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## HISTORY OF A...WHIPPET



Whippets are a dog of medium size which originated in England. Whippets were used to hunt game by sight in open fields.

### History

The name Whippet is derived from an early 17th-century word, meaning to move briskly.

They were more commonly known as Snap Dogs due to their ability to 'snap up' prey during the chase.

Whippets were originally greyhounds that were deemed unsuitable for hunting because of their size.

They were returned to their peasant breeders after being purposely maimed by cutting a tendon or removing a toe so that they could not be used to hunt and break the law forbidding peasants from hunting.

These maimed dogs were bred together and used to catch rats and rabbits.

In the nineteenth century, Whippet racing was a major sport in England.

### Appearance

Whippets are a medium-sized dog weighing around 15 to 42 pounds. The height ranges for Whippets are 18 to 22 inches to the shoulder. Coat colours vary widely and can be solid colours or varying patterns of colours. The coat is short and smooth.

They are the fastest dog of their weight, capable of achieving speeds of 35 MPH due to their unique way of running as all of their legs are off the ground twice in each stride. Once when the legs are at full stretch and again when they are fully tucked under their body.

They are not as fast as a greyhound but from a standing start with a greyhound their accelerating speed is faster.

Whippets are believed to be the fastest accelerating dog in the world.

### Temperament

Whippets are quiet and tend not to do a lot of barking. They are generally gentle dogs and may be content to spend much of the day resting, usually stretched out on a sofa or human's bed.

Whippets are touch sensitive, meaning that they can jump or overreact when touched unexpectedly.

### Health

Whippets usually expect to live about 12 to 15 years.

Whippets have been bred for course work and hunting for years which has kept them a structurally sound breed which is usually free from health problems.

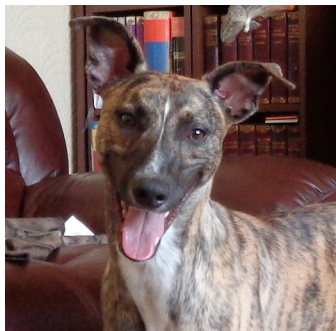
Whippets, like other sighthounds, are intolerant of barbiturate anaesthetics.

This is in part due to their low concentration of body fat and their liver's inability to metabolise the anaesthetics.

Extra care is needed during visits to the vet for any treatments. The heart of a Whippet is large and slow beating, often being arrhythmic or even intermittent when the animal is at rest. **This is not a fault** but does cause concern to humans or vets not familiar to the breed. Their heartbeat changes to a 'normal' beat during exercise.

Whippets have a myostatin mutation. That means they have a mutation in their protein which is due to their athletic performance. Whippets with a single mutation are fast but Whippets with two mutations are usually a 'stockier' whippet, although still fast they may be more prone to muscle cramping.

## A MESSAGE FROM TIGGER



January has arrived with its temperamental weather. One day it is a blizzard, pouring with rain or blissful sunshine. So if the weather is not great for your daily adventure, do as I do and wait an hour or so BOL!

As a hound that only goes for on lead adventures, unless I am in a secured area, January means a lot of places I visit are either still closed or are running their winter visiting times.

That, plus the short daylight hours I am managing to get through the huge list of places to visit that still need to be added to my website. One day I will eventually get through them all.

January also brings the time old tradition of our humans making New Year Resolutions

which are usually well intentioned wishes that probably fizzle out into a distant memory before February. Humans do like to make them. Let me know your New Year Resolutions and how long you stick to them.

If you have any news or a story you would like to share then email me at [tigger@tigger.club](mailto:tigger@tigger.club)

Thank you for reading  
Nose bump to you  
Tigger

## DUSTY'S DIARY



Hi Readers Even when Mum isn't in a good mood, I manage to make mum smile with my cheeky antics.

I was not really happy about all of my walks out in the cold but

lately I've realised that some kind people have put bird feeders up on one of my walkies routes.

This is when I found the bestest thing ever in a tree - a coconut shell filled with a mixture of lard and bird seed.

Mum chased me for ages, so long that I forgot I wanted to eat it and she threw it in the river.

Lucky fishes was all I could

think, until I saw a stick and I forgot about the coconut shell because the stick was the most amazing stick in the world.

Mum tried to pretend she was not with me as I proudly dragged half a tree along the path behind me...

