

SANDY PAWS

Pet Care and Dog Walking

December '09 Quarterly Newsletter



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Merry Christmas to all of our lovely customers and many thanks for the fantastic support from local veterinary surgeries, pet shops, dog trainers and grooming parlours!



Special thanks to Hunter Animal Rescue for recommending Sandy Paws and having a link to us on their website!

NEWS

Sandy Paws Turns One!



Sandy Paws is proud to celebrate its first birthday!



After a whole year in business I have met so many wonderful people and their lucky canine companions.

It's fantastic to see the dedication that you all show towards your pets and I am looking forward to the new year ahead!

HEALTH - HINTS AND TIPS FOR TICK SEASON

Sandy Paws aims to make your dogs walks as fun and risk free as possible. As tick season is upon us we try to avoid areas where ticks are most likely to be prevalent such as in long grass and shaded bushland areas. However, these sneaky creatures may even be lurking in our backyards, in trees and bushes and even on grass verges!

Daily Checks:

Sandy Paws encourages all pet owners to make time for a daily check with particular attention where ticks commonly attach around the head, lips, ears, under the collar, between the toes and under the tail.

Found a Tick?:

Don't panic! It's best to ask your veterinary surgeon to remove the tick for you ASAP. Take care not to squeeze the tick's body as this may release toxins!

Regular Hair-Cuts:

Clipping your dog's coat short makes performing tick searches much easier as well as making your dogs comfortable in this hot weather!

Preventative Treatments:

There are a number of options available including drops, sprays, powders, shampoos, dips/rinses, tablets and collars (which should be removed when swimming) - your veterinary surgeon will be happy to recommend the best treatment to suit your pet.

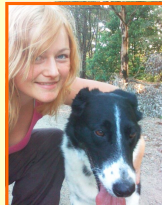
Symptoms to Look Out For:

Symptoms of tick poisoning include wobbly legs, a strange bark as the toxins take effect in the body, rapid or noisy breathing, coughing, retching or vomiting.

Luckily all of Sandy Paws' customers have a great respect and love for their animals so with careful checks and treatments we should all enjoy a tick-free summer!

DOG OF THE QUARTER

Congratulations to Sam, a 9 year old border collie X from Cameron Park!

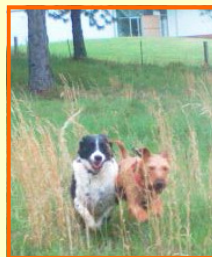


Sam's owners are very proud of him "with his weekly 1hr Group Walks he has a new lease of life!"

Sam is a total hit with new dogs as well as having his "best friends" that he hangs out with on a regular basis.

His favourite walks are by the lake and at the beach where he gives all the younger dogs a run for their money with his energy and speed as he leads them exploring and racing!

Sam's owners report that "the main benefit for Sam is the social and recreational interaction with the other dogs on the walk under excellent supervision, which he enjoys very much, and to receive photos of the days adventures is absolutely wonderful!"



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