

Albert Park Twilight Festival

Thursday 29 November

Stroll by in the evening for all the village festivities, plus lots of giveaways at p&tc.

With guest appearance at p&tc:

Dr. Larry!

Dr Larry Colson, Veterinary Clinic Manager at The Lost Dogs Home and p&tc neighbour, will be on hand to answer all your niggling pet questions. (See more about our own vet superstar on page 4.)

Albert Park Late Night Trading

Thursday nights
6, 13 and 20 December

We'll be open along with the rest of the hood for your Christmas browsing.

Check Out Our Window!

Albert Park Primary School students have once again put their talents into decorating our Christmas display. Their work will be on show from mid-November – stop by and marvel.

New P&tc January Hours

We'll be taking it easy during the summer hols just like you are! Our trading hours for January only will be:

Monday-Friday: 12pm to 6pm

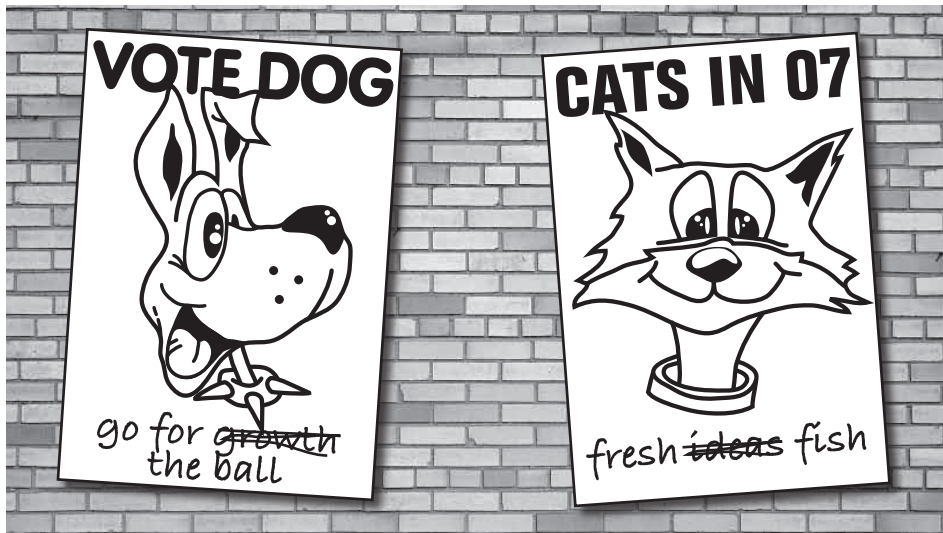
Saturday-Sunday: 10am to 5pm



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

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Election-weary yet, my friends?

Johnny and the Choir Boy may be duking it out like cats and dogs for the rulership of Australia (and beating us brain-dead in the process). But here at grassroots p&tc level, we have more important issues at hand. The real bone of contention: **Who do ya love most? Cats - or Dogs???**

In the survey we conducted last issue, dogs are certainly ahead by the numbers – 82% of you had them, V. just 18% with cats. **But quantity doesn't measure love!** You cat lovers who come in to the store are as fanatical about your felines as you dog fanciers are dotty about your pooches.

Lucky I have something for everyone.

And a *particularly large lot* of somethings, for cats, dogs and for the folks who belong to them - all in the lead-up to the big Christmas rush. Check out the new products, special offers and Cat V. Dog features inside.

Speaking of that survey – thank you so much for your enthusiastic response! I got some

great ideas for new newsletter features. One of them, **Pets of the Month** (thanks Amanda Broadley!) debuts on page 4 here.

Most of you also told me you pretty much read my homemade, low-tech newsletter from cover to cover (thank you thank you!). So I'm not going to change much – just keep on searching out more of the products, tips, features, photos and events – for cats and dogs – that you like to hear about.

Don't forget to get those canines and felines in for their annual Santa portraits.

But please note - this year for the first time, to avoid making you wait around, **we're taking bookings for 15-minute time slots.** See details below and call in your booking right away!

Wendy

PS. **Cats V. Dogs?** At p&tc, we can waffle with the best of the politicians – we love 'em both!



See more of Siddhartha William Wallace on page 4

SANTA ROCKS!

Annual Santa Photos at p&tc

If you haven't been building your collection of annual Santa pet pics, now's the time to start! And if you have – don't miss this year's **new** Santa theme opportunity...

Traditional Santa:

Saturday-Sunday, 24-25 November, 11am to 3pm

Rock n' Roll Santa:

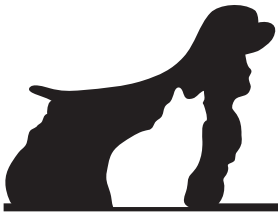
Saturday-Sunday, 1-2 December, 11am to 3pm

Book to avoid the queue! Phone me on 9686 5252

Special thanks to Gills Nursery for supplying Christmas trees for our Santa pics, and plants for all of our studio photo sessions.

