

# The Poop Scoop

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## The Scoop by Abbey van der Plas

Why is the desexing message just not getting through to people??

We are taking on litter after litter of unwanted puppies. Rescues all over the country are full and overflowing! The message needs to come from higher up. We see anti drinking ads, anti smoking ads, anti violence ads. Its about time our nations massive problem of over dog population was put out there in the public eye for everyone to see.

As a country we need to stop pretending its not happening. Stop pretending that thousands and thousands of dogs are not being killed every year in pounds and shelters.

Lets see ads on TV showing sick and dying puppies, pound cages full, body bags going to the tip. Lets see the councils and government activley promoting desexing and adopting from rescues. Lets see tight rules around the breeding and selling of dogs. Lets see CHANGE.



Dogs don't have a voice, we need to speak for them and we need to do it LOUDLY. The good dog owners of New Zealand far out number the bad ones – so spread the word!

## Another 2 months have flown by!

We have had fundraising events happening about once a month to help cover the extra costs associated with winter.

To all of our supporters, you have been amazing at coming along to our events, purchasing our merchandise, coming down to volunteer or by making a weekly donation of \$1.00. You have no idea how much all of these things make a big difference!

A big thank you to those familiar faces that we see at every event we put on, without your continued support it would be a daily struggle to keep the gorgeous bull breeds in our care fed & warm.

CBBR hit a milestone in July, we reached 15,000 Facebook followers - it is all of you that make saving these bull breed goofballs possible, thank you!

We will continue to bring you fun & hopefully inventive fundriaising events & look forward to seeing each & every one of you there.



## Weird dog fact:

The average city dog lives 3 years longer than a country dog

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# Doggie Tails

## How to help you help your dog - Separation Anxiety!

Separation anxiety isn't really exclusive to specific breeds, but there are some dog breeds that seem to be at a higher risk than others. While there are also many factors to separation anxiety, some dogs seem to fall victim to it without any rhyme or reason and our loving, loyal bull breeds often do develop separation anxiety.

If your dog seems to worry when you're heading out, destroys stuff when you leave the house, follows you from room to room when you're home, goes berserk when you come back and seems to be eyeing you suspiciously even before you leave—you may be dealing with a case of separation anxiety. Dogs with separation anxiety exhibit distress and behaviour problems when they are left alone. Some of the most common ways: Digging and scratching at doors or windows in an attempt to reunite with their owners, destructive chewing, howling, barking and whining, urination and defecation (even with otherwise house-trained dogs)

### What causes separation anxiety

It's not fully understood why some dogs suffer from separation anxiety and others don't. But remember, your dog's behaviours are part of a panic response. Your dog isn't trying to punish you! They just want you to come home! These are some of the scenarios that can trigger separation anxiety: A dog accustomed to constant human companionship is left alone for the first time, a dog suffers a traumatic event (from their viewpoint), such as time at a shelter or boarding kennel, there's a change in the family's routine or structure or the loss of a family member or other pet.

### How to treat minor separation anxiety

Don't make a big deal out of arrivals and departures. For example, when you arrive home, ignore your dog for the first few minutes then call them to you and calmly pat them. Leave your dog with an article of clothing that smells like you, such as an old T-shirt that you've slept in recently. Establish a safety cue—a word or action that you use every time you leave that tells your dog you will be back. Consider using an over-the-counter calming product that may reduce fearfulness in dogs.

### How to handle a more severe problem

The use of desensitisation training techniques - if you need assistance in this area, always consult a dog behaviourist. Teach your dog the sit-stay and down-stay commands using positive reinforcement. This training will help them learn that they can remain calmly and happily in one place while you go to another room. Create a "safe place" to limit your dog's ability to be destructive. A safe place should: Confine the dog loosely rather than strictly (a room with a window and toys, not total isolation), contain busy toys for distraction, have dirty laundry to lend a calming scent cue or other safety cues.

### How to cope while your dog learns to be calm

It can take time for your dog to unlearn their panic response to your departures. To help you and your dog cope in the short term, consider the following interim solutions:

Ask your veterinarian about natural drug therapy. A good anti-anxiety natural product like Pet Calm will not sedate your dog, but simply reduce his overall anxiety.

Take your dog to a doggie day care facility or kennel when you have to be away.

Leave your dog with a friend, family member or neighbour when you're away.

Take your dog to work with you, if possible.

### What won't help

Punishment - Punishment isn't effective for treating separation anxiety and can make the situation worse.

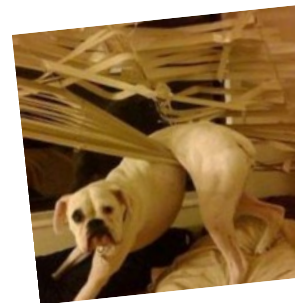
Another dog - Getting your dog a companion usually doesn't help an anxious dog because his anxiety is the result of her separation from you, not just the result of being alone.

Crating - Your dog will still engage in anxiety responses inside a crate, and they may urinate, defecate, howl or even injure themselves in an attempt to escape. Instead, create other kinds of "safe places" as described above.

Radio/TV noise - Leaving the radio or television on won't help, unless the radio or TV is used as a safety cue.

Obedience training - While formal training is always a good idea, separation anxiety isn't the result of disobedience or lack of training; therefore, that won't help this particular issue.

If you need more assistance resolving your dog's issues, consult a professional animal behaviour specialist such as Kuri.





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## 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

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Payment made into an account: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment attached: Y / N

Receipt Required Y/N

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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.

## 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 - [chchbullbreedrescue@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:chchbullbreedrescue@hotmail.co.nz)



**Beanies - \$15.00**

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## DOG OF THE MONTH



Sweet little Annie has grown from the tiny wee pup we rescued from the pound with her brother, into a beautiful sweet natured big girl.

She is lucky enough to be in an awesome foster home, learning how to live with other dogs & kids in a busy house. She would do well in a home with other dogs and she has so much love to give to her new family!

Annie is now 7 months old and is desexed, vaccinated, chipped & registered.

If you're interested in offering Annie her 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

An event where we get to chill out with you!



Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue  
brings you  
**PIZZA NIGHT!**  
6:30pm 27th July  
Winnie Bagoes Ferryroad  
\$25 Adult  
\$15 Child  
Please specify any dietary requirements upon purchase  
Book your tickets at  
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Who's up for a good laugh?!



**Hypnotist Show**  
With Brian Gee  
**cat rescue christchurch**  
CHRISTCHURCH BULL BREED RESCUE  
**Cat Rescue Christchurch & Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue have joined forces to raise some much needed donations!**  
**Saturday 20th August 7:30 pm**  
**Equestrian Hotel, Hornby**  
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## Merchandise Specials

- Singlets: \$25 now \$15
- T-Shirts: \$25 now \$20
- Sweatshirts: \$40 now \$35
- Hoodies: \$45 now \$40
- Calendars: \$10 now \$5



\* All event tickets posted free of charge

\* Merchandise posted on a cost basis, usually \$4.00 - \$6.00

## Merchandise n Stuff

- Kids Sweatshirts - \$25
- Beanies - \$15
- Entertainment Books \$65



Nom nom nom...cupcakes!

## Cupcakes!

If you missed out on getting cupcakes you still have a chance to get some & help our dogs!  
All you have to do is purchase a voucher off us & order at Vic's Kitchen via Facebook.

12 cupcakes \$25  
Choose between Tripple Chocolate, Salted Caramel, Strawberry Shortcake & Cookies & Cream or mix n match!



To order your event tickets or merchandise pop into the rescue or email us at [chchbullbreedrescue@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:chchbullbreedrescue@hotmail.co.nz)