

Did you know.....Dog Awareness Week is 16th - 23rd September 2012

Following on from the Balanced Intelligent Dog Training campaign last year, the Guild is going to be running a Dog Awareness Week on the 16th - 23rd September. Expanding upon the principles of the campaign, each day will cover a new topic for educating the dog owning general public via articles issued nationally and locally.



Running in conjunction with the Canine and Feline Behaviour Association's Child and Dog Safety week, between the two organisations, we plan to have a lot of interest in the press; we have a spread in Dogs Monthly September issue as well as a follow on spread two months later showing the impact the week has had, including photos of the events.

Monday – the emphasis is on...

G - Good dog owners are responsible dog owners

What makes a responsible owner? Walking, feeding, companionship, consideration to other dog owners (for example not praising dogs whilst owners are screaming at them to come back) and the community (poo picking, not letting dogs chase cyclists, joggers etc)

Tuesday – the emphasis is on...

U - Understand your dog: do your dog a favour and learn about what makes him tick

Canine communication, the signals that we share and miss, body language, why dogs bite and how to avoid it by learning what your dog is trying to say – for example, the recent anchor woman bite.

Wednesday – the emphasis is on...

I - Intelligent balanced dog training: say no as well as yes, make training fun, have time together and time apart and most importantly enjoy your dog

Different types of training available from trials and tracking to agility and flyball and simply having fun and ensuring that your dog is trained in order to enjoy life to the full.

Thursday – the emphasis is on...

L - Leadership: every relationship has someone that leads, the same is true for our relationship with our dog; that doesn't mean being a bully or employing harsh handling, just applying a bit of common sense leadership skills within your relationship will keep your dog safe and happy. How little things can make a big difference in the relationship with your dog; what we call good manners around the home others are calling 'life rewards' a rose by any other name is still a rose... time to take some of the confusion around various terminologies that are bandied around and to add a bit of common sense.

Friday – the emphasis is on...

D - Do spend time to train your dog the basics: loose lead walking, sit, down, come and stay, and if you want to please your vet... stand.

In the times of 'no time', not everyone can make a regular training class, however, we still need to teach the basics to our dogs... the GoDT will shortly make available on our website how to train these exercises in an exciting PDF to include a socialisation checklist.

SIT Dog Training

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