



CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 7PM – 9PM
AT: THE SALSAL CLUBHOUSE

ENTRY IS £5 PER DOG & 1 HANDLER (extra handlers £3 each) AND INCLUDES: -

REFRESHMENTS FOR BOTH DOG & HANDLER

FREE ENTRY INTO DOOR PRIZE DRAW

GAMES, QUIZ & PRIZES

FREE PHOTO OF YOUR DOG WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS IN HIS GROTTO
& FREE CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR DOG



TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM YOUR TRAINER OR
THROUGH THE CLUB SECRETARY –
ELIZABETH MORRIS – 07939 189917

Presentations for Long Service; for the Mary Stephens Memorial Challenge; and a
Special Award by Barbara Endersby will all be made at the Christmas Party.

BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW

ONLY 4 TICKETS LEFT
DON'T MISS OUT!



KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following dogs and handlers that have passed the Kennel Club Good Citizens Awards since the last Newsletter.



Puppy November 2019

Frankie	Stephanie Kennedy
Alfie	Allyson Hamper
Billy	Lucy Allen
Blu	Natasha Tait
Neo	Emma, Ava & Liia Richardson-Jones
Bonnie	Ruth & Michael Conlon



Bronze November 2019

Coco	Natalie Brown
Peggy	Claire Maunders
Ghillie	Carol Jamieson
Marnie	Joan Rappaport
Teddy	Jan Price



Silver November 2019

Billy	Lesley Proost
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Silver November 2019

Max	Laura Bacon
Bodhi	Jess Watson
Bonnie	Emily Mazon

TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR PETS SAFE AT CHRISTMAS



Keeping your pets safe at Christmas can be a bit of a nightmare. You simply can't tell a cat to clamp down on their natural instincts to climb a Christmas tree, or a dog to stop sniffing out the edible goodies around the house. But you can take extra precautions to make sure that your home is as danger-free for pets as possible.

1. Non-edible Christmas tree decorations

Many pet owners don't realise just how serious it can be when your pet, especially your dog, gobbles down a load of chocolate. Chocolate (particularly the unsweetened dark/baking kind) is highly toxic to dogs, containing a poisonous chemical called theobromine. The symptoms can vary between vomiting, signs of fever, right through to a cardiac arrest and death (depending on how much is ingested).

If your dog has gotten into some chocolate and eaten a large amount, it is important to immediately consult medical help from a vet.

However, this can be prevented by buying non-edible decorations and making sure that foodie gifts are not placed underneath the tree.

2. Keep wires out of the way

Wires, especially to smaller pets like rabbits and guinea pigs, look like a fantastic chew toy. And even to bigger pets, something new and unfamiliar like a Christmas lighting wire looks ripe to play with and bite into.

To prevent any unwanted electric shocks befalling your four-legged friends, tidy away the wires around the tree with cable ties and tape. You might even save yourself the humiliation of accidentally tripping over them!

3. Hang glass ornaments up high

Through the eyes of a cat, your Christmas tree ornaments look like a fun plaything and plenty of cat owners have many tales to tell where the whole tree comes crashing down because the cat simply couldn't keep his paws to himself!

If you own a cat, prepare for a few ornaments to come clattering down on the first few days of erecting your Christmas tree. But if you have some cherished items, especially glass baubles which can shatter into thousands of razor sharp filaments, then hang them up high out of sight and reach of your cats until the initial shock of the Christmas tree has come and gone.

4. Vacuum the floor

Pine needles, stray pieces of tinsel, thread and ribbons can end up inside your pet's mouth (always seems to be the case!) and then will accidentally be ingested. These items, sharp and spiky in the stomach, and can't be fully digested and can lead to complications in the gut, including twisting in the intestine. A thoroughly unpleasant experience.

But this can be avoided if you regularly check the floor around the Christmas tree and house in general for any pieces of tinsel, ribbon or threads that may have gone astray, and Hoover up any pine needles.

5. Mistletoe no-no

Much like chocolate, there are several Christmassy plants and flowers that contain chemicals in their biological makeup that are poisonous to cats, dogs and even us. Mistletoe in particular, is poisonous to all. If you hang it above your doorway as you do, be wary that leaves and berries might drop off and will need to be picked up and discarded of before your pet decides that they look tasty.

Other flowers and leaves to watch out for are poinsettias, holly (particularly the berries), amaryllis and fern. Even pine sap from the Christmas tree is toxic.

6. Refrain from feeding your pet leftovers

If prepared correctly, and not done in indulgence, cats and dogs love a small bit of chicken or turkey. But feeding your pet a wing of meat still on the bone is dangerous. Chicken and turkey bones are hollow, and prone to splintering if chewed on, which can lead to your cats and dogs choking or pierced stomach/intestine lining.

Other foods that should never be fed to cats and dogs include: Christmas pudding/cake/mince pies (contains raisins and sultanas, which are poisonous to dogs, brandy in the cake mix, and suet in the pastry, which can induce stomach problems), grapes (poisonous), nuts (especially macadamia nuts), and last but not least alcohol (it sneaks into all our Christmas food!).

7. Watch out for signs of stress

While your pet might be very well behaved and know not to attack the tree, eat food that is not theirs and not chew through wires, sometimes the whole festive season can be a little overwhelming with so many sounds, colours, smells and other stimulations all at once.

