



... the one stop pet care company

Hello and welcome to the latest issue of **Pawsnews**...

Now, the festivities may have faded but we do hope you all had a great time with your families and furbabies. No doubt, like us you still have a few choccie treats and mince pies in the cupboards and we'd just like to remind you that these are a definite no no for dogs and cats too! One of our clients had an unfortunate experience when her dog managed to get into the sweet tin and munched his way through the chocolates! Fortunately, the owner acted quickly, called the vet and the dog was ok, if a bit sick. Being a larger breed of dog and the fact that the chocolate was not solid but had flavoured fillings he was one lucky 'pup' but the outcome could have been very different.



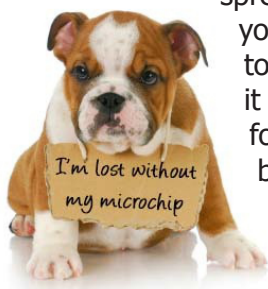
This serves as a stark warning to us all - chocolate, mincemeat, nuts to name a few are **NOT** animal friendly and could make for a devastating outcome, so please be careful and make sure your tasty treats are out of your pets' reach.

Microchipping - new legislation

From April 2016 (yes that's this year!) **every dog owner in England** will have to microchip their dog as part of Government plans to cut a rise in strays. This move will also help with reuniting animals with their owners if they get lost and should also cut down on dog thefts as with every dog chipped and the owners details recorded it will become very difficult for thieves to steal to order and sell on etc.

Government figures reveal that more than 100,000 dogs are dumped or lost each year, at a cost of £57m to the taxpayer and welfare charities. Owners who do not comply could face fines of up to £500.

Whilst we know that most, if not all, of our Paws pals are already chipped we would urge you to spread the word to any owners you know who have yet to do this to get this sorted in good time, it can cost as little as £10 and for peace of mind that if your beloved pet gets lost you have a greater chance of getting them back, it has to be worth it with or without the law!



Remember, though it's no good having your dog microchipped if you fail to keep the details up-to-date. So many owners forget to update their phone number and or address in relation to the microchip when they move home, which can then make it impossible to reunite you and your pet should the worst happen.

Paws Prints

Want a special photo of your pet or want to know what they get up to when on doggy day care with **Paws and more**? We can help - the Paws Prints photo service is up and running and ready to catch your pets' 'good side'.

Recently, **Donna**, our photographer, had the pleasure to photograph two Ruby Cavaliers and a King Charles Cavalier, whose owners' wanted some at home, natural shots of their beloved pets. All three were model subjects and loved all the attention as can be seen here.



To find out more check out the Paws Prints page on our website at **www.pawsandmore.org.uk** or give Donna a call on **07779 331413**.

Licensed & ready...

We're pleased to say that we've had our Animal Boarding licence renewed for 2016 so, you can rest assured that your pets are in safe and caring hands with us. In the event that we are unable to accomodate your dog for a holiday or if you have friends who entrust their dogs into other animal care companies, please remember when choosing a holiday home for your pup to check whether the company is licensed by the local authority under the Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963 to look after your pet. They should also be insured.

We see so many posts on local selling sites, facebook, Gumtree etc where people ask for dog sitters or someone to look after their dog while they

go on holiday and many a time random people offer - would you leave your pet with someone who offered through social media that you didn't know and trust? Also, if money is exchanged for dog care the person accepting the cash must be licensed - so be wary.

Happy times

Last year saw some happy events taking place among our Paws pals and the first of these was when we were asked to take one of our regular day care clients, Lexi, the beautiful Boxer along to her owners' wedding. We were thrilled to do this and to help Karen & Lindsey share part of their day with their furbaby. Lexi was very well behaved, wore her bow with pride and posed perfectly for photos. Congratulations to Karen & Lindsey on their special day!

So, if you have a special event coming up that you'd like your 'pup' to be part of speak to us and we'll help out if we can.

We also welcomed a new client in Meg the Whippet who came for day care a couple of days a week as well as some overnight stays while her owner, Ben, was working nearby. Meg and her family have now moved from the area but have stayed in touch and we'd like to congratulate, Ben & his wife Leah on becoming first time parents to Samuel and also to Meg for being a model 'big sister' - congratulations to you all and we hope you will visit us again one day...



Did you know...

If you walk your dog on a public highway/path without a collar, tag or lead you could be fined if the Dog Warden sees you.

The Control of Dogs Order 1992 states that any dog in a public place must wear a collar and tag with the owners details engraved clearly or a phone number. Additionally, under the Road Traffic Act 1988 it is an offence to walk a dog on a designated road/pathway without it being held on a lead. Fines can be in excess of £1000 for not doing this.



Of course, most responsible

dog owners would never dream of letting their dog walk off lead near to a road or somewhere that it may get spooked and run into danger but hardly a week goes by where we don't see some 'clever' owner and their 'intelligent' dog walking along minus the lead. And it's not just the dog putting itself into danger, there's always a chance it could run the wrong way and cause an accident! So, if you see someone acting irresponsibly please remind them that they could be fined and even prosecuted if their dog is off lead.



Paws products

Need a bag for that trip to the shops or to pick up the pet food supplies? then we have just the thing for you. Our cotton branded Paws and more bag is ideal for folding up and tucking in your pocket before you head out or for packing your pets' holiday goodies when they come to stay with us on holiday. At just

£3 each or two for £5 can

you afford not to? To order just text **Karen on 07817 685667** or drop her an email at **pawsandmore@virginmedia.com**.

When the rainbow bridge calls

As animal lovers we all understand the upset when it's time to say goodbye and let our pets go over the rainbow bridge, and so we'd just like to spare a thought for Doltie, the Scottish Highland Terrier who sadly travelled over the bridge at the end of last year. Doltie had a full life with her owner Rea and 'little sister' Tess, the Springer Spaniel and loved her days with us. We miss you Doltie but know you are running free over the rainbow bridge.

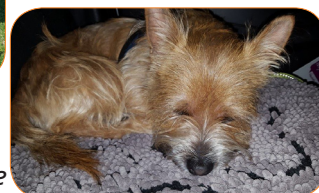


New Paws pals

To round off this issue here are a few of the new pals that have joined the Paws gang in recent months...



Nala - Golden Labrador



Riley - Chorkie



Pixel - Dalmatian

see you next time, Karen

