

TIGGER CLUB NEWS

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas



New pop up antique shop opens in Northumberland



A new addition to the exclusive artisan workshops and galleries of Kirkharle Courtyard is bringing a touch of the past to visitors to one of the most unique shopping experiences in Northumberland.

Lesley Newman from Ulgham near Morpeth is opening a temporary pop up antiques shop in the historic farm setting near Wallington and is looking to offer Christmas shoppers something a bit different to what you would find on the High Street. As well as being the birthplace of the most famous of British heritage and royal landscape gardeners -Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, Kirkharle has a number of galleries and shops to visit and watch the artists at work.

"Kirkharle Courtyard is a great place to visit any time of the year and it has a very special atmosphere at Christmas," she said." I've been looking for a shop for my business All Your Yesterdays for a while now and when I saw the old barn at Kirkharle I knew that I'd found the ideal place."

Lesley has been selling antiques at fairs all around the country for the past 20 years but this is her first shop.

"It's been a challenge getting everything sorted and ready for the public but now we're open for business and I've stocked the shop with something for everyone. We've pocket money collectables to high end jewellery, a huge collection of local history and maritime books and many curios and prints. It's all preloved and I'm looking forward to helping to find everything a new home."

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A MESSAGE FROM TIGGER



Hi Pals,

The last newspaper of 2019. Thank you all for your support.

I hope everyone enjoys their Festive Season with their family.

I am always sniffing around for

articles, news, interviews and reviews for my newspaper.

If you wish to submit anything for my newspaper, please email it to me.

With the frosty weather even I have started to wear my pyjamas around the house in the mornings. I have even taken my human for a few walks while still wearing them BOL!

My human has started a new

part time job, so my social media posts have reduced a little. Once we get into our new routine, I am hoping to get back on track with them.

I still have a few Selection Boxes available, but you need to be quick to beat the Festive postal chaos.

Merry Christmas from my humans and myself.

Nose bump to you Tigger

NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



Hello pals,

I hope everyone survived the fireworks season without too much panting. Luckily all was pretty quiet in Brighton, mainly due to rain, so I was fine. I had my K9 Organics calming spray on just in case!

So this month I've been to a garden centre. Now I know to humans this is not overly exciting but to me it's almost as incredible as Robert Dyas (my out and out favourite shop).

The garden centre in question was Paradise Park, Newhaven. It's huge and is, indeed, paradise for a sniffing nosey

hound. It even has a dog friendly café!

As you enter you are allowed to wag your tail through the closely aligned crockery section, obviously never knocking anything over. Then, passing through soft cushions, you reach the pet shop. Oh my, I am sure they place the pigs ears at the front on purpose. Elaine says I am not allowed those as being vegetarian there is a limit to the meat products she can cope with, selfish I say!

that. And what's perfect after a mooch around the plants, yep a cheese sandwich in the café, honestly it's one of the best days out I've had for ages.

Next month I'm off the my favourite local holiday of the Isle of Wight. I shall let you know how I go pals. Toot toot til then, and watch out for garden centre entrances!

Doz the gardener x https://dozontour.blog/

Beyond the pet shop is the mahoosive outdoor plant warehouse. Now I may be off nose but I am sure that boy dogs have been weeing up the beds, of course us lady dogs don't do



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YODA AND CHEEZLT'S SCRATCHING POST



Hello Furriends!

It's time for the holidays. It's that time of year that our humans spend uncatly amounts of money on stuff nobody needs (but they think they do). The only sensible stuff humans ever purchase is stuff that is for us (their furry companions). But that is supposed to happen any time of the year. But, if they need an excuse, then let them have it.

Humans are so gullible.

Holidays make humans act all **goofy! They don't know** whether they are coming or going.

Momma is fighting with herself, trying to decide if she is going to be brave and put a tree up this Christmas. We understand her hesitation. There is, after all, six of us. Personally, we're not sure ourselves if a tree would survive.

We (Yoda and CheezIt) have lived with a tree before. But after acquiring Butter Bean and BoyCat, she went a year without a Christmas tree, most likely out of fear. Well, that

fear must be doubled now, since she has since acquired AJ and Runt. The destruction of a finely decorated tree by six cats would be one of the most magnificent things to ever behold!

