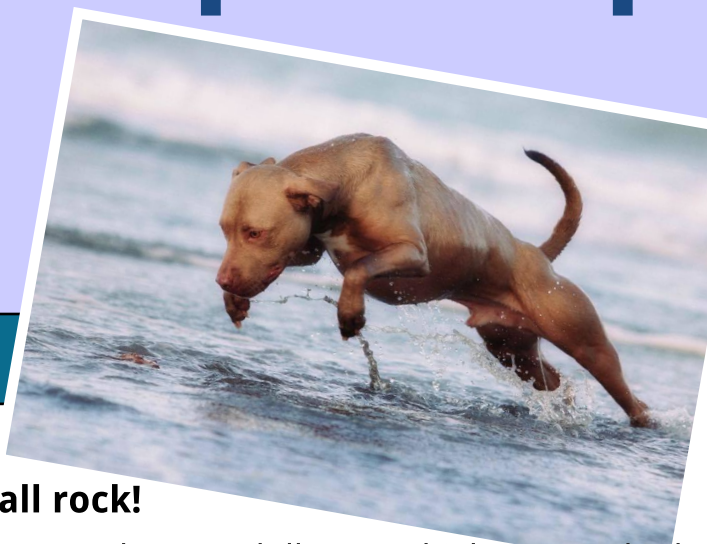


The Poop Scoop



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The Scoop by Abbey van der Plas

On 1 August 2016 the Associate Minister of Local Government launched an online survey 'Reducing dog attacks – share your thoughts' which ran until 14 August 2016. The survey asked general members of the public what they considered was the biggest contributing factor to dog attacks, and sought their suggested ways to reduce attacks.

Now, although I feel the survey was quite leading (questions only had 4 or 5 answer choices, with a 'breed specific' answer slotted in for every question) I am happily surprised at the response from the general public! 3,096 people responded to the survey, 84% of these people are dog owners. When asked what the biggest contributing factor to a dog attack is, 62% of respondents said it was the owner, 27% said lack of education and only 5% said it's the breed of dog. FIVE PERCENT!!!!

If you had asked that same question 5 or 10 years ago, I could almost guarantee that number would be a lot higher! Let's just hope our Government listens to the people, and also the well-educated, well respected dog behaviourists we have in NZ. If they do they will see that Breed Specific Legislation is pointless, achieves nothing and unfairly targets innocent dogs.

As we have been saying all along EDUCATION is the key.

Weird dog fact: If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate & their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in 6 years!

You all rock!

Funds were low, vet bills were high, winter had pushed up the power bill & we were overflowing with dogs in our care & people needing our help.

We did a post about the difference a \$1 a day would make to CBBR if each of our 15,000 Facebook followers donated just that \$1 a day. We would never have to worry about bills again!

The support we received with automatic payments for \$1 a day & other varying amounts that people had set up was just amazing.

These regular payments coming in enables us to focus on the dogs in our care, on helping the community & other dogs instead of trying to find ways to pay the never ending flow of bills.

There is still never enough money in the account, so please keep coming along to our fundraising events. There will be a quiz night before the end of the year, so start getting your brain in CBBR Quiz mode!

We are working on something pretty unique as a fundraising event for January 2017, so keep a look out in November to read all about it!!!



Doggie Tails

How to help you help your dog: Dealing with dog adolescence

A dog's behaviour is always changing, sometimes for the better, sometimes for the worse. Things will continue to improve if you continue working with your adolescent dog, but they will definitely get worse if you don't. Both behaviour and temperament will tend to stabilise, for better or worse, as your dog matures around their second birthday for small dogs or third birthday for large dogs. But until then, if you don't keep on top of things, there can be quick and catastrophic changes in your dog's temperament and manners. Even when your dog reaches maturity, you should always be on the alert for the emergence of unwanted behaviours or traits, which you must quickly nip in the bud before they become hard-to-break habits.

