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BUYING A CAT OR DOG

If you buy a pet dog or cat, it's important that you make checks to help combat the illegal trade in pet animals.

Some dogs and cats for sale in the UK have been imported illegally from abroad. This puts the health and welfare of the animals and the general public at risk.

Dogs and cats that are illegally imported for sale or rehoming may be:

- carrying serious diseases that could spread to other pets or people too young for import

- transported in inadequate conditions

- at risk of behavioural and welfare issues due to poor breeding and rehoming

- without the necessary health preparations for import

- advertised in a way that misleads the buyer on the animal's history, breed or pedigree

If you find that your new pet has been imported illegally, you may have to pay for costly

quarantine and veterinary bills.

Buying a cat or dog guidelines

Follow these guidelines to make sure you help combat the illegal trade in pet animals. If you plan to buy a cat or dog:

- consider getting a rescue animal from a reputable UK rehoming organisation – you can check if the organisation is a member of the Association of Dogs and Cat Homes

- buy your animal from a reputable supplier such as a Kennel Club Assured Breeder – advice is available from the Dog Advisory Council, Dogs Trust, Kennel Club, PAAG and RSPCA

- view the animal and its documentation before you buy – if it was born outside the UK it must have either a pet passport or a veterinary certificate

- ask to see the local authority licence details for commercial dog breeders

- licensed dog breeders must show puppies with their mothers to prospective buyers

- speak to your vet, if you have any doubts about an animal

Buying a puppy or a kitten

If you plan to buy a puppy or kitten:

- read RSPCA and Animal Welfare Foundation information

- always see the puppy or kitten with its mother and any litter, and if possible, in the location it was born

- never buy a puppy or kitten younger than 8 weeks old

Raising concerns

Contact your Local Authority Trading Standards if you're concerned:

- about the health or welfare of dogs and cats advertised for sale

- you may have bought an illegally imported pet

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YODA AND CHEEZLT'S SCRATCHING POST



Hi Furriends!

We hope everyone has had a decent start to the new year.

Just an FYI...as of now, we have achieved a few of our new year goals. We have increased our food intake, our zoomies output, and our naptime.

We have had a bit of snow recently. Nothing that Momma has complained about too much. Her tone of voice is how

we decipher whether something is good or bad. Then we decide if we care or not.

We have mentioned before about our CATTV.... Our new home has the best seating for watching squirrelies. Well, it could always be better....like actually being outside to catch, we mean watch those squirrelies (oops)!

Those little rascals tease us on purpose! It may have been an accident and unintentional at the beginning. But, now, they know that we can't get to them because of that big, dumb, stupid window! They are so

bold! They will come right up on the railing in front of our window seat, and twirl their bushy tail right in our faces! That is so rude! They get us all worked up. Our tails start swishing hard enough to make a breeze. We start tapping and pawing at the windows. They can't fool us! We know that they know that they see us!

One day revenge will be ours!

Til next month,
Yoda and Cheezlt
(and the others)

TIGGER CLUB NEWS LATEST REPAWTER

Hi Pals ,

I would like to introduce you Tigger Club News latest Repawter.

It is Skye who will be giving us some valuable reviews of dog friendly accommodation and restaurants she took her humans to when they were on holiday recently.

Skye is a Springer Spaniel and fursister to the late great Monty.

She adopted her humans in 2019 and has not looked back.

Earlier this year she got a new furbrother Sparky.

He is 9 years old and thinks he owns the place already. Sky says she has her hands full making sure that doesn't happen BOL!

I look forward to publishing all the reviews, articles and adventures Skye is happy to share.

Welcome to the team Skye
Nose bump to you
Tigger



Dusty is still on her holibobs and will be back in time for her column next month

ON THE BOOKSHELF

Cat Speak

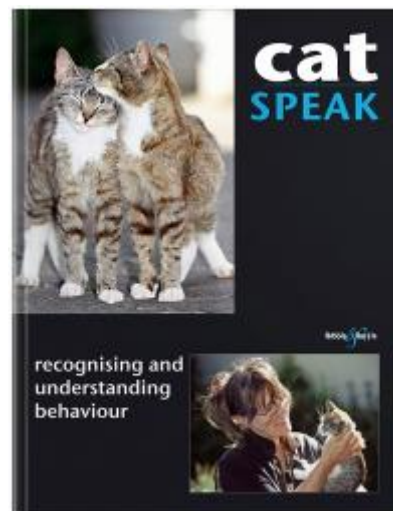
- By Brigitte Rauth-Widmann

This unique book offers detailed observations of the behaviour of cats, and explains in everyday language how to interpret their meaning.