Now, after talking about it, we really hope Momma does put up a tree.

We'll be sure to let everyone know what happens with her decision. *cue scary music* We'll send pictures! MOL

Til Next Year, Yoda, Cheezit...and everyone else

Dusty's Diary



Hi Pals,

This month I have been trying to train my human to be more attentive to my needs, something I feel is important to us hounds with Christmas coming up, lots of tasty food being around and the humans being on holiday with more time to devote to our needs.

I'm going to help you with making sure you get adequate and timely walkies. Now my human is pretty good at not lazing in bed, and we were out of the door as the sun was rising as usual, but then we met someone who had already walked their pooches in the dark! She was standing and talking for ages, they were discussing something called 'flea and tick treatments'... not something I feel I want to know about.

I tried everything I could think of to hurry her up; whining, barking, jumping, and still she ignored me. So I pulled my last trick out of the bag, and chewed through my lead in a few seconds to release myself, but she still hadn't realised my triumph, and it was only when my silence became suspicious

in itself that she realised what I had done! I gave her a big grin and ran off into the woods, and surprisingly I've always been released in a timely manner ever since! I do advise to only do this as a last resort, but sometimes needs must if we have tried all other lesser tactics. Now, with the human trained on this issue, I'm plotting how to acquire the large yummy bird called a turkey that appears around this time of year, and for some reason, is guarded like Fort Knox when I'm around...

Until next time. Have a pawsome month Dusty

On the bookshelf

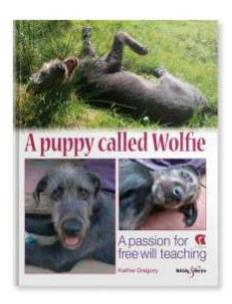
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IN THE KITCHEN



Article By: Fred and Tess When it is cold weather, Mum makes soup. We ask to try some but the soup is either spicy or has cream in it and not good for us. So, Tess and I decided to make our own. Chicken Soup for the dog and as Mum won't share with us then paws off it is ours, BOL!

Chicken Soup for the Doggy

Ingredients:

Chicken piece on the bone approx. 800g (you get the best flavour from meat still on the bone) 1 Sweet Potato

1 Carrot (or in our case 2 as we share a carrot!) 1 stick of celery

Method:

- 1. Wash the vegetables and peel the sweet potato, then chop the vegetables into small pieces.
- 2. Place everything into a large pot and add a pinch of salt. Cover the ingredients with water (approx. 1.5 litres).
- 3. Bring to the boil and then reduce to a simmer for 2 hours. Skim any fat that rises to the top.
- 4. After 2 hours turn of the heat and let it cool.
- 5. Once cool, remove the chicken and shred it into small pieces. Remove any bones and grizzle and then add the chicken back to the soup.
- 6. When ready to use the soup, warm it slightly and add some to your kibble (you want the kibble moist otherwise you make a mess! Bol!).

Storage:

Stores for 1 week in the fridge or portion the soup and freeze it.









If you try any of these delicious recipes send in your pictures or if you have a recipe to share, email it to me at: tigger@tigger.club

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INTERVIEW WITH WHISKEY

Tell me a little bit about yourself.

Hello, I'm Whiskey and I live in Virginia (USA). I used to race in Florida, then in Alabama... but I wasn't fast enough, so I was put into retirement at the age of two. In March 2016, I ran my last race and was taken to NGAP (National Greyhound Adoption Program) in Philadelphia. Shortly after, my mommy came for a visit and fell in love with me. I began my new life in June 2016!

How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them? I have a mommy and a daddy... and a little orange kitty sister,

named Nala.

Do you work? If so where/what do you do?
My mommy and I volunteer once a month, with a local greyhound rescue. We meet meet people and talk about greyt greyhounds are.
Everyone who meets me falls in love!

If you could choose your name what would it be?
I like my name! My racing name is, Whiskey Chase, but mom calls me Whiskey.
Sometimes she calls me "farthound" too... wonder why?! Heheee

What is your favourite food? I love cookies, especially soft Milkbones

Where is your favourite place to be?

On the sofa, for sure! Mommy bought me several beds... but I think it is rude to ignore the sofa. I also love mommy's car! We go for car rides all the time

What is your favourite way to entertain yourself (annoy your humans)?

