

Welcome to Heather's Petcare Quarterly Newsletter



Heather's Petcare aims to provide the highest level of care for your much-loved animals. We are an alternative to kennels and catteries. If you need your pets looked after when you are at work, on holiday, weekends away, or just for the day; we can cater for you and your Pets needs. We are fully licensed (by the local council), fully insured and Police checked. (All documents available to view at anytime). Any questions contact us on 01225460841 or 07784626598 or email us at heather@heatherspetcare.co.uk

Dog of the Quarter

Every issue there will be a pet of the quarter, I will pick the most improved/funniest/favourite pet of the quarter! This time:

This issue I have chosen Borys to be dog of the quarter. Borys (below) is a year old Bishon frise. Borys came for an induction to meet me and I agreed that he would fit in with my routine and dogs. By the time Borys had left the induction I was regretting my decision! Borys was a youngster and very highly strung, he cocked his leg up and took a pee more than once in the induction and was running around like a mad thing. I thought I would have had my work cut out!!

Borys came for his first proper day care stay and I was pleasantly surprised, Borys was such a good boy, he had 3 great group walks with many different dogs and made some great friends. Borys and I haven't looked back since and he has had no accidents since either. Borys now comes to stay regularly and goes home very tired and very happy!



Poppy (left) is under a year old and is a cocker spaniel. Poppy uses our daycare service on an adhoc basis. Poppy first met Heather when she was just 12 weeks old. Poppy was enjoying daycare right up until Heather went onto maternity leave. Unfortunately Poppy's owner is no longer at work and no longer needs to use us. We will miss Poppy and hope to meet up for walkies in the future.

This issue's Newcomers and ones i will miss!

Ebony and Barney are new to Heather's Petcare and are enjoying Visits from us most weeks. Ebony is a rescued German shepherd x and is nearly 2 years old. Barney is a chocolate Labrador x and he is less than a year old and started receiving visits when he was just 10 weeks.

Ebony is a very nervous dog but once she has calmed down she loves to have a game of tug-of-war in the garden. Barney is in to everything and likes to play with most toys most of the time. We would like to welcome Ebony and Barney to Heathers Petcare and hope that they continue to enjoy their visits and play time.



Above Barney Below Ebony



Ernie is a male sharpei, Ernie has been using Heathers Petcare for a while benefitting from walks each week. The first time Heather met Ernie the introduction didn't go so well, Ernie was very dominant and didn't like anyone entering the house. Heather had to pop over a few times so that Ernie could get used to her and she had to start walking him solo before putting him into the van and letting him join in on group walks. Ernie was aggressive with other dogs and didn't like many people so he needed training/socialisation as well as a walk. Ernie came on leaps and bounds and accepted other dogs very quickly; unfortunately he was too aggressive for Heather to continue walking him so the contract was ended. Heather still receives updates about him now and hopes that his new behaviourist is able to help him further.

Hints and Tips

Fireworks

Not every dog is frightened by fireworks BUT many are absolutely terrified and who wants a terrified pooch? This is a list of some ideas that I have found useful. Please read them and choose whatever is best for your situation and please seek advice from your vet before putting any of these into practice.

- *Minimise the effect by walking earlier in the evening before the displays start, *Close the curtains and consider background music
- *Provide a "safe place" with familiar objects or blankets

- *Ensure that your dog can be identified if he runs away. (It is a legal requirement to have a name tag)

- *Ask your vet about D.A.P (dog appeasing pheromone), These help relax a frightened dog
- *Start your preparations early, especially if you are considering DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone)

Cats Corner



Lucky



Baz



Eric



Pickles



Mr Derek

My Fave walk this issue

Kensington Meadows

My Favourite walk this issue was at Kensington Meadows in Bath. Since I moved I have been investigating new walks and this is one of my favourites so far.



Fact File:

The Area: Kensington Meadows is situated in Bath on the A4, Just off the London road approximately 1 mile from Heathers Petcare Bath.

Directions: From M4 (approx 15 mins).Exit Motorway at Bath Junction, Take the A46 towards Bath until you get to the London road roundabout, turn right and follow the London Road until you reach Morrisons, access is via morrison carpark .



Kensington Meadows is a Local Nature Reserve within the flood plain of the River Avon. It is one of the few areas of the Avon within Bath that has natural banks. It is mostly flat and has the benefit of being right next door to Morrison's (handy if you need to grab some shopping).

Kensington Meadows also has a small children's park that is always in use.

Meet the Team

Over the past year Heathers Petcare has grown and has accumulated 3 casual part time members of staff. Heathers Petcare now covers Bristol, Bath, Paulton and surrounding areas. Details of who operates in/near your area are below.

Heather Thomas

Heathers Petcare was founded in 2006 by Heather Thomas (below). Heather started the business from scratch, but had passion and a love for animals.

Fact File

Name: Heather Thomas

Area: Bristol-Bath-Paulton

Pets: Alfie (great dane), Lola and Sonny (chihuahuas), Spike and Lucky (cats) and Iris, Susan and Dotty (chickens)



New Arrival

Baby Jacob William was born on 12.08.2011, weighing in at 8lb 10oz. Heather and baby are both doing very well and have already enjoyed many dog walks together!



Meet the Team Continued



Adele

Adele joined the team in Jan 2011 and she covers the Paulton area. Adele has been enjoying walkies with Gadget, Gusto and Sammy since then. Adele also dog sits at my house for my dogs and any others that come to stay. Adele has done a great job all of the dogs love having walkies or just play time with her.

Heather really enjoys to see the many pictures taken by Adele during her walks and visits.

Fact File

Name: Adele Higgs

Area: Paulton

Pets: Rats (Dot and Ted)



Nicci

Nicci joined Heathers Petcare in March 2011. Nicci covers Bristol south (Brislington/Whitchurch areas). Nicci has been visiting/walking Todd, Shaun, Shane and Flame since then. She has also gone to see Millie and Arthur when Heather couldn't make it. Nicci has done a great job of looking after the eldest of dogs that Heathers Petcare has.

Fact File:

Name: Nicci Harkness

Area: Bristol South

Pets: Cats



Cath

Cath joined Heathers Petcare in July 2011. Cath was taken onto cover Heathers Maternity leave from July 2011. Cath covers Bristol East (Fishponds to Horfield) Cath has been walking/visiting all of the regulars since July.

Cath has been doing a grand job and all of the dogs are happy and enjoying their walks just as much as ever.

Fact File

Name: Catherine Bishop

Area: Bristol East

Pets: Pointers (Scrum and Beau)

Pool Party

Here are a few pic from our garden during the summer months



Gadget and Gusto



Lily and Cassie



Gadget, Gusto, Lola and Sonny

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