



MERRY DOGCEMBER & A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thankyou to all our friends that joined us or helped out at the very first annual dogcember event. Try to spot yourselves **on facebook**. We were blessed with a break in the rain and raised thousands of dollars for **Animal Asia**. Please jot down Sunday 4th December 2011 in the diary! In the meantime, feel free to enter **online**. And now for some summertime tips:

- Nails • Most people think their pets needs a regular nailclip, but it's usually unnecessary. Nails help with traction and defense, so a bit of scratching of the floorboards is to be expected. Cats can be trained to a scratching post, available at The Barracks Vet, impregnated with catnip.
- Diet • Keep your pet's diet modest and simple. Rich food can unfortunately cause gastric upsets and pancreatitis. Like us, a lean frame means fewer health problems and costs. So sadly, no ham or Christmas leftovers.
- Training • If the holiday highlighted any behavioural problems, these can be eradicated by your next holiday. Your pet is never too old to train. Call us or contact **Mali Rolph**.
- Swimming • It's a great way to cool off, just remember to rinse dogs afterwards to avoid skin issues. Of course don't let them drink salt water which can irritate their gut. Watch for oyster shells or broken glass which can cause severe pad injuries. Remember not to let them swim or bathe for two days either side of applying Frontline or Advantix.
- Maintenance • All year round, make sure you are using treatments to cover for fleas, heartworm, intestinal worms, plus the dreaded ticks in summer. Ask us for a personalised plan.

The Barracks Vet has been open for over a year now, and we celebrate the birth of James and Amanda's first child "Harry". We have had a great 12 months and look forward to offering your pets 'care without compromise' throughout 2011 and for their entire lives.

Cheers from all the team,
James, Tors, Tamsin & Linda
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