Essential reading for anyone who wants to understand more about their cat!

Cats have a range of powerful vocal expressions. They meow, sing, purr, spit and snarl, and even when their paws are tucked neatly underneath them, their body language is still very expressive.

As a greeting they rub their bodies against each other; if they are unsure of something they arch their back or tilt their ears. And if they don't want to communicate face-to-face or vocally, they simply leave behind a few fragrant messages!



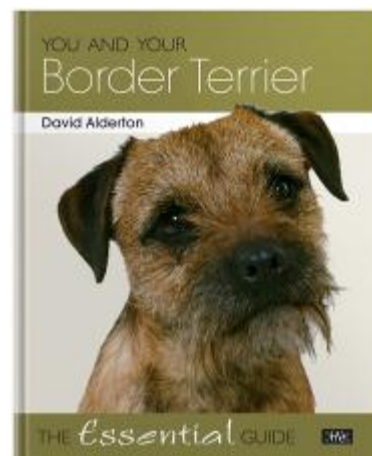
You can purchase your copy from www.hubbleandhattie.com here: [Cat Speak](#)

You and Your Border Terrier

- By David Alderton

Everything you need to know about choosing, buying and enjoying your Border Terrier, including breed background, settling in your new arrival, establishing a daily routine, and what to expect as your canine companion grows up.

Anyone who has encountered a Border Terrier will know that although this is a relatively small breed of dog in terms of overall stature, it's one with a big heart. Bold and fearless in true terrier fashion, these dogs possess a feisty character that belies their size. Indeed, it was the tough, no-nonsense nature of the Border Terrier that was much prized by gamekeepers and others who employed the dog for all kinds of sporting and hunting activities.



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IN THE KITCHEN



Article By: Fred and Tess

Give your humans a peg for their nose as this pie is aromatic!
BOL!

If like us you are impatient, send your human into the garden to use the freezing wind to help the pie cook quickly, BOL.

Dogfish Pie**Ingredients:**

2 x 125g tins of sardines in oil
1 sweet potato, thinly sliced

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180 fan.
2. Drain the oil from the sardines into a bowl and then add the sweet potatoes to the oil. Toss the sweet potatoes in the oil.
3. Line an ovenproof dish with half the sweet potato slices. Mash the sardines and spread over the sweet potatoes, then top with the remaining sweet potatoes.
4. Bake in the oven for 40 minutes and the leave to cool before eating.



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 :

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INTERVIEW WITH... TOBY SAUSAGE

How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them?

I live with three Humans; there's my chief Human and then HuGrandad and HuGrandma. I've been with them since January 10th this year, so nearly 6 months. HuGrandad says it feels like 6 years sometimes!

Do you work? If so where/ what do you do?

I don't work but am instead a sausage of leisure. I have been assisting the chief Human with her Open University degree. I'm very good at 'filing' paper.

If you could choose your name what would it be?

If I could choose my own name it would be Norbert. That was Human's original choice of name for me but she was overruled.

What is your favourite food?

I'm quite a health conscious sausage and I follow in the footsteps of my heroes, the Minions, by being rather partial to apples (bapples) and bananas (ba-an-naaaaa!)

Where is your favourite place to be?

My favourite place to be is curled up next to my Human.

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

My favourite way to entertain myself is playing with my small

squeaky Kong ball. I love pushing it under the sofa and making the humans retrieve it for me.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment so far is learning a trick for my puppy class. I learnt to shake paws.

What is your next goal in life?

My next goal in life is to learn how to ring a bell like my friend Edith to alert the humans to the fact that I need to go out.

If you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be?

If I could do anything for a day it would be to meet up with all my friends from the #SausageArmy (a group on Twitter!) for a fabulous walk filled with fun and adventure.

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

I seem to be behind most of

Human's embarrassing moments these days.

It is usually down to my curiosity (she says nosiness) and the fact that I love to stand and stare at people.

The worst (or best in my opinion) was when we had just started off on our walk and came across a group of people standing outside a house that was for sale. I parked myself on the opposite side of the road and stared...and stared...and stared. I was offered treats by Human but I was not going to move until the estate agent and the potential buyers acknowledged me.

In the end, the man who was looking around said "I think we had better come and say hello or you'll be there all day!" They came and made a fuss of me but, when they walked away, I cried!

By this time Human was bright red!





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TIGGER INVESTIGATES...HYDROTHERAPY

What is Hydrotherapy?

Hydrotherapy, or water therapy, is the use of water (hot, cold, steam, or ice) to relieve discomfort and promote physical well-being.

