



## **LDTTC CALENDAR 2014**

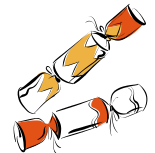
Calendars can now be ordered (please see order form on back page). Payment **MUST** accompany your order (cash or cheques payable to LDTTC).

No "Spare" calendars are printed. As people order them, I print them, so unless you order one, you can't buy one. At £7.50 each, they are great value Christmas presents for friends and family with plenty of space to write important notes on each date.

So order your calendars today!



## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES!!**



Because we have so many members now, we will be running **TWO** Christmas parties this year:-

**For anyone currently attending obedience classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays the date of your party is:  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm - 9pm**

**For anyone attending obedience classes on Sundays, agility classes or not currently attending classes, your party date is:  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm - 9pm**

As usual, there will be games and prizes including Best Fancy Dress (Dogs), Best Trick (Dogs), a Christmas quiz (handlers!), Find the Sausage (Dogs), Musical Chairs (dogs and handlers!) and the usual refreshments and nibbles (for both dogs and handlers).

There will also be a Doggy Hamper to be won each night. Free raffle entry.

The parties are free and for those who have not been to one in the past, they are hugely enjoyable for dogs and handlers alike. So make a note in your diaries, and keep that evening free.

(Just to give us an idea of numbers, please return the Christmas party acceptance on the back page. Many thanks).



# MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2014 ARE DUE ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY.

TO ENSURE EACH HANDLER IS COVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF OUR INSURANCE, ANYONE WHO IS A HANDLER MUST PAY THE £5 MEMBERSHIP FEE. SO IF A HUSBAND AND WIFE BOTH HANDLE THE DOG (OR MOTHER AND DAUGHTER ETC) BOTH WILL NEED TO PAY £5. THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WHO DO NOT HAVE TO PAY. BUT THE PARENT WHO ACCOMPANIES THE CHILD DOES HAVE TO PAY. CHILDREN UNDER 16 **MUST** ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PAID UP PARENT (OR GUARDIAN)

YOUR TRAINERS WILL BE REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP FEES WHEN YOU START BACK AT CLASSES IN THE NEW YEAR

## ITEMS FOR SALE

PLEASE NOTE! WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT DUE TO LOWER THAN EXPECTED COSTS WE ARE ABLE TO OFFER THE DOG FIRST AID KITS FOR JUST **£8 EACH!**





What's included:

- 2 x 20ML PODS OF SALINE - to wash away dirt and debris from your pet's eyes and other areas, simply wipe away excess fluid.
- 1 x MEDIUM DRESSING BANDAGE WITH TIES to cover an injury, these have tie bandages attached, but do not fasten tightly.
- 1 x LARGE DRESSING BANDAGE WITH TIES to cover a larger injury, these have tie bandages attached, but do not fasten tightly.
- 1 x FOIL BLANKET - to retain body warmth and help combat shock, use this to wrap your pet on the journey to the vets
- 5 x GAUZE SWABS - for cleaning up fluid or after saline use.
- 1 x MICROPOROUS TAPE - to help hold dressings or bandages in place.
- 1 x CONFORMING BANDAGE - if a sprain is suspected, use this around the limb and fasten with tape.
- 2 x PAIRS OF VINYL POWDER GLOVES
- 2 x PLASTIC POUCHES - to cover foot injuries and help keep them clean, fasten with tape.
- 4 x ALCOHOL FREE CLEANSING WIPES - to clean wounds prior to applying the dressing.
- 1 x SCISSORS
- 1 x TWEEZERS

PLEASE SEE YOUR CLASS TRAINER OR LYNN GIBNEY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BUY ONE

## KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZENS AWARDS

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

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### Silver Award (November 2013)

Charley  
Bertie  
Henery

Carol Swettenham  
Joyce Holley  
Jackie Hillsdon



### Gold Award (November 2013)

Ozzy  
Jack  
Sadie  
Sapphie

Jill Britton  
Delia Etchells  
Conrad Ealey  
Sue Warren

## Good Citizen Awards

If you are not currently in classes and are waiting to rejoin, please get in touch with Elizabeth Morris to make sure we are aware of your requirements. It may be that you can only do specific evenings or perhaps you would find a day time more convenient. As well as classes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we also hold classes on Monday and Sunday mornings. So give Elizabeth a call (01784 451848 or 07939 189917) and let her know what level you want to join and when you can make classes.

