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Happy tail sounds like something positive, but unfortunately it is a problem for a lot of dogs and their humans.

Sometimes the human is not aware of the problem until they discover what looks like a mini crime scene at home. This is usually a scene of drops

of blood or what seems like masses of blood either smeared or if the dog has a particularly waggy tail, splatters of blood around the floor, walls and even the ceiling !!

What is Happy Tail?

Happy tail is when the tip of the tail gets split or injured due to wagging and banging it off hard surfaces. Once the tip of the tail is injured it is a very difficult part of a dog to heal as they tend to continue to wag their tail and causing more injury. Or sneaky nibbling at the tail preventing it from healing properly.

What causes Happy Tail? As the name suggests it is usually caused by over enthusiastic tail wagging near to solid objects such as walls, furniture or any other hard surface.

HAPPY TAIL

Can Happy Tail be prevented?

To be honest you can try, but if a dog is going to go overboard with the tail wagging there is not a lot that can be done.

How do you treat Happy Tail?

The way to treat Happy Tail is to have a breathable bandage that both protects the tail and protects it from further injury and nibbling. The bandaging would need to be checked and changed daily. This is obviously easier said than done.

There have been a few inventive suggestions for the treatment of Happy Tail.

Whatever method is used, it is important to get the tail healed as soon as possible. As the tail has no real protective muscle it is easily infected.

Some dogs unfortunately had to have surgery to remove the tip of the tail to enable it to finally heal.

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Hi readers,

It has been a very exciting month for me as I thought my quest for fame was one step closer, well one paw at least.

I have read about famous animals and humans that get

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asked to put their paw print in cement for all of eternity.

When I saw that some cement was put out for me I was so happy and felt so touched that I was to be honoured in this way.

I was a bit disappointed there were no puparazi around to photograph the event, but at least my paw print was there forever. I went to bed that night feeling really happy.

The next morning fate struck

it's cruel blow. As I went to visit my now perfectly dried paw print, I was met with my neighbor who was building a wall on top of it!

I was shocked and stunned! My neighbor just laughed and said that they had not removed my paw print and it would still be there, forever, under the wall.

So near and yet so far *sigh*

Nose bump to you Tigger



Hey Pals,

This month I'm going to talk about how to make sure you get the things that you need from your humans.

You see, sometimes my human can be very neglectful. She provides me with a bowl of kibble, and seems to think I will be happy tucking in, despite the fact I know there are yummy foods in the big white cupboard that I still can't open. Grrr.

Well Pals, I made my dietary requirements very clear when I sat drooling on the kitchen

DUSTY'S DIARY

floor, doing my bestest sit as usual while the human faffed around chopping up boring vegetables (I assume these are the human equivalent of kibble in the diet - a boring but necessary evil).

But then I saw my chance, the human dashed out of the kitchen to answer her phone, and what can I say, a whole camembert was in my jaws in a flash! Nice work I was thinking, now to find somewhere safe to down it in one... The human of course realised her mistake, and we were now in a stand off, her waving chicken feet in my face and telling me to drop the dribbly delicious cheese, and I was in a terrible dilemma. If I complied and dropped the cheese, I could have a chicken

foot. But I held a whole delicious (and now rather soggy) cheese in my mouth! In the end, I caved and went for the chicken foot, remembering that the human doesn't like to waste food. My theory that the soggy cheese was indeed mine was confirmed the next day at breakfast time!

So Pals, if you see the opportunity, I encourage you to go for it. And dribble on it. Humans aren't keen about eating soggy food, so it will likely end up in your bowl by completely legitimate means.

Until next time. Have a pawsome month Dusty

YODA AND CHEEZLT'S SCRATCHING POST



Hi Furrpals! Over here in the Northern Hemisphere it is starting to be spring.

We kitties are so excited! That means Momma will start leaving the door and windows open for us to watch the outside critters again. We have been cooped up in this prison of a house for seven months. Well, not really cooped up (the windows have been open a few times).

Well, and it's really no different than any other season. We are indoor kitties, and weather doesn't completely affect us. So, by whining, meowing, and saying that we have been cooped up like jailbirds, is just our way of making Momma feel guilty. If she feels guilty enough, she might give us extra treats or something special. We know how to make Momma feel sorry for us "poor little babies". Doesn't everypawdy try to make their purrents feel guilty?? We know it's not just us. Don't lie. We know you all do that (at least once a week....admit it). We give her sad kitty eyes. We make pitiful sounds. We open our little kitty mouths to meow , but nothing comes out (or we just squeak). We act like we are starving and deprived. We can't believe it still works. Silly human!

