

# The Poop Scoop

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#### The Scoop by Abbey van der Plas

BSL. Breed specific legislation, or as I prefer, Bull Shit Legislation. When the Animal Control survey was released by Louise Upston I happily completed it and encouraged others to do it as well. I thought 'This is our chance to show the government that the media is wrong'. When the results came back showing that people overwhelmingly saw owner education as the issue, not breed, I thought 'YES the people have spoken!' I was sick when the news broke of the proposed new laws. Actually physically sick. I had to close the rescue and go home. It shut me down like nothing else ever has before. This woman, with no experience in this field, has completely ignored all scientific evidence on the subject, and decided that she wants me to KILL dogs that come into my care. I have built this rescue from nothing, dedicated my life to helping these dogs, fallen in love a thousand times over; and now – just like that – she wants me to start killing them?? Wow. It's not often I am lost for words but this really left me speechless for a few days. How? How can she do this? How can humans with any shred of conscience or emotion actually believe that killing innocent dogs is the answer? Then my shock turned to anger. No way. She cannot do this. We won't let her. Collectively our massive voice can drown out her stupidity with common sense and scientific facts. Sign the surveys, question your MPs, educate your neighbours. We are the voice for our blockheads. We will fight this, and we will win!

The Silly Season!

Christmas is coming & with that brings a range of seasonal issues for CBBR.

Please remind friends & family that puppies should NOT a spur of the moment purchase as a Christmas present. Last Christmas we received the first phone call on Boxing Day from someone who had made that spur of the moment purchase. They had not thought about the time, care & needs of a puppy & wanted it gone. Yes, that's right, they had it 2 days & realised their mistake.

We get calls about dogs being shut inside or tied up outside with food left out, that is usually eaten on day one, while the family goes on holiday. If you are going away with the family & cannot take you dog, how is it being cared for & being looked after? If you are a neighbour & concerned about a dog left while the family are away, please contact Animal Control or SPCA.

We have a some amazing events coming up, so come along, have some fun while supporting the dogs at the same time.

Have a great Christmas!!





Weird dog fact: Dogs can hear 4 times the distance of humans

## **Doggie Tails**

#### How to help you help your dog: To Behave

Does your dog get into trouble? Are you frustrated with your best friend? Do you know what to do?

It's important to know that your dog is not trying to cause problems. He is just doing what comes naturally for a dog. You have to help him learn new ways to entertain himself.

In the past, dogs were bred to perform specific jobs like herd sheep, find rodents, hunt birds and mammals, and work with firemen and policemen. But now, many dogs are left with nothing to do all day long. They can become bored and lonely. When dogs get bored and lonely, they might chew, dig, or bark too much. Or they might sleep all day, which isn't healthy.

Taking your dog to classes, or teaching him yourself gives him something to do and helps build his confidence...and yours, too.

It's natural for your dog to want things that smell good, taste good, look good, and feel good. It doesn't matter who it belongs to.

Getting your dog some tempting items that are especially for dogs is a good thing to do. If he has his own things, he can be directed to them when he needs something to do.

Use 'Interactive' toys when your dog is bored or when you are not home. Toys that give your dog something to do are well worth the money that they cost.

### Does your dog get into trouble even when you are home?

To help your dog behave, try these three suggestions:

1. Pretend to be a dog by getting down on your knees and looking around your house. What do you see? Are there things on the floor that would be interesting and fun if you were a dog? How about shoes, pencils, paper clips, clothing, slippers, etc.?

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Pick up all objects from the floor and put them where they belong, or put them in a closet and shut the door.

2. Look around your house. Do you see a door that is open? What is on the other side of that door? Is it a closet with lots of cool things on the floor? Or is it a bedroom with sweet-smelling socks that are easy to reach?

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Close all doors that lead to trouble. The best thing to do is close all doors except for the room you are in. If your dog is having behaviour problems, he should be supervised at all times.

3. Trash the trash. Where does your family keep the trash? Check the kitchen, bathrooms, bedrooms, and the yard. WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: All trash needs to be put away. Rubbish bins should be put under sinks and in closets or cupboards. If a rubbish bin cannot be put away, it must have a lid.

#### Who's the Boss?

Dogs need structure in their lives. They need rules. They want to know who the leader is. If it is not clear who the leader is, your dog will appoint himself. A dog who thinks your house is his house needs supervision, even if he is older. It is only natural that a dog who doesn't know the rules, will make up his own. Let your dog know what is allowed, in a clear and gentle manner.

Getting up on the table is not where dogs should be, no matter how funny it is. Jumping on the couch is only cute if you allow your dog to do that. Some people like that, some don't. Rules must be clear to your dog. If you can't make up your mind and you let your dog on your bed sometimes, but not other times, he will be confused. Make your rules and stick to them. Everyone in the family needs to know the rules and help your dog to remember them. This is called 'being consistent'. Being consistent means everyone doing something the same way over and over again. If you catch your dog doing something wrong, quietly move him away from the activity by leading him by the collar, or putting a leash on him, or calling his name. Then direct him to a different activity.

#### It's NOT Doggie Jail!

Putting your dog in a crate or a pen is a good thing to do when either of you need a break.

Give him some things to do while he is in there. A good bone or rope toy to chew on will help keep him busy.

Training a dog is not an easy thing to do. It takes practice and patience. It takes understanding.

#### 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 - <a href="https://givealittle.co.nz/org/bullbreedrescue">https://givealittle.co.nz/org/bullbreedrescue</a>

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

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### 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.



#### Stuck on an idea for a Christmas present??

We have a great range of merchandise available, you can get an amazing gift, plus help the dogs, its win win!!

#### www.chchbullbreedrescue.org.nz/merchandise/

about us dogs available merchandise lost dogs help us **CBBR Merchandise and Giftware** We are a non-profit group and receive no funding, so money is a big issue. Show your support by purchasing some CBBR gifts! You can buy items on this site with a credit card through a secure payment gateway.

















#### DOG OF THE MONTH



Morgan is a beautiful natured 9mth old Staffy x Shepherd.

He loves people and will greet you with a full body wag and be ready for cuddles or play anytime.

Morgan is in foster care with other dogs so will be best suited to a multi dog home.

Morgan is de-sexed, vaccinated, chipped & registered. If you're interested in offering Morgan 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





#### Ferrymead Mitre 10 BBQ Fundraiser

Mitre 10 Ferrymead have invited us down to do a BBQ fundraiser! Pop on down, grab a snag & say hi to the friendly volunteers!

Mitre 10 Ferrymead
Saturday 17th December
10am - 2pm







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