

Meeting summary for November Coffee Morning (11/30/2023)

Pet Behaviour and Training Challenges

Polly and Rachel discussed Buddy's, behaviour at home. They noted that Buddy's behaviour changes depending on the presence of certain individuals. They also discussed Buddy's behaviour towards the new postman, suggesting it might be smell-driven. The conversation then shifted to the challenges of training and managing pets, particularly dogs. They emphasized the importance of consistency and the impact of human behaviour and tone on pet behaviour. They also highlighted the difficulties of walking a reactive dog and the need for increased awareness and consistency.

Consistency and Training With Luna

Rachel, Polly, and Laura discussed potential changes in how they interact with their dog, Luna, during working hours. Rachel suggested implementing a "no interaction" signal when it's just Laura and Luna at home and emphasized the importance of consistency in this training. She also shared her experiences with other dogs she had trained and discussed the use of visual cues and props in training. Additionally, Rachel talked about addressing routine changes and the importance of consistent training, and she mentioned a video project involving cute puppies.

Christmas Decorations and Dog Behaviour

Rachel and Polly discussed potential Christmas decorations and ideas for Christmas Parkour submissions. Rachel considered creating a Christmas submission and mentioned purchasing a Santa sack. Christmas Parkour info can be found here:

Christmas Challenge

The Christmas Challenge will be open from 8th November until 31st December

Requirements

There are two parts for the Christmas Challenge

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Part 1 Choose **your dog's** favourite parkour behaviour. Dog to perform their favourite parkour behaviour (any Level behaviour) with FIVE different Christmas obstacles.

Same parkour behaviour to be done with all five Christmas obstacles.

Behaviours can be done on different days

Part 2 Choose **your** favourite parkour behaviour. Dog to perform your favourite parkour behaviour (any Level behaviour) with FIVE different Christmas obstacles.

Same parkour behaviour to be done with all five Christmas obstacles.

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Different Christmas obstacles to be used for Part 1 and Part 2.

Christmas Obstacles

Obstacles for the Christmas Challenge are required to have a Christmas theme.

A Christmas theme is:-

- Specific Christmas items e.g. a Christmas Tree
- Christmas decorated objects e.g. a table decorated with tinsel
- Christmas obstacles can be Built or Urban or Natural, as long as they have a Christmas theme

All of the usual DPUK general rules and safety requirements are needed

Christmas Challenge Titles count towards Superstar Awards

All qualifying entries will receive a Christmas Challenge Certificate plus a Christmas Challenge Rosette.

Book Lending and Coffee Morning Plans

The meeting involved a conversation between Rachel, Polly, and an Laura. Rachel mentioned she would bring something to Polly, possibly a book. There was a discussion about borrowing and lending books, with Polly suggesting they could have a loan history. Rachel also announced that the next coffee morning would be on the 14th of December at Charlie and Co, where attendees could bring their dogs if they wished.

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