Til next time, Yoda and CheezIt

NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



Hey pals,

It's springtime in the UK so I am home and enjoying my home town of Brighton. I need to recharge my lurcher

batteries after a couple of months away and am catching up with friends. Fellow Team South lurcher Teddy met me for croissant procuring at Willow's. Teddy is a master of under table stalking but even he couldn't snaffle a pastry. Unnecessary diet rules aside I thoroughly enjoyed our morning and all four of us had a mooch around the obligatory

sniff spots.

Another pointy nose friend of mine is Tilly and I got her on the dog and bone for a bimble. She suggested our favourite stretch called Green Ridge, it borders the South Downs it's a glorious place to spend an hour. Last time we went the local grazing sheep were there hindering our rolling but this time we had the field to

ourselves (and naturally it still smelt of sheep so was ideal for a roll). We met a friendly, albeit squeally, Beagle and a fantastically jolly terrier. We ran, mooched, rolled and Tilly did some general lying around. It was smashing to met up.

This weekend I may go on an adventure, but then I may just stay at home.... I a lucky and happy either way.

Doris the 'happy whatever she's doing' lurcher

https://dozontour.blog/



In the Kitchen

Article By: Fred and Tess

Dad said we should make a doggy-friendly banana bread (he didn't want to share his with us - too much sugar! Growl!), so we thought on how to make one. We swapped that sugar with honey and milk and Mum suggested we added some blueberries she had left. So we did and I think it is the best bake w have ever made. When it was time to make it only

Tess was around as Fred was 'meditating' with Dad for an hour - more like sleeping! Bol!

Ninny-Nanna Treatsie Bread

Ingredients:

350g self-raising flour 2 bananas 150g blueberries 15g runny honey 1large egg 150 ml milk 1 tbsp cinnamon

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180 fan. Line a loaf tin with baking paper liner.

2. Mash the banana and add it to all the ingredients except the blueberries. Mix everything together (you want to the consistency to be a thick paste), using a mixer or electric whisk. If mixture is too thick add a little

bit milk.



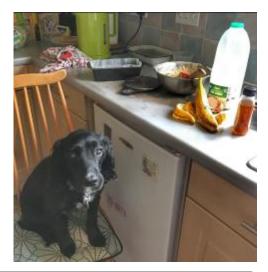
3. Add the blueberries and mix slightly (you don't want to burst all the blueberries). Pour into the prepared tin.

4. Bake in the over for 45 mins until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out dry. Remove from oven and leave to cool completely until cold.

5. Cut the Ninny-Nanna Treatsie Bread into squares

Storage:

We don't know how long it will store for as a tub of the bread squares lasts for two days before we defrost another tub! The bread does freeze well.



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 : <u>tigger@tigger.club</u>

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PD JAY - THE THIN BLUE PAW



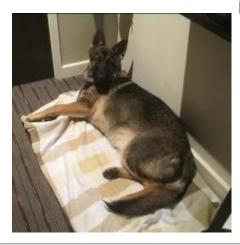
Hello All,

I am now eight months old and am becoming a powerful pup. Since my last canine column my training has become more serious, this will help me with the basic skills I will need before attending my initial Police dog training in January 2020.

I am still doing long tracks, and I am still wearing the harness. Tracking now doesn't involve following a food track – in my case I like liver cooked with garlic granules. Stew also uses them as a training treat. Now when I track a toy is used. The canine development officer teases me with the toy, he then makes a track by scuffing his feet along the grass, he them places the toy in the grass and covers it over with more grass to hide it, he then walks back along the track he has just made pretending to hide the toy in several places. On Stew's command 'seek track' I start to work, I find the toy easily then Stew and I play with it. I am good at tracking.



I had my first go on the 'bite sleeve', the instructor said it was a 'good take' for a first attempt, I don't let go of the sleeve! Likewise, I am learning to bark when finding someone, the instructor again teases me with a toy as he is trying to make me bark, all the while Stew has got hold of me. In the next stage in the game the instructor again teases me with the toy, he then runs away and hides – he doesn't go too far – when I find him I have to bark. When this happens, and as a reward, the instructor gives me the toy and Stew and I play with it. Here I am having some downtime after a training session.



At the moment I have more of a squeak than a bark, the instructor said not to worry as I will soon pick it up. Stew and Alison can't understand this as I have a very deep bark, especially when I bark at next door's dog!