The word Hydrotherapy originates from Greece and translates into water - healing. Hydrotherapy has been used and proven for thousands of years all over the world. It was originally used for humans but over the years has been just as successful on horses, dogs and small animals. More and more vets are recognising the benefits of hydrotherapy and referring their patients to qualified hydrotherapists for treatment.

Chesterfield Hydrotherapy Referral Centre allows the dogs and small animals of Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and South Sheffield to benefit from hydrotherapy treatment closer to home. They can also enjoy swimming for fun and fitness in the purpose built heated pool.

Hydrotherapy is a gentle zero or low impact method of allowing dogs and small animals to exercise in a safe, controlled environment under the guidance and supervision of a qualified hydrotherapist.

Each patient receives an individually designed hydrotherapy treatment programme specifically built

around their needs, requirements and realistic outcomes given any conditions they may have or surgery they have undergone or are scheduled to undergo.

What are the benefits of Hydrotherapy?

The benefits which can be obtained from hydrotherapy treatments include:

Faster recovery from injuries, including fractures and soft tissue

- Pre-operative conditioning
- Post-operative recovery
- Muscle strengthening, maintenance and restoration
- Relief from pain, swelling and stiffness
- Relaxation of muscle spasms
- Increased cardiovascular fitness
- Improved mental wellbeing
- Relief of frustration and boredom
- Canine and Small Animal Hydrotherapy is used to treat a variety of medical, orthopaedic and neurological conditions as well as being used to maintain general fitness and control weight. The following list shows some of the conditions which can benefit from hydrotherapy (this list is not exhaustive):
- Osteoarthritis
- Hip and Elbow Dysplasia
- Degenerative Myelopathy
- Legg Calve Perthes Disease
- Luxating Patellar

- Spinal Injuries
- Cruciate Ligament Injuries
- Obesity
- Depression
- Intervertebral Disc Disease (degenerative type)
- Spondylosis
- Chronic Degenerative Radiculomyelopathy (CDRM)

Fibrocartilaginous Embolism (FCE)

What to Expect From Treatment Sessions

At each treatment session your pet will:

receive a full health check to ensure that they are suitable for hydrotherapy on that day

- be showered to remove any dirt or debris from its coat which could enter the pool or treadmill
 - be fitted with a lift jacket or harness to provide the hydrotherapist with control over your pet during the session and to provide your pet with additional buoyancy
 - receive an individually designed treatment program designed to specifically address your pet's needs
 - be monitored closely by the hydrotherapist to ensure it receives the best possible treatment on that day
 - be showered and dried after the treatment session
- booked in for its next session, and advice provided on your pet's progress and the next course of action

TIGGER INVESTIGATES...HYDROTHERAPY (CONT.)

How Long Does a Treatment Session Last?

Each patient will be allocated a 45 minutes session to allow time for the health check, showering and drying, the actual treatment itself and time for discussion and questions.

Treatment length will depend on many factors including: what the patient is being

treatment for

- what general condition the patient is in
- how the patient behaves during the session
- if it is the patient's first treatment or not
- how the patient responded to its last treatment
- any changes that may have occurred since its last treatment

That said most patients will spend a maximum of 15

minutes swimming in the pool. This will be made up of 3 blocks of activity followed by a rest period between each one

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BEACHES IN THE UK

Most beaches in the UK are accessible to dogs and their humans.

However, even some of those beaches close the access for dogs during peak human Season. Which is around April to October, although some beaches may vary their restriction dates.

I have attempted to list all of the beaches in the UK.

If you live near or visit a beach frequently. Send in information about it and I will add it to the Out and About section on my website.

If you live in one of the other

countries listed on my website, you can send in information about the beaches near you too.

If you live in a country not currently listed, you can still send in the information about beaches near you as I may be able to add your country to my website.

INTERVIEW WITH - TAZ

**Tell me a little bit about yourself.**

I am nearly 7 and live in Cornwall. I am told that I am a rather handsome chap!

How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them?

I help mummy look after daddy. I have a little sister, a shih tzu called Tia. Oh and two things called cats. They are a bit odd.

Do you work? If so where/ what do you do?

I look after our house and keep it free from unsavoury characters and postmen.

If you could choose your name what would it be?

Fluffykins - would love to see daddy embarrass himself calling that out in public!

What is your favourite food?

Oh boy, I love all food. In fact I will eat anything even if it is not classed as food. I am a dustbin. You serve it, I will scoff it. I once won the fastest bonio eater at a dog show.

Where is your favourite place to be?