Until next time.  
Have a pawsome month

Dusty



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## NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



Well Readers, you know me, I am an organised kind of hound. Always suitably attired with plenty of poo bags and I thought my humans were the same (until Switzerland).

After 8 months of travelling you'd think they would have the basics but they let me down pals.

We drove south through Germany and thought it would be nice to spend a few days on the Swiss lakes.

On leaving Germany we tried to fill the motorhome with LPG and water but each time the pumps were broken. No worries, they said, we'll still

go. Off we tootled and passed through the Swiss border without hinderance (just a 40 euro fee) and found ourselves near Lac Neuchatel.

It wasn't very pretty really just a lot of concrete barriers and big roads.

Anyway following our camping app we drove to the motorhome stop only to find it full of boats. No worries, they said, we'll carry on.

So we did, still no water or LPG, onto the next.... and the next and the next.

Finally we found a safe car-park. Phew, I thought, but then Elaine realised they had no Swiss Francs to pay, there were no banks and everywhere was shut as it was Sunday.

Honestly my humans are disorganised!

Nevertheless we had a lovely walk around the quiet, ie empty, village of Concise and

went to bed.

Waking at 6am we found we were almost snowed in! Overnight a blizzard had started and we were surrounded by beautiful fluffy snow.

So, no money, water or gas plus half a foot of snow and I've never seen them move so fast.

We had to leave before it was too late, they exclaimed.

Our snow chains weren't needed but the all weather tyres were tested as for the next 5 hours we drove in thick snow at 20 miles an hour.

Honestly Readers, had the humans been more organised we might have spent a lovely week in Switzerland....

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## DEAR TIGGER....!

**Dear Tigger, I have a penchant for eating berries off garden plants which gets my mum moving fast, arms in air and saying noooooo! I thought she would be happy to have me eating healthy food. A confused pup - Strawberry**

Hi Strawberry,  
I know the humans always go

on about eating vegetables but you have to be careful when eating plants and berries that grow in gardens.

They are brightly coloured which makes them very irresistible but they can harm us and make us very sick.

So although I know you love

winding your Mum up you need to listen to her this time an keep away from the berries.

If you have a Dear Tigger question for me.

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## TIGGER INVESTIGATES... TRAVELLING IN A CAR

The point of vehicles is to get you from A to B. That is all there is to say, isn't it?

Well no not really.

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We all have two instant images of animals being transported in a vehicle.

The cute sitting on your knee while you drive image and the crazy animal creating the wall of death race around the inside your vehicle while you try to drive.

This may surprise you, ok perhaps not for the wall of death image, but both of these options are illegal (in the UK).

**Animals must be securely and safely restrained Rule 57 of the Highway Code (UK).** Other countries may have different rules but the safety aspects are no different regardless of what country you are in.

Why must they be restrained? Well apart from the distraction possibilities you need to consider a really shocking fact:

*A crash at 30 miles per hour with a 50lb (22.5kg) unrestrained animal would be thrown forward with a force equivalent to almost nine 12 stone men. Not only would that severely injure the animal, it would cause great damage to whatever/whoever it hit.*

**(Statistical Information source: ROSPA. [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com) )**

So let's get some suggestions for you to help get what is best for your animals.

### Seatbelts:

There are loads of things out there on the market place but it generally boils down to two types of seatbelt attachment types, one that clips into the seatbelt fastener and the other that is a loop you feed the seatbelt through.

The attachment type is a trigger clip at one end of a (usually adjustable) strip of nylon with the seatbelt clip on the other end.. The length can be adjusted for comfort.

The loop type is similar to the attachment type but instead of the seatbelt clip it has a loop that you pass the normal seatbelt through before fastening. These attachment types tend to give the animal less room to jump about.

**Important Note:** Do not fasten any of these to a dog's collar, use a harness and clip the attachments to there. A sudden jerk to the neck, even with sudden sharp braking could easily injure the neck.

### Cages/crates/soft material pet carriers:

There is a wide variety of 'containment' type equipment out there.

Make sure you get one that is the correct size for the animal.

When considering them please do remember that if they are put on the seats or even in the boot, do remember to restrain the actual equipment as it will be no good if the animal is in a crate and the crate is free to be thrown forward.

Where possible add some comfortable bedding that would protect the animal from being bounced around inside if there were to be an accident.

### The Boot/Trunk:

You can use cages etc in this part of the car but don't forget they will still need to be secured.

