



## QUIZ NIGHT FUN

Great fun was had by those who attended the Quiz Night on 28<sup>th</sup> February

Assistant Trainer Jacqui had devised a devilish quiz with music tracks, video clips, a picture round & lots more.

There was a lot of head scratching and bemusement - particularly over songs from the Noughties (attendees were the wrong age bracket 😊)

Unfortunately I cannot name the winning team as they used their initials and filled in the blanks: - D\_CKH\_ \_ \_s  
But Dave, Carol, Karen & Helen did incredibly well !

Watch out for details of our next Social Event - and don't miss out.



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# KC JOURNAL

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**Access the Kennel Club Journal for March through the link below:**

<https://www.thekennelclub.org.uk/media/1160775/march-2020-kcj.pdf>

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Admit it: talking about worms isn't a favourite pastime. But knowing the basics of these parasites, like how to prevent and treat them, should be a must for every pet owner. We know today's topic is a bit yucky, but we promise you'll feel more prepared after reading our article.

### Are worms infecting my pet?

There are a number of intestinal worms infecting cats and dogs in the UK. If left untreated, some worms can cause serious health problems, so it's important to worm your pet regularly.

**Roundworms** are white, long, and look like tiny, wiggly spaghetti. Roundworm infection is common and begins when your pet ingests infective eggs. These eggs then develop into worms in your pet's gut. The eggs can be found on contaminated surfaces such as parks, gardens and sandpits, or through infected hosts such as mice or birds.

It's common for puppies to be born with roundworms. These can be transmitted via their mother before birth and via the mother's milk during nursing, which makes regular worming in pregnant bitches and puppies from 2 weeks of age essential.

**Tapeworms** are long and flat. When excreted, the worm segments will appear like moving grains of rice. The most common tapeworm is transmitted to pets via fleas – one of the many reasons why using flea prevention all year-round is key. Tapeworms can also be transmitted when your pet has eaten a paratenic host, like a mouse or other small mammals.

Pets with tapeworms may nibble and lick their bottom excessively.

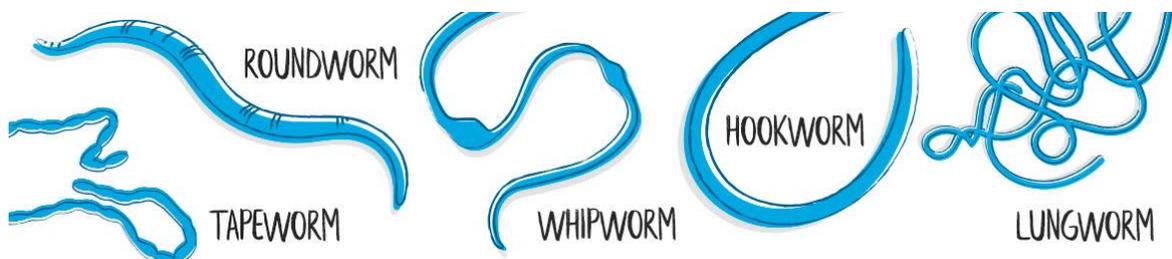
**Hookworms** are short and curved at the end, with teeth which hook onto the intestinal wall. Like roundworms, your pet may be exposed to the larvae through contaminated soil. Once they've developed in the gut, the worms feed on tissue and blood. Hookworms can be a serious threat to kittens and puppies as they can cause severe loss of blood and fluid.

**Whipworms** look like tiny pieces of thread with a thicker end. They can affect dogs, but rarely cats. They're often found in low numbers, so your pet may not show symptoms. However, a whipworm infection could cause damage to the intestines and lead to bloody diarrhoea.

**Lungworms** can affect dogs, especially one particular type of lungworm called *Angiostrongylus vasorum*, which can be fatal if not treated. This is transmitted to dogs via snails and slugs, which carry the infective larvae. If you suspect your dog may have contracted lungworm, or may require a preventative treatment, then please consult with your veterinary surgeon.

Typically, puppies are at the highest risk of infection since they are usually curious.

Symptoms of lungworm infection include breathing problems, coughing, tiring easily, poor blood clotting, excessive bleeding (even from minor wounds or cuts) and nose bleeds.