I don't really like toys... so usually I just follow mommy and daddy around the house and stick my nose in anything and everything they are eating! I always put my ears up to look extra cute, so they fall for it and share.

What is your greatest accomplishment? Finding my new home! And learning some new tricks, like laying down and waiting by the door for walks! Mommy paid a lot of money to have a dog trainer come teach me... but I decided to only learn these two things.

What is your next goal in life? I want to be more brave, because I am terrified of my kitty sister, Nala. She scares me and chases me down the stairs. And sometimes she plays with my tail when I am sleeping... Sometimes I even pretend to be sleeping so she leaves me alone. One day we are going to be friends and I won't be afraid anymore:)

If you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be? I would run around in the biggest field I could find! The dog park is fun, but it isn't big enough for me to run at full speed L Mommy said I am not allowed to be off my leash, because I don't listen.

Finally and most importantly...What was your **human's most embarrassing** moment?

One day my mommy was picking up my poops, and there was a hole in the bag.

Needless to say, she may have had a hand covered in poops. She also had to walk all the way home being stinky... she wasn't even mad, She just laughed the whole way home and wore a poop bag as a glove :) hahaha



Are you interested in being interviewed?

Email me at:
tigger@tigger.club

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CHRISTMAS JOKES

What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck? A Christmas Quacker!

What do reindeer hang on their Christmas trees? *Horn-aments!*

Why did the turkey cross the road? Because he wasn't chicken!

Why was the snowman rummaging in the bag of carrots? *He was picking his nose!*



Merry Christmas

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PD JAY - THE THIN BLUE PAW



Hello all, I am now 15 months old. As you are aware I start my General Purpose Police Dog initial course at the beginning of January 2020.

Of the six pups earmarked for the January course there are three of us left, and one of them is perhaps borderline, that said, the canine development officer thinks he will make it.

Since my last blog my brother Arnie and I have been brought forward to go to our handlers early for 'operational reasons'. Alison and Stew were told they would have me until Christmas, then it was the beginning of November and finally I was handed over on the 19th November.

It was hard to leave Alison and Stew. It's going to be a difficult time for all of us. Stew said I was ready to go and work.

My handler is called Ed. I met him at one of our training sessions. Ed came to my house to go for a couple walks with Stew and I. Here are Ed and I playing my favourite game of 'tug'.



Stew said we have been well matched. Ed is a new handler and is very keen, as I am, I am sure we will make a great dog team. We will be based in Plymouth. Oddly, Alison and Stew think Ed looks a bit like their son Jamie. All three handlers are new, so we will all be learning together.

I went to my last Remembrance Day parade with Stew, I was standing next to the bugler. When he played I just looked at him.



A newspaper photographer took a photo of me sitting on

my namesake Jamie's bench at the war memorial.

We had our last training session in mid-November, it was a very muddy affair – but I enjoyed it. My new handler Ed and his wife were there. They have a retired female Police dog called Sam. Sam is nine years old, they hope we will be good pals.

We finalised what we have learned, long twisting tracks, criminal work, finding and barking at someone hiding and of course chase and detain a criminal. The finding someone was made fun by the instructor hiding up a tree – no, don't worry I wasn't barking up the wrong tree!

When I had chased down and had a bite on the criminal, the instructor tried to get me off by trying to swing round, I wasn't having any of that! When he eventually got the bite sleeve off I was still biting on very hard, try as he may I wouldn't let go! In the end he said, 'he's won it, let him take it back to the car'.

The initial course instructor was there, he was impressed with what we have achieved. He said we were at week four of the course already, especially at tracking.

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PD JAY - THE THIN BLUE PAW

Jay's Q & A

Thank you for asking the following questions, I will answer them as best I can;

Will you get to wear a uniform?

No, I won't be wearing a uniform. Although I will wear a special harness with Police flashes on both sides for crowd control.

Will you be getting your own twitter page so we can still follow you?

My handler Ed said we will have our own twitter page when I am licensed, so you can follow our adventures (April 2020).

I am sure Alison and Stew will let Tigger know.

Are you looking forward to your next stage of training?

