



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28th February

7.30pm - 10pm

At The Cabin

£10 per person with teams of 4 people
(if you haven't got 3 friends, we'll match you up with similarly
disadvantaged Club Members )

There will be a supper half way through of Fish & Chips
(if you require a vegetarian option please let us know in advance)

Tea & Coffee will be provided free of charge

Glass of wine - £1

Glass of Beer - £1

Prize for the Winning Team!

Tickets must be purchased in advance from your trainer
or the Club Secretary

Sorry, NO DOGS



A Plethora of Puppies!!

All these puppies passed the Puppy Foundation Award in the last month.



7.1.20

Leki & Lesley Howick
Maggie & Shaun Jackson



7.1.20

Russo & Val Scamell



17.1.20

Phoebe & David Walch, Strudel & Marina Janetta,
Bonnie & Robert & Elaine Moore, Monty & Steve
McLaren, Alfie & Lizzy Gilchrist



28.1.20

Elton & Sophie Kent



4.2.20

Bengi & Man Kwan Yue & Kit Wai Cheung, Elsie & Lynn
Gibney, Ava & Denise Jeffries



5.2.20

Jessie & Julie Donhou, Dolly & Donna
Stevenson, Mylo & Shaz Imani



8.2.20

Joey & Rebecca Bogie, Tallulah & Felicity Gibney, Ralph &
Oliver Rigby, Shenton & Teun, Brechtje, & Douwe Hodes,
Mollie & Harry, Lauren, Nick & Anita Sexton



PET FOOD



What's VEGAN All About?

With a growing interest in vegetarian and vegan diets in recent years, pet parents have been asking the question: can dogs eat vegan food, too? And if so, is vegan dog food nutritionally adequate for dogs? Or should a plant-based diet only be eaten by humans? Our vet answers all.

What is vegan dog food?

Vegan dog food is plant-based, meaning it does not contain any animal produce. Advances in veterinary nutrition has led to the possibility of complete and balanced vegan dog food, as well as **vegan dog treats** that can be fed alongside a traditional, commercial diet – be that **wet** or **dry dog food**. For pet parents that don't want to cut out all animal-produced protein, **vegetarian dog food** options are also available. Vegetarian dog food will contain egg and/or milk within its ingredients. Switching to a vegetarian or vegan dog food should be a fully informed decision that should definitely be discussed with your vet. They should always be aware of dietary changes that may affect any aspect of your dog's health.

Is vegan dog food good for dogs?

And is vegan dog food healthy? Technically yes, where **vegan dog food** benefits those with various health problems, including protein **allergies**. Contrary to popular belief, dogs aren't carnivores – they're omnivores, just like humans. This means they're able to digest a combination of meats and vegetables. Cats, on the other hand, are carnivores and should never be fed a vegan diet.

Feeding a vegan diet requires very careful balancing of a dog's essential nutrients by a qualified veterinary nutritionist. It's important to remember that each dog is different and what may be good for one may not be for another. In the same way that a vegan diet may not be the best decision for all humans, **vegan dog food** and **vegan dog treats** may not be suitable for all dogs. Just like us humans, the decision should be based on their age, unique dietary needs, lifestyle, and health. Whilst feeding a meat-based dog food may be a moral dilemma for many people, it's important to always take your pet's welfare and health into consideration when it comes to dietary choices.

Can I feed my dog home cooked vegan dog food?

Our vet would not recommend feeding a home cooked vegan dog food to your dog. Pet parents interested in feeding a vegan diet may want to know how to make **vegan dog food** at

home. However, a study has shown that the nutrients in these homemade diets are usually not balanced, leading to a number of severe deficiencies. The same can be said for homemade vegetarian dog food, too. It's best to consult a veterinary nutritionist if you plan to make your own vegan dog food.

How do I transition my dog to a vegan dog food?

If you are committed to feeding a **vegan dog food** then – as with any diet – we advise transitioning slowly. You should also mention the change in diet to your vet, so that they can help you monitor any health changes going forward. To transition slowly, start with a 1/4 new food to 3/4 old food for 2–3 days. Increase this to 50/50 for another 2–3 days. Continue to do this over 7–10 days until only the new diet is being fed.

It is normal for dogs to experience very mild **digestive problems** when changing foods – but they shouldn't go completely off their **dog food** or become lethargic. These symptoms require veterinary attention, and are usually not due to the food alone.



RAW DOG FOOD



Natural raw dog food has been a topic of growing interest in recent years, especially for dogs with skin and digestive concerns. Despite its popularity, there is still some confusion surrounding the benefits and dangers of **frozen raw dog food**. To help clear the air, our resident vet has pulled together a handy 'raw dog food for beginners' guide.

Is raw dog food good for dogs?

While the veterinary profession is divided, **raw dog food** has been found to be beneficial for some dogs.

But before we delve into the real meat, we need to answer the fundamental question: what is raw dog food? Sometimes referred to as BARF – meaning 'biologically appropriate raw food' or 'bones and raw food' – raw dog food is uncooked. This means it has not undergone any form of cooking processes, like baking, steaming or boiling. There are multiple ways to approach a **raw dog food diet plan**, including fresh, freeze-dried and frozen. It is usually also a **grain free dog food**. It's important to understand the pros and cons before introducing any diet to your pet – especially when it comes to a raw dog food diet plan.