## Some signs your pet may be infected with worms

- Worms in your pet's faeces
- Diarrhoea
- Coughing
- Vomiting worms
- A swollen tummy (pot belly)
- Lethargy
- Loss of appetite/weight loss
- Anaemia
- Poor coat condition
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Always check with your vet if you notice any of the above. Some of these symptoms may be caused by other conditions.

### Can I contract worms through my pet?

Roundworms can infect pets and humans – especially young children, the elderly and people who may have a compromised immune system. In severe cases, the larvae can cause blindness and organ damage, therefore it's important to worm pets regularly (at least four times a year).

Some tapeworms and hookworms can also be transmitted to humans, although this is quite rare.

### How can I prevent and treat worms?

- Eggs can remain infectious for years. And with poo being a major source of infection, we must all clean up after our pets.
- Always wash your hands after handling pets – especially before eating or preparing food.
- Intestinal parasites can be lurking in fruit and vegetables, too. Wash these thoroughly before you eat them.
- Worm your pet regularly. We recommend worming **puppies from 2 weeks of age and kittens from around 6 weeks of age** (for roundworms) every 2-3 weeks until they're weaned, then monthly until they're 6 months of age. **Adult cats and dogs will need worming at least once every 3 months** – or more frequently if they are hunters or living with young children / older members of the family.

Please consult your vet before treating pregnant bitches for worms.

### Which products can I use?

**Drontal tablets:** A single-dose, broad-spectrum wormer for cats and dogs. The Drontal puppy wormer needs to be administered from 2 weeks of age, every two weeks until weaning.

**Panacur:** This broad-spectrum wormer comes in granules (for cats and dogs) or liquid (also for puppies and kittens). Mix it in with food to treat worms.

**Cazitel:** A single-dose, broad-spectrum wormer for dogs and cats, 6 weeks or older.

**Cestem:** A single-dose, broad-spectrum wormer for dogs over 3 kg of body weight.

Other brands are available from your vet.

# Kay Attwood – Platforms Workshop



**16<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 17<sup>th</sup> May 4pm**

**Run by Positive Paws Dog Training**

A chance to attend an amazing workshop presented by Kay Attwood as she takes owners through the benefits of teaching dogs how to work with the use of Platforms.

Platform Training consists of using a raised surface for the dog to stand on (or sit or lie down depending on the type of platform in use). With platforms, you can shape a variety of behaviours, plus they present the perfect avenues for your dog to offer things, making them think in partnership with the handler! An added benefit is that it enables working at distance far quicker than many other methods and equipment

This technique is used in the freestyle world, as it offers the opportunity to quickly develop behaviours and tricks. Platforms used effectively, can help your dog learn precise positions and master new behaviours far more effectively than usual training techniques.

You will learn to train your dog to go and stand on a correctly sized platform, resulting in the perfect position which means no more wonky heel and close positions and far more precision on movement and understanding from your dog!

This will be a 2 day workshop, held at the Stanwell Moor Village Hall, (10am to 4pm) covering the Beginners and Foundation exercises of Platform training. This will include:

- 4 Foundation positions around your body
- Distance work
- Cues and listening skills
- Rear end Awareness
- Focus

Day 1 will cover learning how the platform works and getting the dog to learn what to do.

Day 2 will work further on using the platforms, now that you and your dog know how it works, so we add more platforms and use more positions, to get the dog moving fluently with much better body awareness.

There will be a maximum of 8 handler spaces on the workshop, however we will also have plenty of spectator spaces available.

- Handler Spaces - £150 (including lunch & refreshments)
- Spectator Spaces - £60 (including lunch & refreshments)

**To book your space contact Nikki on 07859 884405 or [positivepawsdt@gmail.com](mailto:positivepawsdt@gmail.com)**

# Crufts

THE NEC, BIRMINGHAM  
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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## More Crufts TV than ever before

### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

1500-1600 – Channel 4

1830-2000 – More4

2000-2100 – Channel 4

### FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH

1500-1600 – Channel 4

1830-1930 – More4

1930-2100 – Channel 4

### SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH

1630-1830 – Channel 4

1900-2100 – Channel 4

### SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

1630-1830 – Channel 4

1900-2100 – Channel 4 Best In Show



## Dates for Your Diary

### March

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 8.30pm Display Team

### April

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 8.30 Platinum

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 8.30pm CATS

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 8.30pm Display Team

Classes cost £4  
per session