



# AUTUMN

## NEWSLETTER

### CONKERS - An autumnal warning!

PET owners are being warned to stop their dogs from eating killer conkers. The highly poisonous seeds of the horse chestnut tree pose an autumn threat to dogs snuffling around in parks and the countryside.

Poisoned dogs can start displaying some of the horrific symptoms of poisoning within one to six hours of eating the nuts.

"Conkers may be synonymous with autumn, but few people realise that these nuts can pose a serious health risk to your pet if ingested," says The Blue Cross animal welfare charity.

"Although cases are rare, Blue Cross has treated dogs who have fallen very ill after eating conkers. In one recent case, children had been innocently throwing conkers for a dog to catch, unaware of the dangers."

Pet health experts say conkers contain a chemical called aesculin, found in all parts of the horse chestnut tree, including the leaves, and which is toxic to dogs.

"Although fatalities in cases where dogs have consumed conkers are thankfully rare it is still very serious," says the Blue Cross.

"Dogs who have eaten or swallowed conkers, allowing the toxins to enter their body, can be very sick. They can vomit, collapse, have diarrhoea, get very restless with the discomfort and pain, become severely dehydrated and go into toxic shock.

"It has also been reported that dogs can experience respiratory paralysis and can die. Signs of illness usually arise after a couple of days but dogs can show signs of being poisoned within one to six hours of consuming the conkers."

Anyone who suspects their dog may have eaten a conker should contact a vet for immediate advice. A poisoned dog will need



rehydrating and medicating and may, in rare cases, have to undergo surgery to remove any blockages.

The best course of action is stop dogs from eating conkers when they are out on walks.



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If you have received this newsletter in the post, perhaps you would consider letting us know your e-mail address and we can send the next issue direct to your inbox. This saves the charity money on postage and is better for the environment.

Thank you.



### CONTACT US

If you want to get in touch, send us your e-mail address, re-home one of our dogs or send us a success story you can contact us at [jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com](mailto:jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com)

## SUCCESS STORY . . . . .

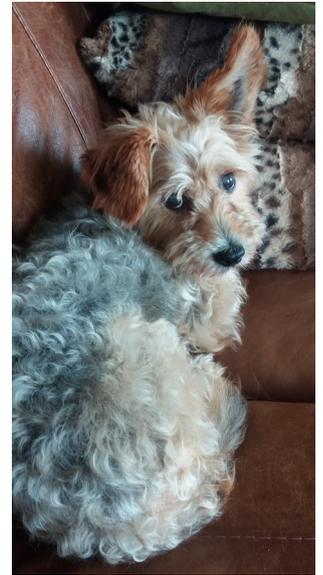


We adopted our Teddy (Noah) about 6 weeks ago.

He's settled in really well and gets on fine with our 2 cats. He loves going for walks and loves the beach. No growling or anti-social behaviour from him, he just loves people and is a real attention seeker (in the nicest way). We couldn't imagine life without him as he is a little

character. He even likes getting bathed! and brushed. Looking forward to many happy years with him.

Thank you.



If you have a success story you would like to share, please drop us a line at

[jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com](mailto:jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com)

We love to hear how our re-homed dogs are getting on with their new families.

Earlier this year Cliff Top Kennels Re-Homing Centre was delighted to receive a telephone call from a local campsite asking if we would like to be their 'Charity of the Year'. We immediately responded with a resounding "yes please"!

Therefore, we would like to say a massive "Thank You!" to **Scarborough Camping and Caravanning Club**

for all they have done for us, particularly over their busy summer season. As well as displaying a collection tin and promoting us by displaying our newsletter very prominently in reception they have raised money in a variety of ways, including a raffle, offering manicures, the sale of homemade greetings cards and providing us with tombola prizes.

We are extremely grateful for their enthusiastic support and would like to congratulate them on raising **£309.49** already this year!



## Pets at Home VIP Club

We are one of the charities chosen to benefit from this club.

This is a unique loyalty scheme that gives its members a whole host of benefits ranging from discount vouchers in store to a quarterly magazine along with expert advice and hints and tips. What makes this loyalty scheme so different is that when members swipe their loyalty cards upon making purchases in store, they collect Lifelines which can be directed to their favourite charity that is a part of the scheme.

Every three months these Lifelines are collected, turned into money and sent out to the charities in the shape of a Pets at Home store gift card for us to spend to help the dogs in our charity's care.

You can join today at your local Pets at Home store or on line at [www.petsathome.com/VIP](http://www.petsathome.com/VIP) help us to care for more dogs while you do your shopping. Don't forget when you are registering you must choose our charity from the link to ensure we receive the lifelines every time you swipe !!

# easyfundraising .org.uk

It's the easiest way to help raise money for Cliff Top Kennels Rehoming Centre. If you already shop online with retailers such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Comet, iTunes, eBay or HMV, then we need you to sign up for free to raise money while you shop!

Help us raise more!  
Register to support Cliff Top Kennels  
Re-homing Centre at:  
**easyfundraising.org.uk**  
Register us as your charity to support then  
simply follow the steps to shop and raise.  
Happy fundraising!

## How it works



Raise money for  
good causes by  
shopping online



Retailers give  
donations when  
you buy



It doesn't cost  
you anything

## Chocolate Demonstration

Many thanks to everyone who attended the Chocolate Demonstration on Thursday 9th August. We had a great night learning about chocolate and it's origins, learning some recipes to make at home and even doing some tasting!

