



Christmas Windows

Once again, the budding artists at Albert Park Primary School will be providing our Christmas window decorations. Please stop by and admire their work.

January Trading Hours

Hope you don't mind - I need a little summer break myself. So in January we'll be operating dog-lazy summer hours:

Monday-Friday - 12 noon to 6pm

Saturday & Sunday - 10am to 5pm

Save Some Petrol in the New Year

I'm finally taking the plunge! Early in 2009, our new online store will premiere with a choice selection of the most unique and special items I can find. It will be the best of p&t - with all the convenience of shopping from home. Stay tuned for the big announcement about www.pamperyourpet.com.au

Our Final Snail Mail Newsletter

Our new full colour email version of the newsletter was such a hit that, after this issue, we'll be publishing only via email or online. Snail mail subscribers - I don't want to lose you! So please be sure to **phone in, email me or drop off your email address** so you don't miss out.



Wendy, Georgie and Lilly, co-proprietors of Albert Park's own slice of dog and cat heaven, Pets & the City

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Lilly to the rescue

Dear beach bunnies,

Last issue I put out a call for fresh themes for our annual 'alternative Santa' pics. To the rescue - Richard, Helen and their Black Lab Bibi, who clearly had too much time on their paws, and came up with not one idea, but thirteen!

For sheer foolish initiative alone, they took the prize of a \$50 p&t gift voucher. Better yet - we chose their 'Life Saving Santa' as the perfect theme to honour our neighbours who give their time throughout the summer to keep us safe.

Boardies or Speedos? Wait and see!

This year's hunky Life Saving Santa and his nipper elves are coming to us straight from **The South Melbourne Life Saving Club**.

Hubba hubba. You can deck our your own little hunks and hunk-ettes for their pics in the doggie lifesaving togs we'll have on hand.

And to thank the SMLC for diving into the p&t spirit, I'll be asking you to make just a little extra gold coin donation to the Club on the day. See all the details below.

Saving animal lives

I hope you've seen our bi-weekly window showcase of needy pets that The Animal Rehoming Service (TARS) work so hard to find new homes for. They are truly lifesavers too, keeping homeless pets out of pounds until they can find loving new homes. See page 3 for just one heart-warming TARS 'tail' - and if you're looking for a new friend, check out our window.

Saving trees too

Thanks to those of you who switched your newsletter subscriptions from snail mail to email - and thanks too to ADORE Animals Online Magazine, who kicked in a free issue for every email subscriber.

So many of you have moved to email that *this issue will be the last one we send out by old-fashioned mail*. If you haven't already given me your email address - please, please, please be sure to get it to me so you can continue to receive our email newsletters and announcements.

You'll find heaps of sensible and silly stuff for the silly season inside. Have a happy read - and be sure to come by and let me wish you a wonderful holiday in person.

To the dunes!

Santa Portraits at p&t

Now extended over 3 weekends so you don't miss out. **But you must make a booking**, so call for yours right now.

With your Furrever Pet Photography photo session you get:

- \$15 - 2 images on CD
 - \$20 - 2 images on CD + 2 hard copy prints
 - \$30 - CD + 2 prints + a key ring or fridge magnet
- Plus you can pet-personalise other goodies like mugs, greeting cards and more.

Life Saving Santa

Santa with a six-pack, what more could you want? Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 November, 11am to 3pm

Traditional Santa

Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 December plus Saturday 13 December

Phone 9686 5252 for your booking today.





Doggie Paddle in for Christmas by the Bay

Ok, I admit it - the goodies I've stocked up on for you this season *won't* save a life. But they could save you a heap of shopping headaches if you're looking for the perfect gift or accessory for your canine or feline beach bum - or for anyone with a pet fetish. Take a peek at some of the sensible *and* silly stuff in store...

Crazy Christmas Dress-ups

Get your pet into a fabulous new outfit for the Christmas celebrations. We have Santa hats, matching bandanas, t-shirts, neck ties, collars and more – now everyone can look the part on the big day.



Your All-time Favourite Christmas chook

Henrietta the yuletide chook is back! We sold out again last year, so I've stocked up big time this year, with both large and small chooks to suit any size chicken fancier.



A Real Treat - Cat Greenies Are Back!

