

The Poop Scoop



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"What are you going to do with your dogs??" I remember being asked this question over and over again when I announced I was pregnant with my oldest son. I was 23, renting, and owned 2 staffys and a severely disabled pitbull. What was I going to do with my dogs? The question confused me. Nothing of course. The dogs were my family and we were super excited our family was growing.

Sure we had to change a few things – 3 dogs in the bed with us was no longer going to work, and it was about time we worked on a few training tools we had been a bit slack with – but never in a million years did I consider rehoming my dogs because I was having a baby.

Now 9 years later I find myself waiting for our latest addition to the family to arrive. There's been a few changes to the pack but we still own 3 dogs, now we run a rescue centre and have 2 older kids. Even with my CLEARLY OBVIOUS passion for dogs, people have still asked me "what are you going to do with the dogs". Dogs are family. In fun times, hard times, busy times and crazy times. Family is forever!



We have been a bit slack on the newsletter front for a few months, time just slips away on us!

Over the last few months winter has been keeping us extra busy with ensuring the dogs are mentally stimulated & still getting out for walks in these horrible cold days.

We are lucky to have a few regular volunteers to help with the care of the dogs but are always in need of volunteers on weekdays during our open hours of 10am - 2pm. If you are interested in volunteering, pop along to our induction day, these are held on the first Friday & Saturday of each month. Our volunteers do lots of jobs, anything from washing, cleaning runs, picking up poo, gardening, walking & cuddling the dogs. We have some volunteers who are not confident with the dogs but still want to help, so they help by working around the yard while they build confidence to be in with the dogs.

We have been having photo shoots of the dogs for the 2018 CBBR Calendar & have to say the photos we have so far are pretty amazing & we think you are going to LOVE it. Make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page for pre-sale orders.



Weird dog fact: Dog urine contains messages that can be interpreted by other canines – the scent can tell other dogs their sex, age, and mood.

Doggie Tails

Manners For Dog Owners:

We often talk about teaching our dog, but never touch on dog owner etiquette! Dog owners have a responsibility to manage their dogs behaviour and follow certain rules of etiquette. These are some guidelines to help ensure that you and your dog are being courteous community members.

Some of us must live with the limitations of the dogs we own. We can't take them to off-leash areas, we can't allow strangers to pet them and we can't allow them to meet other dogs on the street. We go to great lengths to create a balance between keeping everyone safe and providing enrichment for our dogs. What we cannot control are other people and their dogs. A little understanding and respect go a long way!

Scoop your poop: Bring several bags on your walks to be sure you have enough. If you run out, either come back and clean it up later, or ask another walker if they have a bag to spare.

Prevent barking: Practice getting your dogs attention to easily redirect it if they bark at people or other dogs. If you know your dog acts this way, only allow the dog outside in the yard when it is supervised.

Only let your dog greet a stranger if they ask: The same rule applies if you see another dog and owner approaching. Ask first and respect the others response.

Always leash your dog on walks: Unless it is a specific off leash area for dogs, keep your dog on a leash. Not everyone is comfortable around dogs, both people and other dogs. Keep your dog close to you and stay alert to others. Your leash should be short enough to prevent your dog from contacting or jumping on a passersby.

Don't play while on leash: If you meet another dog on a walk (and it is ok with their owner) let the dogs sniff each other for five seconds and move on. Letting your dog play with another dog while on leash can result in injury and teach your dog that all dogs enjoy this kind of interaction, although many don't.

Dog etiquette also extends to how you treat your dog when exercising it! Seriously consider your dog's ability to walk or run. Always observe how your dog is coping with the walk or run. Use common sense. Is it struggling to keep up? Is it limping? Is it too hot to be

to be out walking or running? Is the road or footpath too hot or rough for its paws? Watch out for broken glass, sharp stones or objects that may injure its paws, and skirt around them. Always take a bottle of water and collapsible container for the dog to drink from. If you intend to jog, rollerblade or cycle with your dog, do not force the pace. Do not exceed the dog's capacity to keep up. Stop for it to rest and have a drink, frequently, if necessary.

Mealtimes (yours): Dogs begging at the dinner table is bad dog etiquette. It reflects badly on the owner and can be an embarrassment or an annoyance to your guests. We love our dogs and sometimes find their pleading expression soooooo cute or irresistible, but this view is not necessarily shared by your visitors even if they smile indulgently. Do not be fooled. If you have created a food beggar, your dog will consistently be a beggar. It will not suddenly improve its manners because guests are present. It will require patience and persistence on your part to turn this habit around but when you do, your pet will be happier for it and less stressed at your mealtimes. Teach it to stay on its own mat in sight of, but away from your dining table so that it is not underfoot. Your guests will be impressed, but, do not let them undo your good dog etiquette training by offering tit-bits to your dog from their plates or elsewhere.

Training your Dog: Teach basic manners to your dog – sit, stay, heel, down, bed & quiet. This will make it a pleasure to be with and easier to practice good dog etiquette. Remember, don't shout at or hit your dog. Ever. Shouting and hitting only intimidates your dog and shows up your own shortcomings - that you do not have patience and are using the wrong method to train your dog.

