



ANIMAL ANTICS

Note for Pet Owners:

Pet Patrol 365 provides this information for educational purposes only. You should seek the advice of your veterinarian if your pet is ill, as only they can correctly advise on the diagnosis and the recommended treatment for your pet.

GROOMING YOUR PETS

Grooming your pet simply means that you're taking good care of their health by keeping a watchful eye over their hygiene. Pets, like humans, are more likely to remain healthy when they are clean and well groomed. One of the major benefits of a regular grooming regime is that you will become familiar with your pet's body. This allows you to quickly recognise irritations, sores, cuts, lumps, or signs of parasites.

Basic Brushing. Brushing removes dead hair and skin, spreads out natural oils in their coat, and helps keep them from developing an odour. Although cats are well known for their exemplary grooming habits even they require regular brushing to help prevent hairballs, keeping their digestive tract healthy.

Exceptional Ears. Ears are a prime site for infection. Regularly pick up their ear flaps and examine inside - they should be a healthy pink in colour. If you notice any symptoms (sensitivity to touch; brown, black or yellow discharge; foul odour; shaking or continuously tilting their head) then your pet needs to be examined by your veterinarian.

Tip-Top Teeth. Routine dental care is essential for your pet's overall good health. A build up of plaque and tartar on their teeth can lead to gum infection and tooth loss. Dirty teeth have been linked to kidney and secondary heart disease in pets, so please take their embarrassingly bad breath seriously.

Fantastic Feet. Check nails regularly and inspect their pads and in between their toes for foreign bodies or open wounds, cuts or abrasions.

Extraordinary Eyes. Dogs and cats have very sensitive eyes so please be very careful when choosing bathing products. If you need to clean around the eye, use a damp cotton pad or tissue and always wipe *away* from the eyes. Use a clean pad for each eye to ensure there is no cross contamination.

Though it may sometimes be a struggle to keep your pet in a clean condition, it's well worth it. Not only are you improving their health, you're bonding with them in the process. They'll appreciate all the attention they're getting and you'll appreciate the lack of fur on your clothes and furniture!

Hartfield Village Fete & Fun Dog Show with Professional Dog Whisperer!

"AS SEEN ON TV"!

Saturday 12th September 2009
12 noon - 4.30pm

Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex TN7 4AG

Dog Classes:

Waggiest Tail, Best Veteran, Most Handsome Dog,
Prettiest Girl, Most Appealing Eyes,
Dog Judge Would Most Like to Take Home
& 'NEW' to this year's event - The Doggie Dash!



Back by popular demand, Professional Dog Whisperer & Behaviourist, Stan Rawlinson will be on hand from 12 noon giving practical demonstrations to help solve your canine concerns & problems.

Plus all the usual attractions of a country village fete ... A great day out for all the family!

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