After 18 months out of stock, the Cat Greenies you've been meowing for are finally back in Australia. Cats adore them – and their unique teeth-cleaning shape reduces tartar and plaque build-up while freshening that telltale cat breath.



Frame Your Favourite

A great selection of adorable photo frames – some with cat or dog motifs, some with diamantes. A stellar way to showcase your own favourite pet - or snare a gift for those hard-to-buy-for pet lovers.



Hang Up That Lead

Crafted locally just for p&t, this simple, elegant wall hanger is the perfect place to park your walking apparel. Easy to fit to a wall or door, it's also an exceptionally easy buy at just \$18.



Rogz deodorising wipes - the bath in a box

Rolling in that foul seaweed again? Just a bit whiffy? These between-bath lifesavers freshen up your dirty doggie instantly. Specially-woven to trap dirt and loose hairs - plus coat the fur with antibacterial/antifungal Byotrol to eliminate the cause of nasty smells.



Not Into Poultry?

How about a squishable, squeaky Christmas Loofa Dog – or the NEW floppy-limbed, giant-sized Scratchy the Flea – either destined to become your dog's favourite snugly companion.



More Holiday Playthings

For both pusses and pooches - soft Santas, yuletide bones, Christmas trees galore and lots more. The perfect toy for every pet's taste.



2009 Dog Breed Calendars

Over 250 breeds represented! For the first time this year, even some of the new designer breeds like Labradoodles and Spoodles have their very own calendars. Every month a new pic, a new "awwwwww".

Pegetables Healthy Veggie Treats

The latest for your health-conscious pups – made with real vegetables, full of low-fat veggie flavour, and even shaped like ears of corn, carrots and celery stalks.



Festive Dining with Fido

If you're looking for a nice local dinner out, but hate to leave your furry loved one languishing at home – trot over to Belle Zain in Port Melbourne. Belle Zain serves up wonderful Mediterranean tapas and meals, all with a glorious view of the bay. Better yet, owner Fab is delighted to accommodate well-behaved dogs in his balcony dining area. And best of all...



Tell them Georgie and Lilly sent you, and you'll receive a real treat - a complimentary glass of bubbles for you, and a dog biscuit for your pooch!

Georgie and Lilly stake out their favourite pobbies at their favoured local

**Belle Zain at HM@S Lonsdale,
1 Beach Street Port Melbourne Phone: 9646 6706**

Lifesaving Doggie Style

Tars to the rescue once again

Bobby and Ruth – A Tail of Survival

Bobby, a healthy Border Collie Cross senior citizen of 15 years, was facing a premature end when his owner was moving overseas, and took him to the Port Phillip animal Hospital to be euthanized. The staff there realised that he had a few more worthwhile years yet to live. and suggested that finding him a new home might be a better idea.

Fortunately, the owner agreed and rang The Animal Rehoming Service, who sprang into action...

They put an urgent call out to Ruth, a sprightly octogenarian who had been looking for a little white fluffy dog for a companion. But when she heard about Bobby's plight, she came to the rescue and took Bobby into temporary foster care.

Temporary? Ha! Bobby could smell a good thing when he saw it. After a week of putting on his best behaviour and working his charm, Ruth's resolve began to crack. Her ideal companion slowly shifted from 'white fluff ball' to 'old time farm dog'. And you guessed it...

Ruth adopted Bobby and now shares her home and life with a disarmingly mushy old battler who loves cuddles and lying in the sunshine. He's also become a great watchdog, guarding her and her home as if his life depended on it. You could say it did!



If you're interested in fostering or adopting through The Animal Rehoming Service, please contact Michaela on 0409 21 31 31 or email michaelanewell@bigpond.com.

By the way, TARS is now a registered charity. Donations of \$2 and over are tax deductible (ABN: 51 275 837 567) – and very gratefully accepted.

The Dog Listener Says

This issue's tip from Jo Meek could be a real lifesaver. Making sure your dog comes back to you every time you call isn't just good training – it's the one thing that could save their life in a dangerous situation.

Tip of the Issue:

Getting Your Dog To Come When Called

The best way to practice this is to start around the home.

Put some tasty treats into your pocket and when your dog is not focused on you, call them over and give them a treat for coming. When your dog is responding to you every time around the home, then move outside...

Pop your dog on a lead and walk around the streets. Occasionally stop and call your dog to you. If they come, then give them a treat. Once they are responding every time then you can move to a fenced in area and practice off lead. (Contact your Council for off leach fenced ovals). When you are happy that your dog responds well in this environment then you can move on to other parks.