A dog's adolescence is the time when everything starts to fall apart, unless you make a concerted effort to see it through to the stability of adulthood. Your dog's adolescence is a critical time. Ignore your dog's education now and you will soon find yourself living with an ill-mannered, under-socialised, hyperactive animal. Here are some things to watch for:

Household etiquette may deteriorate over time, especially if you start taking your dog's house training and other good behaviour for granted. But if you taught your pup well in their earlier months, the drift in household etiquette will be slow until your dog reaches their sunset years, when house training especially tends to suffer.

Basic manners may take a sharp dive when puppy collides with adolescence. Reward training your puppy was easy: you taught your pup to eagerly come, follow, sit, lie down, stand still, roll over, and look up to you with unwavering attention and respect because you were your pup's sun, moon, and stars. But now your dog is developing adult doggy interests, such as investigating other dogs' rear ends, sniffing pee and poo on the grass, rolling in unidentifiable smelly stuff, and chasing cats. Your dog's interests may quickly become distractions to training, so that your dog will continue sniffing another dog's rear end rather than come running when called. (What a scary thought, that your dog would prefer another dog's rear end to you!) All of a sudden they won't come, won't sit, won't settle down and stay, but instead jumps up, pulls on-leash, and becomes hyperactive.

Bite inhibition tends to drift as your dog gets older and develops more powerful jaws. Giving your dog ample opportunity to wrestle with other dogs, regularly hand feeding kibble and treats, and periodically examining and cleaning your dog's teeth are the best exercises to ensure that your adolescent dog maintains his soft mouth.

Socialisation often heads downhill during adolescence, sometimes surprisingly quickly. As they get older, dogs have fewer opportunities to meet unfamiliar people and dogs. Puppy classes and parties have been completed and most owners have established a set routine by the time their dog is five or six months old. At home, the dog interacts with the same familiar friends and family, and is walked, if at all, on the same route to the same dog park, where they encounter the same old people and the same old dogs. Consequently, many adolescent dogs become progressively de-socialised toward unfamiliar people and dogs until eventually they become intolerant of all but a small inner circle of friends.

If your adolescent dog does not get out and about regularly and few unfamiliar people come to the house, their de-socialisation may be alarmingly rapid. At five months your dog was a social butterfly with nothing but wiggles and wags when greeting people, but by eight months of age they have become defensive and lacking in confidence: they bark and back off, or they snap and lunge with hackles raised. A previously friendly adolescent dog might suddenly and without much warning be spooked by a household guest.

Puppy socialisation was a prelude to your safe and enjoyable continued socialisation of your adolescent dog. However, your adolescent dog must continue meeting unfamiliar people regularly, otherwise they will progressively de-socialise. Similarly, successful adolescent socialisation makes it possible for you to safely and enjoyably continue to socialise your adult dog. Socialisation is an on-going process.

The secret to surviving dog adolescence

Always make a point of praising your dog and offering a couple of treats whenever they toilet in the right place. Keep a treat container by your dog's toilet area. Remember, you want your dog to want to eliminate in his toilet area and to be highly motivated to do so, even when he develops geriatric incontinence.

Similarly, a stuffed Kong a day will continue to keep the behaviour doctor away. Your dog still needs some form of occupational therapy to idle away the time when left at home alone. Nothing will prevent household problems, such as destructive chewing, excessive barking, and

hyperactivity, or alleviate boredom, stress, and anxiety as effectively as stuffing your dog's daily diet of kibble into a few Kongs.

For your adolescent dog to continue to be reliably obedient and willingly compliant, you must integrate short training sessions, especially emergency sits and long settle-downs, into walks, play sessions, and your dog's other enjoyable day-to-day activities. Maintaining your dog's manners through adolescence is easy if you know how to, but extremely difficult if you don't. Should socialisation ever fail and your dog snap, lunge, or nip, you will be thankful that you had the good sense to take your puppy to classes where they learned reliable bite inhibition. Your dog's defensive actions cause no harm but they warn you that you'd better quickly revamp your dog's socialisation program and maintain their bite inhibition exercises before it happens again, which it will. Continue bite inhibition exercises indefinitely. Occasionally hand feed your dog and examine their muzzle and teeth (and maybe clean them) on a regular basis.