There are usually ground anchors inside most vehicles which a lead or other attachment could be secured to and then clipped to the animal as long as they will not end up wrapping themselves up. (harness, not collar, for dogs).

This is also very useful when opening the boot/trunk, to stop us jumping out and quickly becoming a distant spot on the horizon

A 'free roaming' animal in the boot would be legal as long as there was a barrier/guard between the boot/trunk and the rest of the car.



## TIGGER INVESTIGATES... TRAVELLING IN A CAR (CONT.)

### Airbags:

What about airbags?

There are a lot of animals transported on the front seat, nothing wrong with that as long as they are properly and safely restrained, however most modern vehicles have passenger airbags.

Moving the seat as far back as possible or even switching off the passenger airbag are options.

(I am not recommending either as I am not a professional and do not have the professional qualifications to do so)

I would suggest using the rear seats before using the front passenger seat.

### *The facts about airbags:*

*Airbags inflate rapidly (and then immediately deflate), cushioning the occupants and preventing or reducing the level of contact with the steering wheel or dashboard.*

*They need to inflate at an extremely fast rate in order to be fully inflated by the time a person's body begins to move in reaction to a collision.*

*The bigger the airbag, the faster it has to inflate.*

*In general, European airbags hold 35 litres of gas propellant and fully inflate within 25 milli-*

*seconds, which means that they have to expand at anything up to 160 mph. American air bags, usually holding 60 litres of gas, have to inflate even faster.*

*The area of space within the car taken up by the airbag as it inflates is known as the 'airbag deployment zone'.*

*Sensors within the vehicle monitor the direction and severity of an impact and fire the airbag if the severity and direction warrants it.*

*The impact should be greater than 20mph, and in a frontal direction.*

*Rear end shunts should not fire the airbag. As the airbag module fires, it and the gas it generates are hot, so car occupants may suffer minor burns.*

**(Statistical Information source:** ROSPA. [www.rospa.com](http://www.rospa.com) )

### Additional information:

Now that your animal is safely secured by whatever method, here a few other things to consider:

### Windows:

Please do not let your animal stick their head out of the window.

Apart from the possibility of being hit by external objects, it could cause health issues such

as eye and respiratory infections.

Or worse, jump out of the window while the car is moving.

### Air conditioning:

Even while driving an animal could overheat or get too cold while travelling.

Also ensure any air conditioning ducts are not directly blowing at the animal as this could cause distress and/or respiratory problems.

### Windscreen wipers:

A necessary item on a vehicle but most animals are extremely frightened of them, so check to see what your animal will do before setting off.

You don't want a sudden distraction or total panic while travelling if you need to use them.

You may even need to move your animal to another part of the vehicle before setting off if they are reactive to them.

I will have probably missed some information so if you know of anything I have not covered then please let me know.

Stay safe out there  
Tigger

## INTERVIEW WITH SWIPE

**Tell me about yourself:**

My name is Swipe and I am a stripey lurcher just like Tigger. I am almost three years old and I am from Wales originally. I was born in a yard and lived there with my litter mates until I was about 18 weeks old. I travelled all the way to Northumberland very late on New Years Eve 2013 along with my litter brother Olly. Originally I was a foster puppy but nobody suitable offered me a home so my foster Mum said I had to stay. So here I am.

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

I live with my three humans and my two whippet siblings, Rifle and Rosie (the bossy one!). Rifle is almost 11 and Rosie is 7. Mum thinks she is in charge but mostly it's Rosie, she's very small but very cross sometimes (although I like making her cross so she chases me round the garden)

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

I don't go to work because Mum has to help Grandpa. I would like to help but Mum says he doesn't need to be tripped up and end up with a broken hip!

**If you could choose your name what would it be?**

I have a very long name I was

given as a puppy, Lord Swipelington von Tripelington of Ellington, but I will settle for Swipe, I'm good at swiping particularly if food is left out in the kitchen!

**What is your favourite food?**

My favourite food has to be sausage, or maybe chicken.....

**Where is your favourite place to be?**

My favourite place is Norbreck where I can meet other dogs and 'roo' at Ange. I like the beach too though. It's hard choosing one favourite!

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

My favourite way to entertain myself is to do big zoomies and pretend I am deaf when the humans call me.

**What is your greatest accomplishment?**

My greatest accomplishment was getting myself adopted.