Good luck and happy walking.

Jo

The zen of dog grooming

Based in South Yarra, this unique dog grooming service takes your pup to another place entirely. Your dog will be bathed lovingly indoors, using "Zen" soothing salts, and then whisked away to a table nestled in a sun-filled garden for a clip or groom. Oooommm.

Win a free Zen grooming

Dog Chic owner Tim has kindly offered p&t a complimentary groom for one lucky customer a month. Simply pop your business card or name and contact details into the jar in-store and we'll draw a new winner each month.



And you thought their elections were mad!



The zany of cat grooming

Yep – only from our neighbours across the Pacific.

If I can believe what I get in my inbox, a new fad is sweeping the American feline world – hand-painting cats in the custom design of the owner's choice. It's kind of like airbrushing your Harley - only this original artwork grows out and has to be replaced every 3 months - at a cost of up to \$15,000 per puss, if you can believe the hype.

What recession???

On the web

Trying to work out what your pet is trying to tell you? Now you can call on Caroline Pope, the Animal Communicator, to find out.

Caroline claims to communicate telepathically with animals and tell you what's going on in their little heads - and if something's wrong, what's ailing them. The testimonials on her web site would seem to indicate she's doing something right! Check it out at:

www.caroline-pope.com



News from the hood

5th birthday winners

Our p&tc 5th birthday party in July was a ripper. Thanks once again to Gourmet Dog Bites for the irresistible birthday cake – it was inhaled by our doggie guests in a heartbeat. And thanks to all of you who made it such a great day – including our winners...



Melbourne's Next SuperDogel

Jessica the dog-star won the cat-walk day in her snazzy leopard skivvy, taking home the prize of a YAPWEAR coat and Whats on Necks collar. Congratulations to Jessica and proud mum Belinda Adornetto.

Grrrr – don't I look wild?!

Makeover Raffle Winners

The raffle draw for fabulous doggie spa retreats at Dogs Day Afternoon, Tracy's Dog Wash, Forever Dogs and Ali's Dog Spot went to lucky pooches Bridget and Tigger, Gina and Duke, Ben and Charlie and Carla.

We Helped With A 10th Birthday too

From Millie on behalf of her birthday girl Maxine

"To the wonderful people at pets and the city, Maxine would like to say thank you so much for her wonderful 10th birthday cake!!! All eight dogs at the party thought it was very very yummy!"



Maxine (wearing the pretty pink collar) and her pals had their cake – and ate it too

Pets of the month

A dog in cat's fur

Kylie van der Veer adopted 1-year old Russian Blue Cross Millie from the RSPCA when she was a kitten of 7 months. Picked on by older cats in her former home, she's living in the lap of luxury now.

Millie's dog side emerges in a passion for retrieving anything thrown for her and a very un-cat-like obsession with water. She even loves her dry food flicked across the floor so she can chase and pounce on it. And of course, like the good cat that she really is, she'll chase anything on a string.

Milly's favourite thing: curling up on the bed or anyplace she can cop a cuddle.



Opposites attract

When Snubby the Domestic Longhair and her sister Ferdie came to live with the Dorman's mad menagerie (3 dogs, 1 Burmese, 3 goldfish, 2 Eastern Rosella parrots and 2 Gouldian Finches!), Snubby took a particular shine to Lacy the Dalmatian - who (as you can see here) is now very much her surrogate mum.



Owners Cavell and Bob Dorman say these two are always first up in the food stakes – racing to the head of the queue whenever they hear the fridge door opening.

Lacy's favourite things: catching banana bites tossed to her by her indulgent Dad Bob, and a nice leisurely walk, preferably downhill. (She is 12 after all.)

Snubby's favourite things: treats treats treats, hiding her housemates' toys and pouncing on them mercilessly whenever they wander near.

Psst.... don't forget to look out for the launch of pamperyourpet.com.au

Save some trees and get all the p&tc gos by email

If you're not already on our email list, hurry and phone **9686 5252** or email wendy@petsandthecity.com.au with your email address. From 2009 on, our full colour newsletter and news alerts will be sent only by email, and I don't want to lose you!

Wishing you and yours a safe and sunny holiday season! – pets & the city