



## ANIMAL ANTICS

With the summer upon us I thought it would be a great idea to feature a humorous article this month. So, if the glorious weather hasn't already got you smiling, then I'm sure this will!

### DICTIONARY OF DOG WORDS...

**BATH:** This is a process by which your owners drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a condition which affects dogs when their owner wants them in and they want to stay out! Symptoms include staring blankly at your owner, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**DOG BED:** Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** Is what you do when your owners have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

**DUSTBIN:** A container which your neighbours put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, and mouldy crusts of bread to consume.

**LEAN:** Every good dog's response to the command "Sit!", especially if your owner is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**LEAD:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your owner where you want them to go.

**LOVE:** Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, your owner will love you in return.

**NUDGE:** The best way to get your owners attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of tea or coffee.

**SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

**SMELL:** A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dogs rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times until your owner makes you stop.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old sweet wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your owner comes home.

**Attention all pet owners!**  
Don't forget to book your advanced tickets for the Pet First Aid Talk ...  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007 (7-9pm), The Community Centre, Forest Row.  
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