**What is your next goal in life?**

My next goal in life is to learn how to open the fridge (only to save the humans having to get the sausage out you understand).

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

If I could do anything for a day it would be zoomies/sleeping/eating, not necessarily in that order.

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

My human's most embarrassing moment was when a black Labrador appeared round the corner and I got a shock so I barked and jumped forward. Mum tripped over Rosie whippet and fell on the pavement! The Labrador was so well behaved and carried on with his owner, Mum said she was mortified!



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## THINKING OF GETTING A DOG?

### Thinking of getting a dog?

There are many reasons for getting a dog. Some reasons and situations are easy and don't usually require much preparation but others require a lot more research and preparation.

This article is not meant to judge or make a decision for everyone, but it is here to make everyone think carefully and spend time before getting a dog. After all we are a living creature and should not be merely cast aside or returned like a pair of shoes bought on a whim or impulse.

### Why do you want a dog?

This is not as easy to answer as most questions. As a lot of humans can have a variety of reasons for getting a dog.

Whatever your reasons, make sure you get a dog for all of the right reasons.

### Do you have time for a dog?

You will give a dog a home but a dog will give you their life, love, dedication and utmost attention.

Will you do the same? You will need to walk us at least once a day, regardless of the weather.

You will need to provide companionship for us throughout the day. Yes you can probably leave us for an hour or two but if you work for hours on end a

day, what about our needs?

Do you go out frequently to socialise and relax from a long day at work? Where do we fit in?

We get lonely and depressed like every other sentient being if we are left alone day after day.

Providing shelter and food is not enough, we need attention, enrichment and most of all love.

Holidays, do you go on holidays each year? Are you intending to take us to share these happy times with you?

Feeding us will result in regular poop clearing.

Do you have the time/energy or even the stomach to clear up after us?

Imagine being on a walk with us and we decide to deliver a huge poop a horse would be proud of in front of loads of other humans, would you recoil in horror or ignore everyone and pick up our poop as if you did not care who was watching then have to walk for the next 10 minutes with a steaming bag until you found a bin?

Most importantly unlike small humans who grow up and move out to start their own families, we will be with you every day until we cross the Rainbow Bridge, which could

be up to 10 - 15 years or more.

Do you have the strength to walk into a scene where total destruction has taken place in the home while you were out and be able to greet us with love and clear up the destruction without fuss or anger or making us fear you?

### Do you have space for a dog?

Are you very house proud where a single thing out of place will send you into meltdown?

Do you have expensive ornaments at nose ,paw or tail height that could get knocked or chewed?

Do you have expensive furniture that you do not want covered in our fur? Is your home big enough?

Is your garden big and safe enough?

Do you have neighbours that are okay with our occasional singing or shouting?

Do you have neighbours that have cats that may end up being the unexpected participant in a quick game of chase around the garden?

Are your fences tall enough to keep us in and intruders out? For example we all know how small a Jack Russell is, but did you know it can jump over 5 feet from a standing position? So imagine what a larger dog can achieve.

Also while you are looking at



## THINKING OF GETTING A DOG? (CONT.)

The height of your fence, we are probably looking at the gaps and even under the fence.

Also we are not shy at using other objects to help us escape, like the garden bench or the small tool shed by the fence. Or even a bin pushed against the wall to stop the wind blowing it over.

So when looking at garden security don't forget to look everywhere because I know we will be !

Are you proud of your lawn and plants which are perfectly placed until we decide your lawn needs to resemble a motocross race track, needs big holes randomly dug and your plants uprooted and strewn around like a tornado has just passed by?

The places where lawn has managed to survive will be multicoloured from constant peeing and pooping.

Being able to walk into your garden barefoot will become a distant memory, even wearing shoes any time you go into the garden will become a constant hazard for that one poop you missed or forgot to pick up.

### Can you afford a dog?

We require food, treats, water, bedding, toys, treats, collars, leads, possibly clothing, treats, vet bills, insurance, blankets for your furniture,

treats, poop bags and that is just the basics.

Vacuum cleaners seem to make strange noises and regularly break at the increased workload of sucking up so much fur and food/treat crumbs.

Your laundry workload is increased as you will no longer possess anything without dog fur or paw prints on. Not to mention your bedding will have very suspiciously paw looking marks appearing on them even if we are not allowed on your bed.