The secret to a well-socialised adult dog is at least one walk a day and a couple of trips a week to the dog park. Try to find different walks and different dog parks, so that your dog meets a variety of different dogs and people. Socialisation means training your dog to meet and get along with unfamiliar dogs and people. The only way to accomplish this is for your dog to continue meeting unfamiliar people and dogs daily. Praise your dog and offer a piece of kibble every time he meets an unfamiliar dog or person.

And don't forget to maintain your own improved social life by inviting your friends over at least once a week, just to keep them still involved in training your dog. Ask them to bring along somebody new to meet your dog.

Host a puppy party and invite your dog's buddies from puppy class and the dog park. To offset some of the scarier aspects of the dog world at large-adult dogs, big dogs, and occasionally unfriendly dogs-make sure your adolescent dog has regular opportunity to socialize and play with his core companions.

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



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.

WORMS!!

It is a pretty icky subject but we are surprised that a lot of dog owners are not aware of how often puppies and dogs should be wormed.

Dogs are affected by four worm types in New Zealand - roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms. Worming your puppy & dog is vital, as it can cause health issues and can also be life threatening.

For people in direct/constant contact with dogs, such as us in the rescue environment, we worm ourselves 6 monthly.

Worming should done:

Every 2 weeks from 2-12 weeks

Every month from 3 - 6 months

Every 3 months from 6 months onwards



DOG OF THE MONTH



Bro is approx 2yr old and is a Great Dane x Neo Mastiff.

He is came to us from the CCC Pound, very underweight but happy to be here. He is your typical cruisy large breed dog but does have fits of puppyhood where he wants to flounce around like a lunatic. Good house manners and sweet nature. He needs a home where he is an only pet with people who have big dog experience.

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

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

We are on Instagram & Youtube

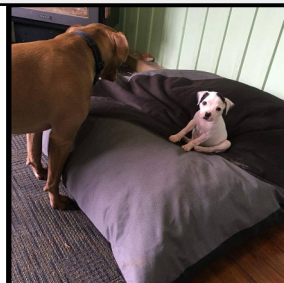
Check out our Instagram & Youtube pages as we often post things that are not on Facebook. You don't want to miss out on some of the exceptional cuteness!!



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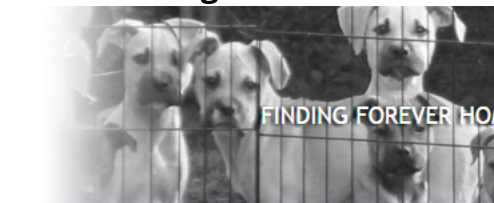
Up Coming Events, Specials & Merchandise



You can now purchase our CBBR Merchandise on our website to be delivered to your door.

We also have fun accessories for your pooch, check them out!!

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CBBR Merchandise and Giftware

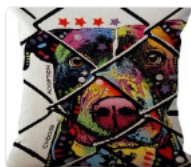
We are a non-profit group and receive no funding, so money is a big issue. Show your support by purchasing some CBBR gifts! You can buy items on this site with a credit card through a secure payment gateway.



Clothing



Printed Merchandise



Cushion Covers



Harnesses



Dog Accessories

ADOPTION UPDATE

Two of our dogs that had been in our care for the longest, have found their forever homes.

Khola & Smudge were rescue residents, they could not go into foster care as they had very special new home needs. We got to see them develop from scared, abused dogs into funny wee rascals who showed us how resilient & loving our bull breeds are.

Khola was at the rescue for just over a year, she is now a country dog who is part of a young active family.

Smudge was at the rescue for 9 months. she has found an amazing home with a young active family who bring her in to visit us for cuddles.



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