I am a Cornish lad and LOVE the beach.

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

I enjoy a really good, hearty bark. Usually just for the hell of it. My humans don't enjoy it so much.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Well, the bonio comp was awesome. But, a few years ago I had my leg fixed with a metal plate and screws and stuff. I made myself fit again and was

soon running on the beach.

Daddy had a little tear in his eye when I ran and I knew how proud he was of me.

What is your next goal in life?

Hmm... well, I have plenty of eating to do. But we may be moving house soon so I will need to whip a new neighbourhood into shape, and make a lot of new things mine by weeing on them.

If you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be?

Easy - retrieve tennis balls from the sea!

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

Too many to choose from! Probably when a lady asked if she could stroke me and daddy said "yes please" pretending to be me, but it just sounded like he wanted her to stroke him and it was a bit awkward... my Uncle Dom thought it was hilarious.

If you would like to be interviewed you can contact me by email at:

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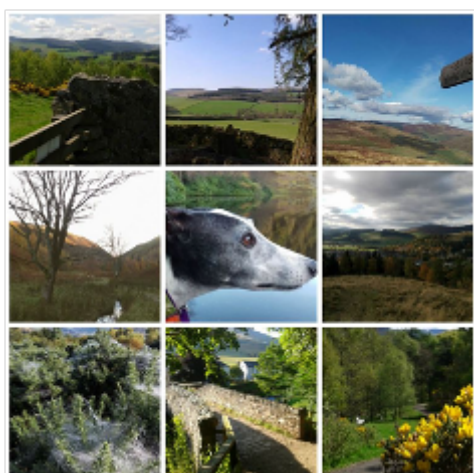
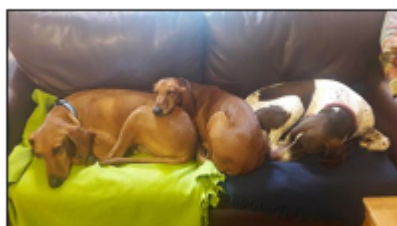


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AFTER THE RAINBOW BRIDGE



There is now a space in the human's heart where we lived. It may be the huge space that was once our bed, the now clean floor that used to be cluttered with toys and half shredded goodness knows what, the sofa that now seems too large to sit on or the meals they eat that no longer have to be guarded or eaten in such a way as to make sure there is enough to share.

The human now yearns for one more spilt cup of coffee, shredded newspaper they had not read yet or another moan at walking in the rain.

They say life goes on.... but in reality it does not. It is frozen in time with the human's mind reliving the last moments they saw their companion, their rock, their friend.

Whether it was expected, sudden or a long slow process to the final moments, the feelings are still there, the vast cold emptiness inside and the huge knot in their stomach. Humans without animals do not understand but those that have suffered loss of an animal do understand.

They quietly mourn at the fear of being told they are being silly as it was JUST an animal.

We know we were more than JUST an animal. We were their companion, their muse, their best friend and most importantly we were family.

We need to also think about other animals mourning about our passing over the Rainbow Bridge. All animals know and understand loss and mourn too. Mourning animals can stop eating, cry and in some cases act out in frustrated bereavement.

It is a difficult time with a lot of difficult decisions. Does the human get another animal?

Mourn and go on without another animal?

One thing they must not do, is to try to replace the animal that crossed the Rainbow bridge. They can fill the gap in their life, but never replace what they had with that animal.

How long should a human wait to get another animal? That depends on the human. Some can carry on and decide to wait before getting another animal. Some cannot function, move forward or even eat with the space in their lives and get another animal as soon as possible.

Whatever the human decides, there are no right or wrong answers as it is all down to how the human feels.

One thing to consider if a

human gets another animal after we have crossed the rainbow bridge is that a few days after getting the new animal they may feel they have made a huge mistake and even for a split second almost reject the new animal.

Even the mourning animals may attack or try to reject the new animal.

The human and mourning animals need to know these are false feelings and it is part of the mourning process.

They may push the new animal away but the new animal can feel their loss and will try to comfort the human.

The new animal never met previous animal but they know they were there.

The humans and mourning animals need to bring the new animal closer and start building a bond like they had with us.

Whatever the circumstance tell the humans and mourning animals that have suffered a loss or are preparing for a loss of an animal – speak out.

They are not being silly. They have lost a member of their family and need a shoulder to cry and a sympathetic ear to listen...

If you have suffered the loss of an animal and need to talk to someone, contact your local vet who may have advice or know of local councillors or groups to get support from.