I am looking forward to bonding with my handler. He and I are both keen to get started! It's going to be very exciting, it will be very hard work for both my handler and I. I am ready to go forward on to the next stage of my development.

Are you a fully trained police dog now?

No, I won't be fully trained (licensed) until April 2020.

What has been the best part of your training so far?

I have to say I have enjoyed all of my pre-course training. I have to be honest I do love the 'bite sleeve' – I think most of the dogs do.

On my initial course after a long days training we finish on the 'sleeve' so all the dogs end on a high.

Are you going to keep in touch with your foster family?

No, I will not be keeping in touch with my puppy walkers. It's not fair on me and my handler and it's not fair on them. I will see them again in April at my 'passing out parade' at the end of my initial course.

Have you met your police handler yet?

Yes, as I mentioned above my handler is called Ed. We have met up three times and we have interacted. I like Ed – he has plans for me in the future.



I would like to thank Tigger for publishing my blog over the past months. I hope you have found my articles interesting and fun.

I have to close now as I have to pack all my favourite toys, treats and bedding. Also I have to go to the supermarket to get a large box of tissues! I'm sure Alison and Stew will let you know when I am licensed.

So, for the final time bye,

Jay



Thank you for sharing your journey with us all Jay.

Good luck with your training and I look forward to following your Twitter page once you are licensed.

Nose bump to you Tigger

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Animal Behaviour, Training and Welfare Consultant, plus Undergraduate Lecturer in Animal Science specialising in companion animals. I specialise in animal problem behaviour management, plus run puppy and adult dog socialisation classes on an individual or group basis.

CATS: Inappropriate urine spraying/marking.
DOGS: Jumping up, lead pulling, poor recall.
PARROTS: Feather pulling, aggression.
RABBITS: Fur pulling, aggression to owner.

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WINTER PAW CARE AND SAFETY

As winter approaches you need to be reminding your humans to take a bit of time to think about you and your paws.

This is not only directed at dogs, it is directed to all animals that may go out or be exposed to outdoor clothing/ shoes.

There are a few vital things your humans need to know:

Frost/ice snow.

Although we can walk outside in most weather conditions and our humans usually forget to think about us the 'nice walk' across various surfaces like the freezing sharp ice in winter.

They need to be constantly reminded that we can suffer from toxic poisoning, frostbite, ice burns and cracked paws which could lead not only to pain, infections but also in some cases – death!!

Antifreeze/screen wash for vehicles.

This is very poisonous to us and even though it is poisonous, there is an ingredient (ethylene glycol) in the antifreeze that makes animals (and small humans) attracted to it.

Now I am not expecting you to remind your humans to top up their cars, but for you to remind them that if they spill any on the ground or on their shoes they need to clear it up.

Better still if possible, store their shoes where you cannot reach them and to take them off before walking through the house.

Road grit/salt
This is poisonous for us.
We are not attracted to it by
smell, we walk on it and it gets
in between our toes.
Some of us may be sensitive to
it and get skin irritation.

So once we are able to, we lick our paws to get rid of the grit.

If after all your attempts to educate your humans they still do not take necessary precautions during winter refuse to leave the house, or better still shout 'HUGE VET BILLS'

Remind them to:

- Check your paws for cracks/ cuts and ice.
- Clean/wash your paws after a walk.
- Ensure you are wrapped up well when going for walks, but making sure you don't overheat too.
- Take care with liquids when topping up their vehicles.

Stay safe during winter Pals

CHECK VEHICLES FOR CATS

Check vehicles for cats.

Cats often crawl into vehicle's engines and wheel arches to keep warm.

It is not always enough to look for paw prints in the snow as it may have snowed after the cat squeezed into the engine, or there may be no snow on the ground at all. A lot of humans think opening and closing the vehicle door is enough to warn a sleeping cat.

However cats do not spring into action the moment they hear something. Especially if they have been asleep for a while during the cold weather.

There has always been the suggestion for humans to

knock on their bonnet or walk around wiping and tapping their lights before opening their vehicle door.

This would give the cat time to wake up from a deep sleep and squeeze its way out of wherever they were sleeping.