While there is very little scientific evidence to support the benefits of **raw dog food** over regular kibble **dry dog food**, some vets and pet parents advocate feeding raw dog food. This is usually due to their experiences of a raw diet improving certain dog conditions e.g. atopic

dermatitis, digestive problems, and **diabetes**. When considering feeding a raw dog food, remember that any meal you feed should always be nutritionally balanced. This means containing all of the nutrients your dog's body needs – i.e. not just simply feeding your dog a raw steak from your fridge. The same is true for any type of dog food.

If you do choose to feed a **raw dog food**, or any other non-traditional diet such as **vegan dog food**, it's important that you mention this to your vet. Research feeding a tested and trustworthy complete and balanced raw dog food or appropriate raw diet dog treats.

Are there any dangers to feeding dogs raw dog food?

Yes, there can be dangers of feeding a **raw dog food** diet for dogs:

- There is a risk of disease related to nutrition, including deficiencies and obstructions from bones.
- There's not only a potential health and safety risk to your dog if they are eating raw dog food, but also to your family. This is especially true when it comes to the immunocompromised, such as children, grandparents, and chemotherapy patients.
- In recent years there has been an outbreak of bovine tuberculosis in cats in the UK, as well as a **listeria** scare in dogs. Both conditions can be linked to bacteria from raw food.
- There have been links found between dilated cardiomyopathy and **grain free diets** – including raw, homemade and other 'boutique' dog foods.

Other disadvantages of feeding a raw dog food diet include:

- It can be inconvenient if a **dog sitter** is minding your dog whilst you're on holiday.
- Some veterinary hospitals will not allow your dog to be fed raw food if they're staying in hospital overnight.

Both of these disadvantages would mean your dog's diet might have to change from their usual routine, which isn't recommended. Any new foods should be introduced to your dog gradually to avoid digestion issues – you shouldn't simply change **dog food** overnight..

***NB** Articles by the Vet for www.fetch.co.uk are not a replacement for face-to-face vet advice. It's important to consult with your vet on a regular basis to raise any pet concerns that you may have.*



Access the Kennel Club Journal for February through the link below:

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1160756/feb-2020-kcj-final-online.pdf>

for KC News, Events, Field Trials, Assured Breeders, The Kennel Club Charitable Trust etc etc



INTERVIEW **CLARE BALDING**

Clare Balding is returning to Crufts 2020 for her 12th year hosting the show's live coverage, broadcasting all the action in the lead up to the grand finale on Sunday.

Read on to find out what Clare thinks about Crufts myths, her favourite person to see at Crufts and what makes the world's greatest dog show so special to her.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



NEWS **PUPPY SALE LAW SET TO BE CHANGED**

The Kennel Club welcomes the implementation of a ban of third party commercial sales of puppies in England, commonly known as Lucy's Law, on the 6th April.

This is a milestone in the Kennel Club's long running campaign to bring about this ban in partnership with other animal welfare organisations. The implementation of this ban represents a major step in tackling the cruel puppy farming trade as it requires puppy buyers to go straight to the breeder, or rehoming centre to acquire their pet.

We will continue to push the Scottish and Welsh Governments to implement similar bans in order to protect the welfare of puppies throughout Britain. To find out more information, watch Crufts on Thursday 5th March on Channel 4 where we will be discussing the ban further.



VIDEO **HEELWORK TO MUSIC RETURNS TO CRUFTS**

Dance, dance, dance! Heelwork to music returns at Crufts 2020.

Heelwork to music (HTM) is a relatively recent competitive activity in which participants devise routines of up to four minutes, set to music, and perform the routines with their dog. HTM is divided into two categories - heelwork to music and freestyle - and most competitions stage official classes in both categories.

You can watch all heelwork to music competitions live on the Crufts YouTube channel. For now, you can watch some highlights from previous years.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



Dates for Your Diary

February

Thursday 6th February 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 20th February 8.30pm CATS

Friday 28th February - 7.30pm Quiz Night

March

Thursday 5th March 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 19th March 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 26th March 8.30pm Display Team

Classes cost £4
per session

Platinum tutorials are for members whose dogs have passed the Diamond Award

CATS (Clicker And Target training School) is open to ALL club members (providing their dogs are sociable and well behaved) and can be attended on a completely ad hoc basis. Class content will depend on numbers attending and the level of experience of those attending. So whether a complete beginner, or well-practised, these classes are a fun way to improve your relationship with your dog.

Display Team sessions are open to anyone who wishes to be part of the LDTC Summer Display Team. Dogs must have a good stay and walk well to heel both on and off lead. The team rehearse a new routine every six months, so we are now looking to our performance at the Fun Day and potentially at School fetes in July. It is important to commit to the rehearsals each month so that the end routine looks polished and professional. Display Team sessions will be the 4th Thursday of each month plus additional Thursdays as required nearer to performance dates.



LDTC Members Facebook Page

The Club has its own facebook page with a separate Members group. Club Members can apply to join and can then read about Club Events, Club news etc through facebook and get updates of class cancellations etc. You can also download any Club photos for free.

In Facebook, just search for "LDTC Members" and then Click on "Groups" in the white banner tab underneath. Click on "Join" and answer two simple questions. Your request will go to the Administrators who will check whether you are a paid up member and authorise you to join.

The Members group is to share doggy information with each other - please do not use it as a platform for selling items, advertising competitors etc. Any posts deemed inappropriate will be removed.