



TRAINING TIP

Positional Praise; when training your dog specific obedience exercises such as a down or sit, you must ensure you are rewarding exactly the position you want from your dog. For example, do not reward your dog for doing a down if their elbows are not touching the floor at the moment you praise them. Do not praise your dog for their recall until the moment they arrive in a front present position. All too often owners say "good boy" as their dog is heading towards them, only for the dog to divert or fly by them. You're actually praising them for not recalling. A common mistake made with the sit position, is to reward the dog for a good sit, even though they are actually doing a *Meerkat* whilst coming out of the sit to get to the treat.

Where did 2019 go? Feels like we blinked and then bam...the end of the year was in sight. We have had a very busy year and it was great to see so many dogs and their handlers progress from class to class. The level of commitment from you, the members, never ceases to amaze us. Although let's be honest, the training canopy has been a great help and we can't thank those who supported it enough.

Wishing you all the best over the festive period & see you in the New Year from all of us at The Hampshire Dog Club

HDC FESTIVE HOURS

The last day of classes will be Sunday 22nd December 2019 and will commence again as usual on Saturday 4th January 2020.

The fields will be open as usual over the festive period including Xmas day.

The HDC shop will be open 8am – 9.30am every day over the festive period.

HDC OPEN DAY 2020

Sunday 24th May 2020 is our next open day. We are hoping this is our biggest event yet. If you or anyone else is interested in having a stall then please email Chrissie@hampshiredog.club for more information and to complete a stallholder's form.

FIELD 1 & 2 PLAYGROUNDS

The planned playgrounds for both fields will begin shortly. The areas where the play equipment will be put will be fenced off. Please do not disturb the fencing or allow your dogs to enter the designated area until the playgrounds have been completed.

Another development for field one in 2020 is the area in the top right hand corner. Currently this has become very overgrown and the idea is to turn this into a secure memorial garden. We lost 3 of our dogs in the 12 months and once the garden has been completed we can lay them to rest.

If anyone is interested in helping then please let Chrissie know as work will begin in March 2020.

Calling all snap happy owners

We would love to create a HDC 2021 charity calendar featuring all the dogs that use the club and its facilities. The photos can be themed, candid, at the club, chilling at home...whatever! Just get snapping. Entries will cost £1.00 for up to 3 photos. The cut off point for entries will be September 2020 and the calendars will be ready by mid-November. We will be selling the calendars for £7.50 each with all the profit going to charity (chosen charity to be confirmed)

For full details on how to enter including terms and conditions then please visit our website <https://www.hampshiredogclub.com/events>



PERUVIAN SPAY CAMPAIGN

In our last newsletter we mentioned about our target of £1000 to support the Peruvian spay campaign. We are a third of the way to reaching our target thanks to some very generous donations. One special lady has been busy knitting blankets, dog coats etc to help us get closer to our target which we will be selling on Saturday 14th December all day. We still have books available and other Bric & Brac, in good condition, for sale. Come along and support this worthy cause.



NAME: Loki **AGE:** 20 MONTHS

BREED: GSD **SEX:** Male

BACKGROUND HISTORY: Loki has lived with his family since he was 8 weeks old. He lives with 3 other dogs and 7 cats.

Loki was showered with love but lacked social skills and basic obedience. He would lunge at anything he wasn't used to and sadly it resulted in one of his owners snapping his finger so badly that he lost the use of it. After bringing Loki to the HDC for a behavioural assessment with Sean his owners started 1-2-1's whilst bringing Loki to Basic Obedience classes. From walking on the sidelines during class to then becoming part of the main class, Loki has progressed well. His owners used the fields to exercise him daily, attended regular weekly classes, 1-2-1's and even took part in the social walks on offer. Loki loves coming to the club and his owner's dedication and understanding that he wasn't a quick fix has helped Loki become a pleasurable dog to teach & for his owners to walk.

Vaccinations

It is important that you keep your vaccinations up to date with us to avoid being blocked from using the system. Every time your dog has its boosters please take a photo and email it or show it to a member of staff. Verbal updating is not accepted and over the festive period Chrissie will be reviewing vaccination records for all users held at the club.

Social walks

Over the past two months we have been running social walks for members of the club. This have proven to be very popular and we shall be continuing them in 2020. The walks are free and held in various locations, on different days and at different times. Places are limited to 6 handlers and you remain responsible for your dog. Your dog must be kept on a lead at all times. Sign up is in reception and you must be an approved user of the club. If you are unsure if your dog would be suitable for these walks please ask Sean.

Honey & Banana Dog Biscuits

Ingredients:

250ml water

1 mashed banana

1 tablespoon of honey

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 egg

600g whole wheat flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

Method:

Preheat oven to 180 degrees (Gas mark 4)

Combine ingredients in a large bowl and then knead onto a floured surface until no longer sticky.

Roll dough out to ¼ inch thickness and cut into fun shapes.

Place shapes on prepared baking sheets and bake for 20 minutes.

Turn off oven and allow biscuits to remain inside for another 30-40 minutes.

Transfer biscuits to a wire rack and allow to cool.