Replacing torn, chewed, broken or items that have simply disappeared never to be seen again until months later they are unburied and carried back into the house covered in soil and barely resembling what they once were.

Replacing sock and other small items of clothing that either disappear or grow sudden dog shaped designer holes that were never there before.

Oh and possibly a few treats wouldn't be a bad thing.

### Other reasons you may not want to have a dog.

The possible alienation from your extended family that doesn't have a dog and don't understand your commitments to them.

Some sleepless nights when

we first arrive or when we are ill.

Occasional clean ups when we eat something we shouldn't have and the evidence is now all over the middle of the sitting room carpet.

Getting used to missing your favourite television program because we need to go for a walk or are trying to play? Admitting defeat and realising you will never get dog hair off all of your clothing.

Going to work and pulling random treats and poop bags from your bag when looking for a pen.

Looking at your friends and start wondering what dog breed they will get if they were to get one.

You will lose your identity as you will no longer be addressed by your name but merely as your dog's human.

### You still want a dog?

Well done if you still want to get a dog after everything mentioned above.

Even when you have decided to get a dog make sure you take time to get to know them, visit them a few times and even do some overnight visits in your home first.

**Remember: you may like and pick a certain dog but that dog may not want to pick you !**

**Please check with the organisers for any changes that may occur to the events**

Sunday 7th January - Doggie Diner, Sunderland - Puppy Social morning - 11am start

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## INTERVIEW WITH ANDREA ARDEN

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

I'm a very lucky person who has created a life helping people develop even better relationships with their animals with the goal being for all to enjoy each other even more.

**What animals live with you?**

My best little buddy is my 14 year old terrier mix rescue pup, Nora. I also have fosters in and out of our home, and Nora is especially fond of puppies.

**When did you first get your love for animals?**

My father was a super wonderful person who adored animals. He even referred to one of our dogs, Chippy, as his 'number one son.' While I grew up in NYC, my family consisted of dogs, cats, hamsters, guinea pigs, a goat, pigs, and horses.

**What is your favourite food?**

I tend to get obsessed with a few things for a month or two. Right now it's seaweed from Trader Joe's and Pickles from my local farmer's market every Saturday. My ongoing staples are rice and pasta.

**Where is your favourite place to be?**

Almost any time I am around animals I'm pretty darn happy. I even tend to plan vacations to be animal related.

For example, I just came back from scuba diving and had a blast with the stingrays, I spent a couple of weeks in Thailand at an elephant sanctuary called Boon Lott's Elephant Sanctuary, and I have a trip to see the wild horses of Assateague Island coming up.

**What is your greatest accomplishment?**

Creating a life doing what I love and surrounded by people I respect and love.

**When was your 'big break' moment?**

My big break happened over 20 years ago and it was a puppy named Oliver. I signed up for classes before he even came home, became a bit obsessed with reading every book I could get my hands on, and went to loads of seminars about animal behavior and training. The idea hadn't crossed my mind to become a professional trainer, I just wanted to become the best pet parent I could be. I eventually landed an apprenticeship at a dog training school and I've been on a wonderful career path ever since.

**What is your most bizarre moment?**

I had some pretty wild adventures on live television when I was on a show on FX called The Pet Department. We filmed for 5 years out of a beautiful loft in the Flatiron district and many of my segments were across the street in Madison Square Park. I rode horses in the park, worked with herding dogs and flocks of geese, chatted up some reindeer. etc. I can't imagine we would be allowed to do any of that stuff now, and am

super grateful I got to be part of these sorts of 'bizarre' and wonderful experiences.

**What is your next goal in life?**

I tend to do best enjoying the moment, making the best of each day, and being flexible about what comes next. This has worked out for me historically, so I'm going to stick with this plan and be open to whatever next adventures are coming my way.

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

I'd love to be an Italian living in the Italian lake district. Ideally this would be for a month or two rather than just a day.

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

After wracking my brain, I really can't think of a time that was so embarrassing that I remember it. This might be due to the fact that I think making mistakes is more than OK, and actually vital for learning (and sometimes laughs). Plus, I tend to be a little goofy and appreciate that in others. So, what one person might see as embarrassing I might be more inclined to see as just funny. Oh wait, I just thought of one! We had an absolutely gorgeous movie star in class a few years ago. I wasn't teaching the class, but I wanted to see if he was as handsome in person as on screen, so I made up an excuse to stroll through the classroom. As I was passing by him, my sneaker caught on the rubber flooring and I didn't just trip, I flew into the air and fell flat on the ground.