Remember cat safety in winter

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st December 2019

Brindle Belle will be Celebrating her 2nd Gotcha Day on the 1st of December



Sophie will be celebrating her Birthday across the Rainbow Bridge on the 1st of December



Poppet will be celebrating her Birthday across the Rainbow Bridge on the 1st of December



3rd December 2019

Maxi will be celebrating his 2nd Gotcha day on the 3rd of December



6th December 2019

Poppy will be celebrating her 11th Birthday on the 6th of December



8th December 2019

Group Walk: 8th of December

<u>Cannock Chase tweetup</u> - Staffordshire

Arrive 9:45am for 10:00am start

Ziva

Crossed the rainbow bridge Mid December 2015



18th December 2019

Luka will be celebrating his 4th Birthday on the 18th of December



19th December 2019

Event: 19th of December Loulabelles Christmas Paw Party - Innerleithen 7pm to 9pm

22nd December 2019



Alice In Wooferland Loved by thousands of hounds around the world Crossed the Rainbow Bridge on 22nd December 2017

23rd December 2019

Cassie will be celebrating her 1st Birthday on the 23rd of December



OUT AND ABOUT

THE NIGHTINGALE - WORCHESTERSHIRE

Repawter: Duke
After an exhausting walk round
Croome Court National Trust
with my girlfriend Luna and
hoomans it was time for food.

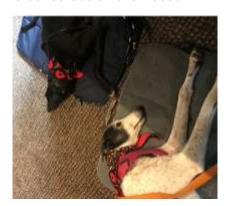
The hoomans had booked a table at:

THE NIGHTINGALE Evesham Road, Spetchley, Worcester, Worcestershire, WR7 4QS

https://www.vintageinn.co.uk

It's a rural country pub part of the Vintage Inn chain and importantly dog friendly. On the bar is biscuits for hounds and water bowls are available.

Our table had the reserved sign on it and Star and Luna crashed out on their beds.



It did mean that the waiting staff carefully stepped around them. The waiter who served the hoomans did fuss us all. The table behind also had a family who used to own greyhounds.

The menu has fixed price menus during lunch and evenings in the week.

The Sunday menu was roast dinners and even a 3 roast combi, as well as burgers and other things.



Hoodads pork belly looked great and then a platter of vegetables



Hoomom and our friends had turkey. They happily changed the veg for hoomom to have garden peas (which were cooked well but often over cooked in places).

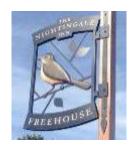
Hoomom had the sticky toffee pudding and custard whilst hoodad had a double expresso



4 pints of soft drinks 2 medium red wines, 1 double expresso, 4 roast dinners and 3 puddings - £81.40

Was good value as the food was very tasty.

A definite paws up from me



Visit <u>www.tigger.club/outandabout</u> for more dog friendly locations

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COMESTON LAKES COUNTRY PARK - PENARTH

Repawter: Robin Di Nero

Comeston Lakes Country Park Lavernock Road, Penarth CF64 5UY

Dog Restrictions: YES

About the site:

Located around 5 miles south of Penarth town centre. The park is open all year round for visitors to discover over 100 hectares of lakes, woodlands and meadows. Most of the site is

Facilities:

bay.

There has been a lot of work to try their best to ensure as much as possible is accessable for anyone with mobility problems. Large free carpark with disabled spaces and coach There is a regular bus service which passes the main entrance to the country park. The visitor centre has a gift shop, toilets, baby changing facilities, free wheelchair hire and nature trail / orienteering maps hire.

The cafe is open 9am to 5pm (longer in summer) and has a patio area.

The medieval village has free entry 10am to 12 noon. After that there is a charge for guided walks.

The lake can only be hired by water clubs registered with the Vale of Glamorgan Council.

Notes for our humans: There are birds along the western lake.

Feeding the birds is permitted

but please do not feed bread as it is not health for our feathered pals.

The visitor centre sells the correct food for the birds that will not harm them.

Horses are allowed along the bridleway.

Dogs must be on lead in the car park and around the east lake, but must be under proper control at all times.

Bicycles are allowed throughout the park. Poop must be picked up as the Vale of Glamorgan issue fines for not clearing up.

Drones /radio controlled aircraft are not permitted in the park.

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Limited free car parking on lo-

cation

Facilities: None Notes:

No information available

Contact:

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<u>heritage.org.uk</u>

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