



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

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EDITION 2

Apologies for the delay in sending out our spring edition of the quarterly newsletter! We took a little extra time out to celebrate Chaos turning 6 years old. I still remember when he was born and could fit in my hand—now, even though he tries, he can't even fit on my lap!

For our regular clients, you can see how much progress has been made in the field. We've finally installed the tetherball, and soon we'll be replacing the ball holder. The balls will be kept inside the parking area, giving field users the option to let their dogs play with them if they wish. We decided to install just one tetherball because we understand that some dogs are hyper-focused on ball play, and we want to make sure it's an optional fun activity without causing any issues. Please remember to return the balls to the parking area when you're finished, so others can enjoy them too.

Our planters have now been filled with a variety of flowers and vegetables. As they grow, feel free to help yourself to the produce—it's there for your dog to enjoy!

One of our biggest delays was finding enough play sand to fill Strife's Sandpit that met BS EN 1177 standards but we did! This means now it has been filled you can relax knowing it's been processed to be clean, safe, and free from harmful chemicals and toxins. Most importantly, it's stain-free and won't burn your dogs' pads, ensuring a safe play environment.

It's also wonderful to see our charity pot growing, and more of our regular clients are also purchasing our block session packages. Thank you all for your continued support!

PLANTING UPDATE

At the end of March, we planted six native trees along the fence line on either side of the field. It genuinely fills us with pride every time we visit and see how all the plants are growing. If you take a closer look, you'll notice our blueberry and gooseberry bushes are really flourishing.

We've also been growing additional plants at home, including carrots and cauliflower, which we plan to replant in the field once they're ready. We are by no means expert gardeners, but we've truly enjoyed giving gardening a try—it's wonderful to have plants for the dogs to sniff, eat, and enjoy.

CAUTION

The main gate has dropped a bit and can be quite awkward in lifting it up to close the gate. So please be careful and hopefully it will be fixed as soon as possible.

GOOD READ

I recently read a really touching book called "A dog with no name through a dog's eyes" written by Bethany Bell. It is a book written through the perspective of a rescue dog and without giving too much away it did really tug at my heartstrings. If anyone would like to read it then drop it in a message via Facebook and I will happily lend you my copy.

OUR PACKAGES

Our packages are great value for money for regular users of the field.

A **10 session** package which is valid for 4 months costs **£45**. Saving you 10% on each session and our **20 session** package will save you 20% per session, is valid for 6 months and costs **£80**.

THE ABANDONED DOG



"Tucked quietly along a street in Barcelona, there stands a sculpture that stops people in their tracks. It's called The Abandoned Dog, created by Catalan artist Artur Aldoma Puig. No pedestal. No glory. Just a dog-sculpted in stone sitting alone, waiting. Its eyes are what pull you in. Wide. Hopeful. Full of quiet sorrow. It's not just a statue-it's a message. This sculpture is a tribute to every dog who gave their love, only to be left behind. It speaks for the voiceless. The loyal. The forgotten. next to the figure is a poem by the artist himself, etched in metal. It reads:

***"Your race doesn't matter.
Your name doesn't matter.
you came into the world to be my friend"***

It's not just about dog. It's about what we owe to love-the love that comes without judgement, without condition, without limit. Locals leave flowers by its paws. Children stop to pet it. Visitors kneel to take photos and wipe away tears. It has become a place of memory, and mourning, and quiet promises. A reminder that loyalty like this should never go unnoticed. Artur Aldome Puig didn't just sculpt a dog. He sculpted a responsibility."

Courtesy of The David Attenborough Fans Facebook Page

CHARITY POT SO FAR...



Doggy Ice Cream

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas
- 120g (about 1/2 cup) natural peanut butter (ensure it contains no xylitol, added sugars, or salt)
- 240g (about 1 cup) plain Greek yogurt (unsweetened)
- 60 ml (about 1/4 cup) water or dog-safe stock (optional, for a thinner consistency)
- Optional: small dog treats or pieces of safe fruit for added flavour such as strawberries or/and blueberries

Instructions:

1. Peel the bananas and break them into smaller chunks.
2. In a blender or food processor, combine the bananas, peanut butter, Greek yogurt, and water or stock if using.
3. Blend until smooth and creamy.
4. Pour the mixture into silicone moulds, ice cube trays, a shallow container or even a kong.
5. Add small dog treats or pieces of fruit on top or inside for extra fun.
6. Freeze for at least 4 hours or until solid.
7. Serve in moderation as a cool treat!

Always use ingredients safe for dogs. Serve small portions, especially for smaller dogs. Keep leftovers in an airtight container in the freezer.

DID YOU KNOW...?

The pattern of ridges and creases on a dog's nose, called the nasal planum, is genetically determined and unique to each dog regardless of breed just like a human fingerprint.