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1st February

Jasper will be celebrating his 4th Gotcha Day on the 1st February

**2nd February**

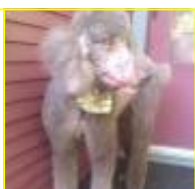
Archie is celebrating his Gotcha Day across the Rainbow Bridge on the 2nd of February



Duke is celebrating his 4th Birthday on the 2nd of February

**8th February**

Roscoe will be celebrating his 4th Gotcha Day on the 8th February



Rosie and Freddie will be celebrating their 5th Gotcha Day on the 8th February

**9th February**

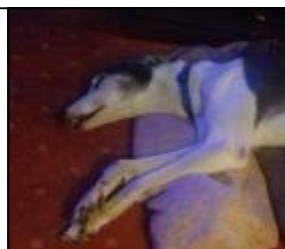
EVENT - Group Walk: - 9th February
Cannock Chase tweetup - Staffordshire
Arrive 9:45am for 10:00am start

14th February

Blue crossed the Rainbow Bridge on the 14th February 2015
12th Aug 2007 - 14th Feb 2015

**15th February**

Archie crossed the Rainbow Bridge on the 15th of February 2019



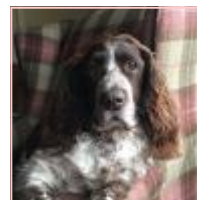
Cassie will be celebrating her 2nd Gotcha Day on the 15th of February

**17th February**

Doris will be Celebrating her 10th Gotcha Day on the 17th February

**24th February**

Monty will be Celebrating his Gotcha Day across the Rainbow Bridge on the 24th February

**27th February**

Tigger (yup me!!) will be Celebrating his 5th Gotcha Day on the 27th February

**28th February**

Dusty will be celebrating her 3rd Gotcha Day on the 28th February



OUT AND ABOUT

KETTLE COTTAGE - OUTER HEBRIDES



Repawter: Skye

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We, that is my humans and myself (I'm a Springer Spanner) spent our holidays at Kettle cottage, North Uist in the Outer Hebrides.

This is our second stay at the cottage this year and it's in a most pawsome location, very remote with stunning views out to the Atlantic and to St Kilda.

The cottage has a kitchen/

lounge, one bedroom and a shower room.

It sleeps 2 humans and a maximum of two dogs are allowed. There is a log burning stove and plenty of peat is provided.



A welcome hamper of Hebridean oatcakes, shortbread and jam was waiting for my humans on arrival, but sadly no dog treats for me!

There are sheepsies roaming

outside so doggies need to be on their best behaviour.

The price varies but we paid



£65 a night in November.

One of the best things about the Outer Hebrides are the beaches. There are lots and lots of them and my favourite is Hosta beach, a short walk from the cottage.



Is there a pawsome dog friendly place you take your humans to?

Or are you an animal charity?

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OUT AND ABOUT (CONT.)

AM POLITICIAN - OUTER HEBRIDES



Repawter: Skye

Am Politician

Isle of Eriskay

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Tel: 01878 720246

Opening times:

Mon - Thur: 12:00 - 21:00

Fri & Sat: 12:00 - 01:00

Sun: 12:30 - 21:00

Food is served all day and is
vegan friendly

Am Politician is a restaurant and pub on the small, remote Island of Eriskay in the Outer Hebrides. It is named after the SS Politician, a cargo ship which ran aground in 1941. The ship was carrying 264,000 bottles of whisky and stories of the islanders who helped themselves to some of the whisky and hid it from the Excise men was immortalised in the book and film Whisky Galore.

There are artefacts from the ship in the pub which the bar

staff are more than happy to show you: a flare gun, machete, Jamaican dollars and two bottles of whisky.



Dogs are welcome in the bar area of the pub, there is also a beer garden. I was given a bowl of water and a handful of treats which very quickly disappeared, (the treats, not the water, BOL!). I was made a fuss of by the bar staff but not too much as I'm a timid girl.



Dad ordered as always the fish and chips (yippee!) and a soda and lime. Mum had the

vegetable curry which is vegan and she treated herself to a cognac. I helped dad with his fish and chips and they were yummy, I'm sure my very good friends Fred and Tess would've said the same had they been there, BOL!

The cost of the meal and drinks came to just under £30.

We ended our afternoon with me chasing my ball and my humans enjoying a pleasant but freezing stroll along Prince Charlie's Bay, a lovely stretch of beach which gets its name from when Bonnie Prince Charlie first landed in Scotland in 1745.

It was certainly a most pawsome and interesting afternoon and I also got to meet the Eriskay ponies although I was little scared of them.



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