As always, it's a terrific, low-cost value:

- \$15 – 2 images on a CD
- \$20 – 2 images on a CD + 2 hard copy prints
- \$30 – 2 images on a CD + 2 hard copy prints + key ring with a different pic on each side or (NEW!) fridge magnet – your choice.



13TH EDITION ELECTION FEVER!

GOODIES FOR ALL – NO VOTING REQUIRED!

The pollies may be trying to buy your vote – I'm just buying up the best and craziest stuff I can find, so you can buy it for your baby. Just like in Johnny's and Kevin's pork barrel budgets – there's something for everyone! (And no fines if you don't buy.)

FOR DOGS...

Yuletide Treats

From our always-creative friends at Gourmet Dog Bites, these festive doggie bikkies are the perfect little gift for every Fido.



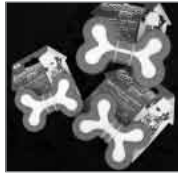
Eat Better Bowls

With a 'wishbone' design in the centre that prevents greedy eater dogs from inhaling their dinners.



Good Breath Bones

Doggie halitosis be gone! Mint-flavoured tough rubber dog bones in 3 sizes.



Plus come in and check out other new additions like:

- **Pearl-encrusted poodle pen** – every poodle owner needs one!
- **Henrietta and Earl** – our squeaky chooks attired for Christmas (Henrietta was last year's biggest seller!)

FOR CATS...

Cuddly Kitty Tunnel

Crazy purple fur tunnel, for hours of kitty hide-and-seek.



Something Fishy

Bigmouth fish is a cuddly cat toy and a treat dispenser in one. It'll drive the moggie crazy.



Plus lots more feline goodies like:

- **Play and Squeak toys** – with a micro chip squeaker for hours of entertainment
- **Pussy Lawn** – the healthy kitty snack that keeps on growing
- **Feathered boa ticklers** for heaps of fun
- **Crinkle balls** to chase under the fridge and furniture

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Pets On The Cuff

Gorgeous sterling silver cufflinks let you wear your kitty or doggie heart on your sleeve.



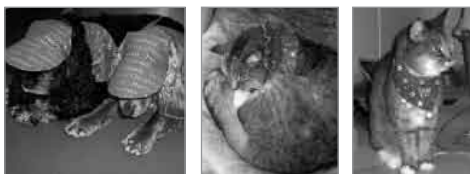
Frame Your 'Pic of the Polls'

Beautifully crafted sterling silver or black ceramic frames for your favourite cat or dog photo. Look a million, but very inexpensive.



Dress for the Occasion

A fabulous assortment of bandanas, hats and ruffles that will make your cat or dog a true Christmas star.



Plus those must-haves for every holiday season...

- **Dog and cat Post It note pads**
- **Adventure Dog and Adventure Cat DVDs** – keeps 'em riveted while you're away
- **2008 calendars** for heaps of dog and cat breeds
- **Christmas cards galore** – most of them benefiting Dog and Cat charities

BRING ON THE PORK BARREL...

OK, I **am** willing to stoop to buy your love. And so are two wonderful pet service providers, who are rolling out the barrel exclusively for pets and the city customers.

DOGS RULE!

diggiddydoggydaycare™
coz dogs digg it!



Jeannette and Nicole have set up a slice of doggie heaven in South Melbourne. It's an all-day party and play-land for your dog. (Diggiddy customer Nicki says her two beagles, Jambo and Saffy, "felt at home the minute they stepped paw inside.") And in addition to daycare, Diggiddy offer pick-up and drop-off, hydrobath, grooming and much more.

Exclusively for pets & the city customers

Mention pets & the city, and your doggy's first day at Diggiddy is 20% off!

Offer valid through 31 March 2008

Diggiddy Doggy Daycare, 209 Ferrars Street, South Melbourne

Phone: 03 9682 3647 Email: dogs@diggiddydoggy.com.au

www.diggidydoggy.com.au

CATS GET SERVED!

The Cat Servant



If your kitties, like many, are happiest at home, The Cat Servant will give them all the love and care they crave while you're away on business or holiday. They provide daily home visits, with feeding, plenty of cuddles and playtime – all at a time to suit you.

Exclusively for pets & the city customers

Mention pets & the city, and your cat's first night with The Cat Servant is 50% off!

Offer valid through 31 March 2008

Carolyn Farm, The Cat Servant

Phone: 03 9681 8698 Mobile: 0418 276 871

Email: carolynfram@bigpond.com

BRING ON THE REAL CHOW

I hope you're getting most of the healthy stuff your pets need for a balanced diet right here at p&tc. But hey – they deserve a special treat once in a while. And in our dog-obsessed bayside burbs, they have some very high-class options...

My Dog Café Reopens



Port Melbourne's landmark gourmet dog café – created by Mars Petcare Australia with chef Andrew Blake - has shaken off the winter chills and re-opened for human and canine patrons. And what a re-opening! On Sunday the 21st of October, the pier was swamped with celebs and celeb wannabies, for the first My Dog 'Next Top Pooch' competition. Amidst lashings of champagne and plates of gourmet goodies for dogs and people, Axel (a hulk of a bull mastiff decked out as a lion!) was crowned Next Top Pooch.