Dogs Need (Crave) Company: Dogs are pack animals and crave company. It's in their instinct. It is cruel to keep a dog in isolation. It causes all sorts of anti-social problems from anxiety to aggressiveness. This makes dog etiquette difficult to achieve. A dog is not an object to be acquired and discarded on a whim, it is a valuable loving member of your family to be cared for its entire life through sickness and in health. If you are unwilling or unable to commit your time, affection and money to them (yes, they can be costly), then a dog is not for you. Buy yourself an ornament instead!

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.



No matter where you are in NZ, you can visit our website & order yourself anything from a bumper sticker to t-shirts & hoodies.

Did you know we also have merchandise printed with our alternative logo, it looks pretty cool.

We have a new section for 'Specials' with a few end of line items at a highly reduced price. Have a look & grab yourself a bargain while supporting the CBBR dogs at the same time - it is win win!



Specials



Sweatshirts



Hoodies

DOG OF THE MONTH



Sapphire is 2yrs & so eager to please people. She has a gentle sweet nature but still has bouts of excitement so needs an experienced owner who will continue her training.

She is great to walk & loves nothing more than to do full body rolls on the grass or jump in to the river to splash around. Sapphire is good with kids but still has the "boof factor" so needs a home with dog savvy kids over 13yrs.

She has a high prey drive so will never be an off-lead dog or able to be in a home with cats or small animals. She is reactive to other dogs, but could live with the right non-reactive, non dominant male dog, she recently made friends with our test dog Gibbs!

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

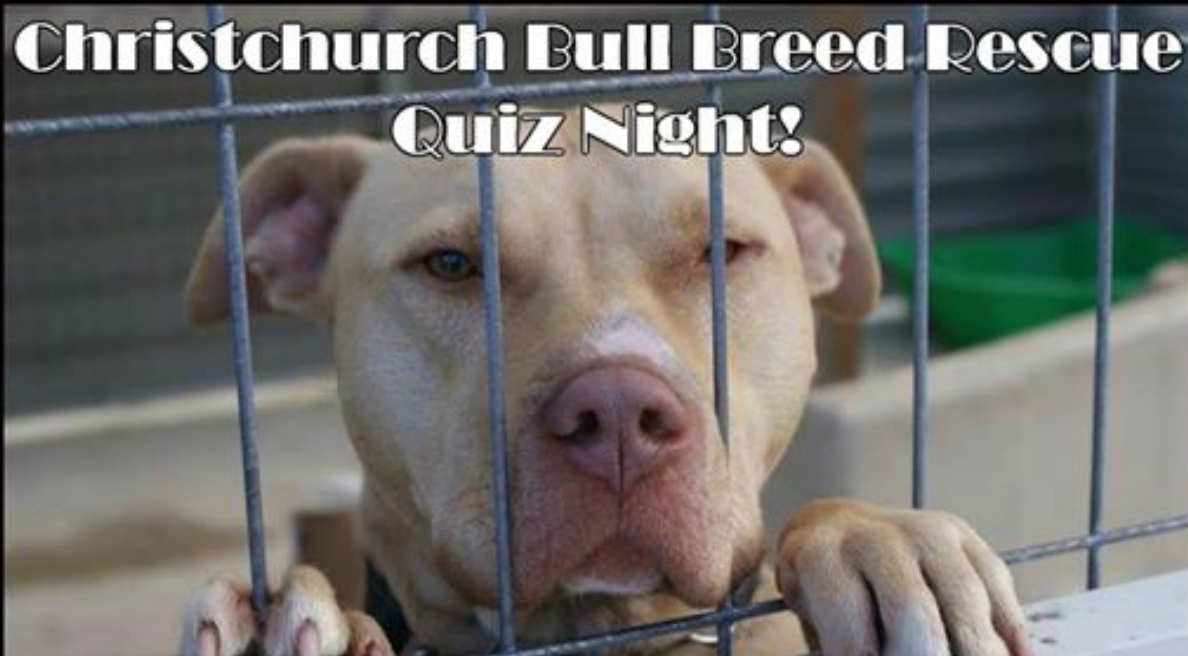
<http://www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/adopt/>



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

Up Coming Events, Specials & Merchandise

Our quiz wizz is at it again!! If you haven't been to one of our fundraiser quiz nights before, they are not your usual quiz, we spend a lot of time creating our own quiz to add that personal touch!! So get a team together & come along to support the CBBR team & the dogs.



Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue Quiz Night!

Sixty6 ON PETERBOROUGH **November 2nd 7pm Start**

Pre-Sales \$10ea or \$50 team of 6 Door Sales \$15ea

Tickets Available From CBBR center (1 Barton Street, 10-2 Mon-Sat) Online Sales From

www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/merchandise/Events



CBBR Ride to the Rescue Poker Run

We have been asked recently when we are planning to run our Poker Run again, as it seems you all had a good time!!

We are letting you know before anyone else that Saturday 10th February 2018 will be the date for the next annual Poker Run, so block the date out in your diary as it will be a day not to be missed!!!

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