When your pet is stressed out, it can cause them to do uncharacteristic things. For example, an indoors cat who is usually very placid and gentle, might make a mad dash for the outdoors. A dog who rarely ever barks or bites, will suddenly do both of these things in the presence of children. Detecting the signs that your pet is either stressed or unhappy can prevent a whole host of problems.

CLASSES

Most classes have now finished for 2019 and with the Christmas party on 13th December that just about wraps it up for this year.

Please see the **Tips for Keeping Your Pets Safe at Christmas** and on behalf of the Chairman, Committee Members and Trainers at LDTC we would like to thank you for your support throughout 2019 and to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we hope to welcome you all back in 2020.

Regrettably we are having to put up the Course Fees in 2020 for our Obedience Classes. Agility fees went up in 2019, and the Obedience fees have been the same for several years, but with increasing overheads, the committee reluctantly agreed that the only way to cover costs is to put up the Obedience Course Fees.

Any continuing courses that have already been paid for will continue at the previous rate until a new 8 week course commences.

**From 1st January 2020, any new 8 week courses for
Bronze, Silver, Gold & Diamond will cost £60.
All new Puppy courses will cost £65.**

Membership fees remain unchanged - £10 for Primary member and £5 each for additional handlers over the age of 16. Children under 16 have free membership, but must be accompanied to class by a Paid up adult member. Membership fees are due 1st January 2020, so please remember to bring your Membership fees to your first class back in the New Year.

As some members took tests and passed awards towards the end of the year, the next 2 pages list all the Classes and when they start back, where there are spaces etc. If you are currently in a class, you will continue at the same time, on the same day, from the Start Back date.

If you need to start a new level, check what days are available and let Elizabeth know which group you would like to join.

Agility Classes will start back as and when the weather is good enough 😊

CLASS START BACK DATES IN 2020

MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

6.30 - 7.30pm: - **BRONZE** - New 8 week course for current participants. No spaces.

7.30 - 8.30pm: - **GOLD** - New 8 week course for current participants. SPACE for 3 more dogs

TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY

6.30 - 7.30pm: - **SILVER** - New 8 week course open to anyone whose dog has passed Bronze. 6 spaces available

7.30 - 8.30pm: - **PUPPY** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. See Elizabeth re spaces.

8.30 - 9.30pm: - **BRONZE** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. SPACES available for dogs that are test ready as a test will be booked for end January.

WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY

6.30 - 7.30pm: - **BRONZE/PUPPY** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. SPACE for 3 more dogs

7.30 - 8.30pm: - **GOLD** - New 8 week course for current participants. No spaces.

8.30 - 9.30pm: - **DIAMOND** - New 8 week course open to anyone whose dog has passed Gold. SPACE for 4 dogs

CLASS START BACK DATES IN 2020 continued

THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY

6.30 - 7.30pm: - **BRONZE** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. SPACES available for 1 or 2 dogs

7.30 - 8.30pm: - **BRONZE** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. SPACES available for 1 or 2 dogs

8.30 - 9.30pm: - **HAPPY HOUR** - see Dates for Your Diary for what is on and when

FRIDAY 10TH JANUARY

6pm - 7pm: - **PUPPY** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. No spaces

7.10 - 8.10 pm & 8.10 - 9.10pm - **CONTROL UNLEASHED** - One to One sessions with Laura Oakes. No Spaces

SATURDAY 11TH JANUARY

9.30 - 10.30am: - **PUPPY** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. No spaces

10.30 - 12.30pm - **RALLY,O** - New 5 week course starting. Contact Barbara Endersby re space availability

5pm - 6pm & 6.10 - 7.10pm - **CONTROL UNLEASHED** - One to One sessions with Laura Oakes. No Spaces

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY

8.30 - 9.30pm - **TRICK TRAINING** - Continuation of existing course for current participants. No spaces



Dates for Your Diary

January 2020

Thursday 9th January 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 23rd January 8.30pm C.A.T.S.

February

Thursday 6th February 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 20th February 8.30pm C.A.T.S.

Thursdays from 8.30pm - 9.30pm is Happy Hour at the Club. Classes are Pay As You Go and from 1st January 2020 will be **£4** per session.

Platinum Classes are open to any Club Member who has passed Diamond. Each month, the Tutorial will look at the different exercises required for Platinum and work on specifics.

C.A.T.S. (Clicker And Target Training School) is open to all Club members whose dogs are sociable and who want to learn more about Clicker Training.

Other ad hoc tutorials and classes will be available to members and dates will be posted in the newsletters as and when things are arranged

If you are not currently in classes but wish to remain on a waiting list for obedience or agility - or simply to be kept informed of what is going on at the Club through the monthly newsletters you can become a "Friend" of LDTC. Please complete the form below and return with the fee of £5 for the year.

"Friend" of LDTC

With effect from 1st January 2020, I would like to be a "Friend" of Laleham Dog Training Club:

Name.....

Email Address.....

I enclose cheque/cash £5

I understand that if I later decide to attend classes (obedience, agility, Rally,O etc) I can upgrade to Full Membership by paying an additional £5.

Signed..... Date

(Please return form and £5 fee to Lynn Gibney, 9 Rex Avenue, Ashford, Middx TW15 2DA)