Stew and Alison took me to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. Alison met up with other bereaved military mums. It is the first time I have stayed in an hotel, and without my cage, I settled in very well. I met lots of nice people and had lots of attention. Here I am having a shower before going out.



At the NMA Stew and Alison laid a wreath at the Royal Corps of Signals memorial in memory of their son, and my name sake, Jamie, here we are with another bereaved mum. At the main memorial Stew laid some flowers in memory of his fallen friends.

PD JAY - THE THIN BLUE PAW (CONT.)



This is a difficult time for Stew and Alison, they lost their son

Jamie in April. I will do my best to help them through it.

On a brighter note, Stew and I have had an invite to the Devon County Show in May, Alison is also attending. Myself and some of the other pups on the programme will be doing a small demonstration using ramps and other apparatus and of course meeting lots of people. We will do our demonstration before the Devon and Cornwall Police dog section exhibition. I am looking forward to that.

I have to close now as I have to find my bucket, spade and beach towel as Stew and Alison are taking me to the beach – I love the beach.

So, until next time - bye for now,

Jay

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There are four types of snakes native to the UK. Three of them are non venomous.

Common Grass snakes are

brown, dark green, grey or black in colour with a yellow collar behind their head. Usually reaching about 100cm in length. They also get called water snakes as they are often near water where they feed on newts, toads and frogs. They sometimes eat fish and other lizards too.

They can normally be found in the south of England and in central Wales.



Common Grass Snake

Smooth snakes are grey, brown or a reddish colour with two rows of spots running down their back. Usually reaching about 60 to 75cm in length. They tend to eat small mammals, lizards and smaller snakes.

They can normally be found in the south east and west regions of England.



Smooth Snake

Barred Grass Snakes are more greyish in colour and have dark bands on their body. Usually reaching about 100 cm in length. They tend to eat frogs, toads and newts. They can normally be found throughout the UK.



Barred Grass Snake

Adders are the only venomous snakes that are native to the UK. They are white, grey or light brown with a zigzag pattern down their bodies. There are some that are black, although these are rarer. Usually reaching 60 to 70 cm in length. Adders feed on frogs, rodents newts and lizards. They can normally be found throughout the UK.



Even though adders are venomous they are not naturally aggressive. They will usually try to escape before using their venom. Most recorded bites are due to the snake being cornered, startled, accidentally trodden on or even picked up!!

I will also mention the **slow worm** which is also called the deaf adder.

This is not a snake at all, it is in fact a legless lizard.

So why am I mentioning it? This is probably most mistaken for an actual snake. It has a smooth golden grey skin with either blue spots or a dark stripe down it's back. Usually reaching about 40 to 50 cm in length, living up to 50 years. They tend to eat slugs, snails, worms, insects and spiders.

They are found throughout the UK.



The biggest difference for slow worms are that they have eyelids and they can make their tail drop off when escaping from danger, like most lizards.

Now before you go on a misguided hunt for snakes and slow worms, you need to know that all of these species are protected by law and you must not harm them in any way. The danger to humans and animals from these snakes (and lizard) vary.

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The slow worm poses no threat whatsoever.

The Common, Smooth and Barred Grass snakes can bite, which is painful and may have some infection risk.

The Adder has the real risk as they produce venom. Any instance of an adder bite will require medical treatment.

Signs of a snake bite.

Signs of a bite are not always evident. Especially in animals as our fur may hide the swelling or bite marks.

There may be other signs, such as, pale gums, bruising, drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea, dehydration, restlessness, drowsiness and lethargy.

What to do if you suspect a snake bite.

1. Contact your vet as soon as possible, remembering to tell

them your location. If you are on holiday, you should have already been given contact details of a local vet.

2. Forget what you have seen on movies. Do not wrap a tourniquet or try to suck out the poison. Instead what you need to do is bathe the wound with cold water to reduce the swelling.

3. Do not let the patient walk as walking will increase the spread of venom around the body. While travelling to the vet make sure the patient is kept warm and quiet.

Recovery

Even though it may look really bad and is stressful to both the dog and human, recovery from an adder bite has a 96-97% survival rate.

The recovery time varies in all cases and depends on the circumstances. Such as health

of the dog, time the bite was noticed, time from bite to arrival at a vet.

Treatment can be anything from 24 hours to 30 days depending on the individual circumstances above and the severity of the bite and venom injected.

For anyone that does not live in the UK, it would be a good idea to find out what snakes (and other poisonous critters) live in your area/country.

