



Time has flown since our spring newsletter. We have had some amazing sunny weather and our kennel refurbishment is nearly complete. Over 100 bushes and shrubs have been planted around the club with many more to arrive. Our biggest developments are yet to be completed but we shall keep you updated. We appreciate your loyalty and support as always.

*From all of us at The Hampshire Dog Club*

## HDC SHOP

The shop is being relocated and revamped. We will be introducing set shop opening times to avoid disruptions during class sessions.

We will be selling a wider range of dog products including **Chuckit** toys, grooming equipment, harnesses, bowls and, of course, we will continue to stock Natural Instincts raw food and treats.

If you have any specific requests for an item then please talk to Caroline who is happy to help. We also encourage small local businesses to contact us if they would like to have their canine related products stocked in our shop.

## HDC DEALS

We offer a range of packages & memberships to suit all budgets and needs. No contract to sign or recurring payments. Please look at our website for more details. We are also introducing rewards for clients, who have recommended our club to their friends and family, as our way of saying thank you. More details will be announced via our Facebook page and in reception.

## PUPPIES

In our last newsletter we broke the news that Becks and Giggs were going to become parents. Well, she had 7 boys and 1 girl and was a brilliant mum. You will still be able to see at least two of their offspring, Karma and Chaos, about the club. Caroline is smitten with her new addition and Chaos is the cutest beefcake ever!



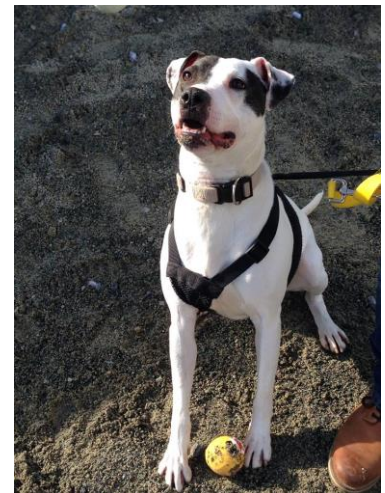
CHAOS

KARMA

**TRAINING TIP: Teaching focus on command** - Being able to achieve eye contact from your dog as and when required can be a useful tool when it comes to unwanted distractions. I teach my dogs this using two methods. The first is to make my dogs sit for their meals, and only release them to eat when they look directly into my eyes. Put a word to the command such as "look" and reward appropriately. The second method is to hold a tasty treat in your hand to the side of the dog's head and give the "look" command. The moment your dog looks into your eyes, and eventually they will, quickly reward by giving the treat whilst saying good "look". Timing of the reward/praise is critical in teaching this command.

## RIP Spencer

*It was with great sadness that Spencer was put to sleep last week. He became poorly over the Easter weekend and although he put up a good fight originally, the kindest thing to do in the end, was to put him to sleep. He was a funny little chap who adored humans and clients may have seen him in the training field barking at the blue boomer ball. It is never easy losing a dog, but we all have our own special memories of him, and he will be deeply missed.*



Please do not pick the flowers that have been planted on site. They are there for a reason and if you are seen then our gardener Giggs will be having a stern word!



## HDC FEATURE DOG

**NAME:** Trouble

**AGE:** 3yrs

**SEX:** Male

**BREED:** GSD

## BACKGROUND HISTORY

Trouble was owned from a puppy but, due to circumstances at the time, was not socialised or trained in an appropriate way. As he became bigger, he became harder to handle and this took a turn for the worse after he was attacked at 8 months old. He began to see dogs as a threat and would be very vocal and rough. By the time he was 18 months old he was too powerful to walk even on a lead and by November 2018 he stopped having daily walks.

## HDC HISTORY

Trouble came for a behavioural assessment with Sean in January 2018. He was a classic example of a large dog from working breed bloodlines who was spoilt with love but lacked appropriate discipline and training. The secure exercise fields were a good place for Trouble to burn off his energy without conflict. He needed his owner to be very black and white in setting boundaries with him, and once that was achieved alongside focused obedience in 1-2-1 sessions, Trouble was ready for group training classes.

## TROUBLE NOW

Trouble is a familiar face at HDC. He has progressed from basic obedience class and is enjoying intermediate class where there is a lot more off lead work. He has started walking out in public and he loves playing with other dogs including puppies. He has progressed so far, that now he also helps other dogs with behavioural issues as and when required. Trouble is a classic example of the need to establish and maintain consistency in a relationship with your dog. There is no quick fix and it's down to the commitment of the owner being persistent that has made Trouble a sociable member of society.



**WELCOME...** To all our new site users who have registered online. We would like to remind everybody that, once you are approved, you can request to be sent a link for our app which you can use to book classes, field use and the grooming room from your smart phone. If you are still waiting to be approved then please double check you have completed the sign up process in full. We often find people forget to provide vaccination evidence which delays the process.

## Doggy Ice Cream Recipes

- 1 ripe banana
- 1 cup of peanut butter
- 2 cups of natural plain yogurt
- 2 tbsps. of honey

### **Instructions:**

Mash the banana and then stir it into the natural yogurt.

Warm the cup of peanut butter using a microwave or stove until it's easy to stir.

Add the banana and yogurt mixture and the honey to the softened peanut butter.

Mix all ingredients until well-combined.

Pour the mixture into a non-stick container and then freeze overnight.

### **OR**

- 1 small tub of fresh strawberries
- 3 or 4 cups of low/non-fat, plain yogurt

### **Instructions**

Mash the strawberries using a potato masher.

Mix strawberry mash with yogurt and then freeze overnight.