## GOLD PLUS CLASSES!!

**DON'T FORGET - GOLD PLUS CLASSES (FOR DOGS WHO HAVE PASSED THE GOLD AWARD) ARE ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH FROM 7.30 - 8.30 PM**

## KENNEL COUGH

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOUR DOG HAS KENNEL COUGH YOU **CANNOT** BRING HIM/HER TO CLASSES. KENNEL COUGH IS HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS AND DOGS CAN STILL BE INFECTIOUS FOR APPROX TEN DAYS AFTER THEY HAVE STOPPED COUGHING. SO PLEASE DO **NOT** BRING YOUR DOG TO **OBEDIENCE OR AGILITY** CLASSES FOR AT LEAST **10 DAYS** AFTER IT HAS STOPPED COUGHING. THANK YOU.

# COOKING FOR YOUR DOG

If you want to give your dog a change from his/her ordinary diet why not try cooking some healthy treats. Each newsletter, we'll feature a different treat or meal for your dog.

## This month: - Cheese Dreams



125g (4½oz) cottage cheese  
75g (2½oz) grated Parmesan cheese  
300g (11oz) plain flour  
2 tbsps. vegetable oil  
100g (3½oz) finely chopped hazelnuts

Preheat the oven to 200 °C (400 °F). Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.

Put all the ingredients into a bowl and mix well using the dough hooks on a hand held mixer if possible. Use 2 teaspoons to shape little portions of the dough and place the shapes on the baking tray.

Bake the biscuits for 30 minutes. Turn off the heat and let the biscuits dry for another two hours in the oven. Store in a paper or linen bag. The biscuits will keep for about 4 weeks.

# HOW SMART IS YOUR DOG??

Continuing with this month's test to see how clever your dog is.

## Problem solving 1

**What you need**

- Treat
- Timer
- Can

**Getting food is hard work at the best of times, but hiding it under a can really makes me hot under the collar!**

**Q: What do you call a college qualification for dogs?**

**A: A pe-degree**

- 1 Show the dog a treat.
- 2 Have the dog sit and stay (someone may hold the dog if necessary).
- 3 With the dog's full attention, slowly place the treat on the floor and cover it with the can.
- 4 Start the timer and encourage the dog to get the treat.

**If the dog pushes the can aside and gets the food in:**

5 seconds or less <b>5 points</b>	30 to 59 seconds <b>3 points</b>
6 to 29 seconds <b>4 points</b>	More than 60 seconds <b>2 points</b>
	If the dog makes no effort to get the treat <b>1 point</b>



**NB: Your dog should enjoy carrying out these exercises as it will think you are playing, rather than testing it.**

**If your dog should show signs of distress or becomes agitated, stop the exercise immediately. Keep track of your dog's score by noting the number next to how your dog performed.**



Animal Health Trust



# ANTIFREEZE WARNING! FOR PET OWNERS

**Antifreeze**, commonly used in the winter months to prevent our cars and pipes from freezing up, **can kill our pets.**



The **dangerous toxin** ethylene glycol found in antifreeze can make its way onto the ground through dripping and leakage.



**Because of its sweet taste, the antifreeze is licked and ingested by our cats and dogs.**



Antifreeze **poisoning** can affect the brain, liver and kidneys of our pets and is often fatal.








## ..... COMMON SIGNS OF ANTIFREEZE POISONING .....

-  **vomiting**
-  **increased urination**
-  **excessive drinking**
-  **seizures (fits)**
-  **incoordination**
-  **panting/heavy breathing**

**Please note** there are other signs of antifreeze poisoning, so stay vigilant.

**IF YOU SUSPECT YOUR PET HAS BEEN POISONED, SEEK VETERINARY HELP IMMEDIATELY**

## ..... HOW TO PREVENT ANTIFREEZE POISONING .....

-  Check your vehicle regularly for **signs of leakage** and fix if leak is found
-  Keep antifreeze **safe and away** from your pets' environment
-  **Clean up** any antifreeze spills immediately
-  Dispose of antifreeze carefully and **responsibly**
-  Lessen the risk of poisoning by purchasing **propylene glycol** antifreeze

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# CHRISTMAS PARTY

I will be able to attend the Christmas Party on:  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December/Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (delete as applicable)

Names of dogs.....

Names of People.....



# LDTTC CALENDAR 2014

The 2014 Calendar is nearly ready to order. A sample calendar will be on the notice board in the barn so you can have a look before you order. Calendars are only printed to order. There are NO spare copies, so if you don't order one, you won't be able to buy one. Please complete the form below and return to Lynn Gibney, together with your payment (cash or cheque payable to LDTTC).

Handler Name.....

Dog's Name.....

No of calendars required.....

Payment enclosed @ £7.50 per calendar.....