We are extremely grateful to Alex of *Croft's Artisan Chocolates* of Scarborough for sharing his expertise and enthusiasm with us.

All who attended had an enjoyable evening.

The event raised a fantastic £325.00.



## Buddy's Blog . . . the next instalment!

Hi Folks,

Buddy here again. Since I last wrote I have been on my holidays to Malham in the Yorkshire Dales. We stayed at a fantastic dog friendly hotel called Beck Hall, everybody was really lovely and I was allowed everywhere my human

friends went. I have climbed Malham Cove, this is me halfway up the cove waiting for my humans to admire the view and muster up more energy for all those limestone steps. We then went to

the tarn, however I wasn't allowed to drink or even go in the water at Malham Tarn as it contained Blue Green Algae which can make you poorly. Good job my humans had thought to bring water and a bowl for me on our hike. One day we went to visit a

relation in a nearby residential home and everybody made a fuss of me, but nobody would share their chocolate biscuits, they just kept saying chocolate was bad for dogs. Back at home I have been enjoying the sunshine and early morning walks when it has been cooler. Bye for now.



Currently available for re-homing . . . .



# BENJI

Age: **Adult**

Breed: **Jack Russell Terrier**

Benji is a sweet natured dog who loves human company. He needs an owner with plenty of time to spend with him.



# CLEO

Age: **2 years**

Breed: **Yorkshire Terrier**

Cleo is a lively young dog with a cheeky face who loves being around people.



If you can help rehome any of our dogs please contact  
Cliff Top Boarding Kennels on 01723 870456

News on our dogs and new dogs available for re-homing are kept updated on our website: [www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk](http://www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk)



## BONFIRE NIGHT

With Bonfire Night approaching please remember some simple tips to keep your dogs safe and happy . . . . .

Keep your dog inside while fireworks are being let off.

Keep windows and doors closed and put on the TV or radio to block out the noise.

Prepare a 'den' for your dog where they can feel safe and secure.

Stay calm and act naturally around your dog.

If you know your dog gets very scared, seek the advice of your vet in advance.

## Display a Collection Tin for Us !

Contact us at the kennels on 01723 870456 if you can display a collection tin on our behalf at your place of work or somewhere you shop regularly.



Please Help the dogs by giving a donation towards the care and wellbeing of the dogs that need it most, the dogs without homes!

**Thank You for all your support**

## CANINE BLOOD DONORS

Did you know that your dog can donate blood in exactly the same way that we do? Canine blood donations are used to help during surgery, in emergency procedures, during cancer treatments, and a variety of other situations.

There are basic criteria which your dog should meet before they can give blood and these are:

- \* Aged between 1 and 8 years old
- \* Weigh more than 15 kg
- \* Have never previously received a blood transfusion
- \* Be a healthy dog, not on medication
- \* Have had their yearly vaccinations and have had regular worming and flea treatment
- \* Be easy to handle
- \* Have not previously travelled abroad

Your dog will go through a standard screening process to ensure that each dog is completely comfortable with the process of actual donation of blood.

The blood is taken from a vein in the neck, so this small area is clipped and cleaned and a local anaesthetic cream is applied. The actual donation takes about 6 minutes although the full appointment can take about half an hour.

Blood donated by each dog is split into different component parts in order that each separate part can help several patients.



There are several vets in the local area that do blood donations, Scarborough, Filey and Pickering all have participating vets.

If you have ever had a pet in need of blood then you will realise how vital this service is. The procedure is very simple. After all we humans donate blood on a regular basis, and dogs need this vital component of life just as much as we do and because canine blood donation is less well known than human this very important service is often overlooked.

If you have a dog that qualifies then please contact any one of our local vets for more information, which I am sure they will be delighted to give.



## BE AWARE . . . . KENNEL COUGH IS IN THE SCARBOROUGH AREA.

This upper respiratory infection is caused by both bacteria and viruses and is spread via coughed up droplets.

Particularly sociable dogs and those sharing an airspace such as in kennels. They DON'T have to be in kennels to get this.

It is highly contagious.

Many dogs will recover without treatment but a vaccination (which goes up their nose) will help prevent it.



Have you a little spare time to help out at or fundraising events?

We need help in the following areas:

Bag packing in local supermarkets

Collecting tombola prizes

Manning stalls at local events



If you are able to help please call 01723 870456 or e-mail [jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com](mailto:jill@clifftopboardingkennels.com)



# JOIN US!

[www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk](http://www.scarboroughdogs.org.uk)  
01723 870456

Registered Charity No 1110716

Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre is able to continue re-homing abandoned dogs due to the donations and support of it's members. Dogs come to the Charity having been abandoned by their owners in the Scarborough, Filey and Whitby areas. These dogs are often traumatised by their experience and need special care and attention.

You can help these dogs by becoming a member of the charity. For a donation of £6 we will send you a regular newsletter keeping you up to date with our fund-raising activities.

If you would like to become a member, renew your membership or just make a donation please complete the form below. The form together with your payment should be sent to:

The Membership Secretary

Cliff Top Re-homing Centre, Rocks Lane, Burniston, Scarborough, YO13 0HX

*(Cheques should be made payable to Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre)*

Membership donation: £6

Additional donation: £

TOTAL DONATION: £

Title:		Signature:	
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## Gift Aid your donation

We can claim back the basic rate of tax on any donation received from UK taxpayers. All you have to do is tick the box below.

Yes I am a UK taxpayer and wish Cliff Top Kennels Re-homing Centre to accept my donation as a gift aid donation. *(Tick box to agree.)*