## TIGGER INVESTIGATES...FLEAS



The dog flea is a species of flea that lives on the skin of a wide variety of animals, particularly the dogs and cats. It closely resembles the cat flea which can live on a wider range of animals and is generally more prevalent worldwide.

The dog flea is troublesome because it can cause anaemia, skin allergy and tapeworms.

Although they feed on the blood of dogs and cats, they sometimes feed on humans too.

They can live without food for several months, but females must have a blood meal before they can produce eggs.

They can lay about 1 egg per hour over their adult life time, which if left uncontrolled and in ideal conditions, could be between 2000 and 8000 eggs.

The fleas go through four life-cycle stages: embryo, larva, pupa and adult. This whole lifecycle from egg to adult

takes from two to three weeks, although this depends on the temperature. It may take longer in cool conditions.

The flea mouthparts are adapted for piercing skin and sucking blood.

The dog often experiences severe itching in all areas where the fleas may reside.

Fleas do not have wings and their hard bodies are compressed laterally and have hairs and spines, which makes it easy for them to travel through hair. They have relatively long hind legs for jumping.

When dogs are troubled by fleas, they scratch and bite themselves, especially in areas such as the head, neck, and around the tail. Fleas normally concentrate in such areas. This incessant scratching and biting may cause the dog's skin to become red and inflamed. Flea allergy is developed by dogs becoming allergic to flea saliva.

Preventing and controlling flea infestations is a multi-step process. Prevention in the case of flea infestations can sometimes be difficult, but is the most effective way to ensure the dog will not get re-infected.

Fleas also lay eggs in the dog's environment. Therefore, effec-

tive prevention and control of flea infestations means removing the fleas from both indoor and outdoor environments and keeping immature forms of fleas from developing.

Removing the fleas in indoor environments usually consists of removing them mechanically. Vacuuming can remove an estimated 50% of flea eggs. After vacuuming, using a specially designed product is recommended to kill the remaining fleas and to stop the development of eggs and larvae.

Products available may include powders, sprays or foggers, which contain adult insecticides and insect growth regulators.

Special attention should be paid to the dog's bedding. This should be washed every week; also the bed and surrounding areas should be treated with adult insecticides and insect growth regulators.

Cleaning should be done at the same time in areas including, porches, patios, grassed areas, cars, garage, pet carrier, basement or any other place where the dog is known to spend time.

Fleas can also be carried in by wildlife visiting the garden, such as hedgehogs, foxes etc. So try to discourage these



## TIGGER INVESTIGATES... FLEAS (CONT.)

wild animals and never leave food out for them.

Removing fleas from the pets is not a difficult task considering the amount of products which are designed not only to kill fleas, but also to offer protection from further infestations.

A very important part of flea prevention is to persist with the same control measures for as long as possible.

Though the cleaning process was successful it can take up to **6 months to clear** the fleas completely due to their four lifecycle stages.

Flea-control products are available in once-a-month topicals, dog collars, sprays, dips, powders, shampoos, injections and oral products. All of these products contain an insecticide as an active ingredient which kills the fleas when coming into contact with them.

Fleas absorb the insecticide which either paralyzes them or kills them.

Different treatments are available for dogs from natural alternatives to chemical-based products that include topical medications and oral medications. Although common remedies provide natural options with natural ingredients which act as a repellent.

To help me with this article I asked for help from my animal community to see what they used.

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"Due to having an auto immune disorder, we don't use chemicals.

We use natural remedies. We use billy no mates, natural shampoos in the summer and a home made spray that contains neem oil"

- Blade

"We only use Frontline now with no probs or fleas. Used a cheaper own brand similar product & Star got fleas. Used Dorwest garlic spray on her to deter them & then used Frontline on her which did the job.

I've never had a flea so I can't taste very nice"

- Rolo

"We never had a problem with fleas until we moved to the middle of the woods. Our human tried everything including INDUSTRIAL strength spray and one of us lost nearly all her coat!

We now only use Comfortis one tablet lasts a month quick easy and so much less stress. The tablets are wrapped in chicken.

No hassle and these tablets started working within half an hour brilliant."

-Rizza

"I am using an expensive Advantage combo from the vets whilst travelling.

