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JULY NEWSLETTER



ANTI BOREDOM MONTH



Hiya everyone

Well we are now in July and dare I say it?...it's Christmas in 5 months 🎅🎁 Talking about Christmas I currently have a Santa's elf busting away making some Christmas items for me to sell. More coming later

July is Dog Anti Boredom Month so with this in mind I have included some fun, easy and focused activities to play with your dog(s).

July also sees Janine becoming a Certified Dog First Aid Instructor 🧑🏻‍🎓 Janine will be working on her course material before releasing dates in your area, so keep your eyes peeled for further details (and discount)!

Awesome Pawz has some exciting news that I am just bursting to tell you guys but I want to wait until I am further ahead and then I can share photos of the transformation.

I am still working hard on my diplomas and you will be pleased to know that I got a grade A for my first unit! This is the first A I have ever received especially on such an intense course such as the Modifying Canine Aggression one. I have also signed up to Canine Psychology so if I start blabbering on about science or research papers feel free to tell me to shut up 🙄🤦🏻

Enjoy trying these games with your dog(s) and please feel free to share photos and videos of you trying these with your pooch(es)



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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR



I am looking at putting together a Calendar of pets that I groom/train/look after etc. Proceeds will be donated to Dog charities (will depend on how many we can sell, to which charities but I will keep you updated as always).

If you would like to be involved please send a photo you are happy for me to use, along with the month of the birthday for your pet. I can't promise that we will be able to put your pet under their birth month BUT I will certainly do my best!

Please send your photos asap so I can correlate the calendar soon

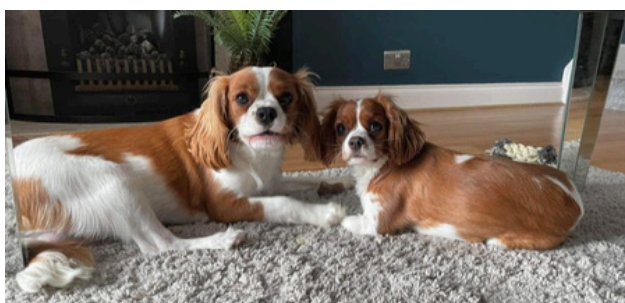
Prices to be confirmed

Until next time...



>>> MOLLIE AND COOPER <<<

DOG(S) OF THE MONTH



- Cooper loves a good rope toy, Chew toy or a Teddy to carry round the garden or lay with on the sofa with, whereas Mollie prefers a snuggle with a human. The only toys she will bother with are owly or foxy.

- Mollie's favourite place is snuggled in her mammy or daddy's arms, crook of the knee while having belly rubs and kisses. She also enjoys sunbathing in the garden and playing with Cooper.

- Coopy is a food orientated boy who will do lots of tricks for a biscuit. Cooper enjoys puzzles and toys which give him food as a reward
- They really are the sweetest, most kind natured pups who are full of life, love and joy. They love playing with other dogs and people but are definitely happiest when they are relaxing at home being spoilt rotten.

- Cooper loves exploring and enjoys having good sniffs out and about. He loves being on holiday where he gets a bit more freedom in secluded fields / areas of the beach. As long as he's home for his 3pm nap he is a happy boy who loves nothing more than family time.

- Mollie is a picky princess who will only eat certain biscuits but definitely does not want to miss out on anything Cooper gets

- The pups both love having a puppy massage, playing in the garden and getting into bed at the end of the day and snuggling.



ENGAGE DISENGAGE GAME

It is important to make sure that your dog is far enough away from the distraction that they notice it but NOT wanting to go engage with it! This is called keeping them under the threshold. If you find your dog is still reacting to the distraction, move further away until they no longer react. Once you are this distance you can begin BUT only in short bursts! Let your dog lead the training...if they start wanting to interact they have had enough so try another time again

ENGAGE!

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When your dog looks at their trigger (person, dog, another thing) – click or say "yes!" as they look. Immediately give your dog a treat, encouraging them to turn their head towards you to take it.

If they look back at their trigger, click/mark again and treat.
Repeat!



If your dog ignores the marker and the treat, you're most likely too close to the trigger. Add distance to where your dog is showing more interest in taking a treat, while still noticing their trigger.

Practice this step for a few days before moving to step two.



DISENGAGE!

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- When your dog looks at their trigger, start to count to three (in your head).
- If they look back at you before you reach the count of three, click or say "yes!" when they look at you. Treat and repeat!
- If they don't look back at you before the count of three, that's okay. Simply do step one, marking and treating for looking at their trigger.



If your dog isn't looking back at you by the count of three, that could mean they aren't ready for step two quite yet.

Continue practicing step one. It may also mean that they are getting closer to going over threshold, so be aware of how far away you are from their trigger or the intensity levels.





How To Train **TOUCH**

Step One

With an outstretched arm, present your open hand to your dog. Dogs are naturally curious so wait for them to investigate your hand. When they touch your hand with their nose, mark & reward. Repeat this step until your dog is consistently touching your hand as soon as you present it.

Step Two

Choose a cue word that will signal to your dog that you want him to target your hand, such as 'hand', 'touch' or 'target'. Begin pairing this word with the action of the touch.

Step Three

Practice this tool often in a range of environments. Change the criteria to include distance, distraction & duration.

When To Use

Touch can be used to disengage from a situation, for recall purposes and to move your dog from one place to another. It can also be used to give a dog an alternative behaviour to do with their mouth and can help with dogs that aren't keen on being handled...

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