Find out what veterinary treatments and procedures are in place for any emergency.

I know the chances of being bitten is very low, but it is better to know beforehand rather that trying to find out during an emergency.

Stay safe out there pals.

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CHARLECOTE PARK—EASTER EGG HUNT

Repawter: Duke This is a repawt about my Good Friday Adventures at Charlecote Park.

Charlecote Park is a Victorian Home set in a landscaped deer park in Stratford, Warwickshire



A quick stroll from the car park crossed the road and then to little tents doing house timed tickets but more importantly tickets for the Easter egg hunt.



The tickets were £3 each and come with a map with 8 blank squares in to write down the letters to name the Easter bunny's baby brother.

To be prepared I studied the egg map and the site map.



Once I was happy where we

needed to go we set off following the path and seeing some of the local wildlife.

We were looking for signs that were egg shaped and then looking for the letter to fill in on the form.



The posters encourage you to do things. I like the leap about like a lamb one!

I normally do that pre walk but hoodad calls me a kangaroo so maybe I jump higher. On the way to

another letter there was more wildlife.



The trails was great fun as it took you around the gardens and some great views of the house.



After finding all of the boxes we went into the gardens and found some static people.



Next to the static people there were some benches and in the shade so the hoomans had lunch whilst we got some dried sausages. Hoodad went into the house first that has been in the Lucy family for over 900 years.



For the children they had to try and find the cuddly deer hidden in the rooms.

CHARLECOTE PARK—EASTER EGG HUNT (Cont.)

They also have out buildings to explore. Hoodad definitely liked this one. The Brewery !!



Talking of beers the shop sells some local beers so hoodad got 2. Hoodad came out of the house to see that we had relaxed



Hoomom went to look at the house and when she came

back it was time to get the chocolate egg after we told them what the bunnies name was it's a secret !



I did see this sign in the park



I thought that's a shame I haven't seen any antlers but then bingo!



Overall the park and house were good with lots of dog poo bins across the grounds and staff that were fast to say hi to Star and I.

The egg hunt was also on Easter Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday.

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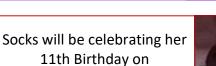


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Birthday and Gotcha Announcements





Honey will be celebrating her 3rd Gotcha Day on the 4th May

the 1st May



Tess will be celebrating her 8th Birthday on the 8th of May



Senna will be celebrating her 7th Birthday on the 17th May



Harley will be celebrating his 4th Birthday on the 21st May waggy tails from his sister Misty and brother Jasper



Maxi will be celebrating his 5th Birthday on the 21st of May



Zanardi will be celebrating his 2nd Gotcha Day on the 25th May



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Entry: Free for EH Members

Open: seasonal - check the website for current opening times

Dog Friendly: Dogs allowed on lead across the site

Parking:

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metres from site entrance.

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Facilities: Vending machines Shop Picnic area Toilets Exhibition Garden

Notes: Ramp into visitor centre and shop. The mine shaft is not accessible for wheelchair users. There are established grass paths all over the site but no hard or gravelled surfaces.

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Portchester Castle PO16 9QW

Entry: Free for EH Members

Open: seasonal - check the website for current opening times

Dog Friendly:

Dogs allowed on lead across the site

Parking:

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Facilities:

Small selection of snacks, hot and cold drinks are sold on site. There is also a tea room at the

Church nearby which is run by church volunteers.

Picnic Area Shop Toilets Exhibition Gardens

Notes:

Via drawbridge and level, smooth grass. Ground floors of the Keep and exhibition within reach via a ramp. No access above ground floor level. Compacted gravel paths lead to the outer Bailey and Roman walls. Wooden benches found around site. Loose gravel, smooth grass and stone slabs. Compacted gravel paths lead to the outer Bailey and Roman walls. Moats can contain deep water. Low ruined walls, historic

steps, uneven surfaces.

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The Greyhound Inn—West Midlands

Credit: Deafie

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About:

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We do like our four legged customers to be kept on a lead and not on the furniture

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Penrith Castle CA11 7EA

Entry: Free for everyone **Open:** seasonal - check the website for current opening times

Dogs: on leads

Parking:

Parking is available around the town, with a few spaces at the park entrance.

Facilities:

There is a café within the park (not managed by English Heritage), and plenty of shops and places in Penrith, along with public toilets.

Notes:

Disabled visitors can access the park from Ullswater road (opposite the railway station). Paths are generally good around the park, though there are steps to access some areas of the castle.

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