some fun games for humans and dogs!!



14 JAN 2017

FERRYMEAD BARK IN THE PARK A DOG'S DAY OUT

Celebrate the dog in your life at Ferrymead Heritage Park.

- Take your dog for a ride on the tram
- Attend an animal blessing
- Watch dogs be put through their paces with Naked Dog and Kuri trainers
- Entertaining Competitions
- Participate in Agility activities and games
- People and Dog vendors
- A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Dogwatch

- Admission Price - \$15 for over 12 years old
 - Dogs and under 12's free
 - Tickets available on line at Eventbrite
 - Limited Door Sales
 - All dogs must be on leads



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