Vet said marmite in food too but never heard that one before!"

- Doris

"I use frontline but vets have said there's lots of resistance to it...may have to try something else next summer as I've already managed to give a tick a free ride from Scotland too and it didn't seem to stop that even though it should have."

- Dusty

"We all use Frontline Combi. It's the prescription one (the other one wasn't able to keep up!) Stops the little blighters breeding "

- Popper

"Frontline got rid of mites I had, but it took a couple of bottles. "

- Rosie

"Hi! We have tried frontline, advantix and other brand I can't remember.

They are a bit itchy at first but seem to work.

I also use a seresto collar, for further protection. we not only have fleas and ticks, we have leishmania mosquito too."

- Kio

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

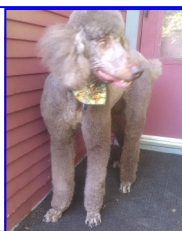
### Birthday and Gotcha Announcements



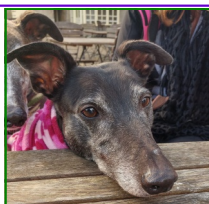
Zanardi will be celebrating his 7th Birthday on the 11th January



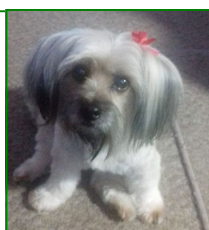
Roscoe will be celebrating his 7th Birthday on the 21st January



Coco will be Celebrating her Gotcha Day on the 22nd January



Lady will be Celebrating her 4th Gotcha Day on the 24th January



### Rainbow Bridge Announcements



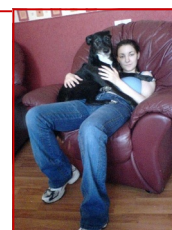
#### Alice In Wooferland

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

### Memories Announcements



Tiz will be celebrating her Birthday on the 10th January  
Gone but not forgotten x



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### BASILDON PARK RG8 9NR - BERKSHIRE

<b>Entry:</b> Check website	<b>Facilities:</b> Shop	loose gravel paths, slopes, cobbles
<b>Open:</b> seasonal - check website	Tearoom	
<b>Dogs:</b> on lead	Toilets	<b>Contact:</b>
<b>Parking:</b> Free parking on location	<b>Notes:</b> Partly accessible grounds,	Website: <a href="http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk">www.nationaltrust.org.uk</a> Tel: 0344 800 1895

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### DONNINGTON CASTLE RD14 2LE- BERKSHIRE

<b>Entry:</b> Free for everyone	Free for everyone	<b>Notes:</b> Parts of the site are uneven and contain steep slopes
<b>Open:</b> Seasonal - See website	<b>Parking:</b> Car park on site open 7am to 7pm	
<b>Dog Friendly:</b> Dogs allowed on lead throughout grounds	<b>Facilities:</b> No facilities on location	<b>Contact:</b> Website: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a> Tel: 0370 3331181
<b>Entry Charge:</b>		

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### WREST PARK CARLISLE CASTLE MK45 4HR- BEDFORDSHIRE

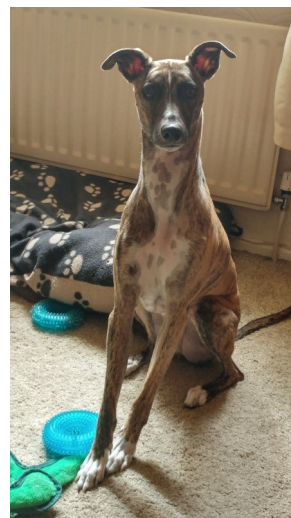
<b>Entry:</b> Free for EH members	tion, with additional overflow parking if needed	first floor of the house.
<b>Open:</b> Seasonal - See website		Steep slope or steps to the orangery and pavilion
<b>Dog Friendly:</b> Dogs allowed on lead throughout grounds	<b>Facilities:</b> Shop Food and drink Toilets picnic area Exhibition	Free regular golf cart shuttle service to help visitors explore the landscape
<b>Entry Charge:</b> Various pricing- see website		<b>Contact:</b> Website: <a href="http://www.english-heritage.org.uk">www.english-heritage.org.uk</a> Tel: 0370 3331181
<b>Parking:</b> Plenty of free parking on loca-	<b>Notes:</b> No wheelchair access to the	

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