My Dog Café, Station Pier Port Melbourne.

Open 10am-5pm Wednesday to Sunday, weather permitting.

YEAR OF THE DOG DEBUTS

Further down the bay, Hampton has its own gourmet doggie destination. Chef Lani Howe and former restaurant owner Stacie Wong make yummy dog dinners from all natural, human-grade ingredients. Chicken Paella. Kangaroo Pasta Salad. Beef Ragu Pasta. Wouldn't mind a bit of that myself! Plus homemade treats, including their big hit 'mint crunchies'. And for humans, there's a coffee window with top Italian brew.



Year of the Dog, 275 Hampton Street, Hampton.

Open 8am-5.30pm Monday-Friday and 8am-4pm weekends.

Breed Vs Breed

Some insightful observations about various breeds of dogs by asking them "**How Many Dogs Does It Take To Change A Light Bulb?**"

Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?

Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!

Rottweiler: Make me!

Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.

Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeee let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeee, please, please, please!

German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, checked to make sure I haven't missed any, and made just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.

Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.

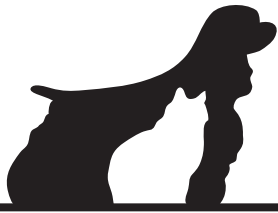
Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?

The Cat's Answer:

"Dogs do not change light bulbs. People change light bulbs. So, the real question is: How long will it be before I can expect some light, some dinner, and a massage?"

All of which proves that while dogs have masters, cats have staff.

Thanks to Dr. Larry Colson at the Lost Dogs Home for finding this gem for us!



MOVE OVER DR HARRY – WE’VE GOT DR LARRY!



Who needs an over-exposed media personality when we have our very own vet superstar, Dr. Larry Colson, right here in the hood! (He’s a good sight cuter than Dr. Harry too.)

Vet Clinic Manager at The Lost Dogs Home (that very deserving dog and cat shelter), Larry is a local who drops in often at pets & the city. And he has kindly contributed some timely advice to pass on to those considering getting a new pet at Christmas.

Many people use the Christmas Holiday period to adopt a new pet - but is it the best time??? For many it is a good time, because you have time to research the type of pet that is suitable for you, and the extra time to put into the puppy or kitten and its training.

Remember never to buy a pet for someone else. **A pet is for life not just for Christmas.** The intended recipient may not be prepared for a pet. Don’t hesitate to call or visit The Lost Dogs Home, your vet or other shelters for advice and information about the type of pet that would best suit your lifestyle and needs.

There are many things to take into consideration, for example:

- The size of your yard
- Ongoing costs of having a pet
- Time you can spend with the animal
- Where will the pet stay while you are on holidays
- Are there other pets in the household (do you require a permit)
- Do you have adequate fencing
- Dietary requirements
- Health care requirements
- Training requirements

Do as much research as possible to help ensure you and your new pal are best suited for each other and you will both be rewarded with years of enjoyment.

Note from Wendy: And do remember to bring any spare blankets, pet beds, towels, toys and the like into p&tc, where we collect them for the Lost Dogs Home and the Save A Dog Scheme.

PETS OF THE MONTH...



Miracle Dog

A beautiful Aussie Bulldog with an endearingly bent, L-shaped tail, Chloe is the sole survivor of her litter – and herself has survived every health trial a pup can face – from pneumonia and mange, to a heart defect that had the vets saying she wouldn’t live past 6 months. She’s fooled them all – at 16 months now, staying strong and loving for the sole love of her life, Michelle.

Chloe’s favourite things: tearing up her bed so she can sleep in mum’s lap; skidding on the lounge room floorboards.



Two of a Kind

Beni and Piksi are two gorgeous Burmillas who, despite their common breeding, couldn’t be less alike. Beni is Mr. Blasé. While Piksi is the affection queen, always begging for a cuddle. Both are the cherished companions of Craig and Liana, who found these two new friends to fill the void after their previous moggie passed away.

Beni’s favourite things: eating plants; eating anything, 24/7.

Piksi’s Favourite things: crawling under the covers with mum and dad; head-butting.



‘Year 1’

‘Year 2’

Year 3’

And a Pet for the Season

Siddhartha William Wallace is a pint-sized Shih-Tzu cross, with a penchant for photo opps! Yasmin and Angus bring him into p&tc every year for not one, but two portraits – one traditional and one our annual ‘alternative’ Santa – which he sends in a card to his many admirers.

Siddhartha’s favourite things: fine-dining on pomegranates, quail eggs and vegetables chips with aioli.

From our dog and cat-loving family to yours – happy holidays!

A website you have to see...
 What’s in a Name? Plenty! As you’ll find out if you go to Bow Wow Meow at www.bowwow.com.au. You can find out what your dog or cat’s name means – learn what names are getting the most use (and avoid the obvious!) – search for name ideas by category, even ideas for those cute pair pups or pussies. It’s a hoot.