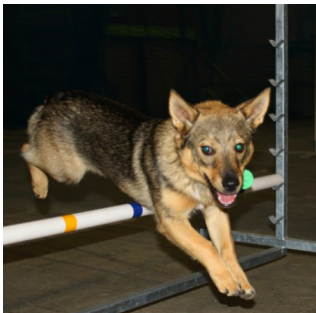


## WINTER 2011 NEWS

### Special points of interest:

- Saturday Daycare
- Agility Class
- Donation Thanks
- Winter Grooming
- Dog Blankets



Jasper the Swedish Vallhund going through the paces of Agility.



We hope this newsletter finds you and your families (including the doggies of course) in good spirits and preparing well in readiness for the winter months—although I must admit it has felt like we have been there for a while now.

Here at Paws we have had a few changes since the last issue of our newsletter and no doubt those who have been with us for a while will have seen some new faces amongst our wonderful staff.

We've had to bid farewell to a few who have flown the nest to explore the world outside of Paws (including leaving to have babies) — well it certainly feels that way as everyone who works with us feels like part of our family, mind you so do all our visitors.

From time to time you may still see them visiting us as I know that everyone loves the dogs that we get to care for each day and miss them when they don't see them each day.

Among some of the newer staff you will meet (of have met by now) are Tash who welcomes every one each morning; Tama or Suzanna who take turns to wish everyone a goodnight. Zak, Emily has joined the daycare team; Jay is one of our newer groomers along with Kerryn who helps both groom and attend to the daycare dogs.

### SATURDAY DAYCARE

We are now offering [daycare on a Saturday](#) at our Kaiwharawhara premises. If you are interested in us looking after your doggy pal for a few hours while you go out shopping etc then please contact us for more details.

### BRIGHTER PREMISES

We've updated our colour scheme to give us a brighter and fresher look—this coincided with the opening of the daycare and training centre in Newtown. Both places are starting to sport some fantastic artwork—doggy related of course!

We've also recently added more space upstairs at Kaiwharawhara so our daycare dogs will have more room as will the training class that we hold there each week.

### XMAS NEWS

For those daycare dogs that were with us at Christmas everyone received their own special toy and of course the grooming dogs were once again adorned with festive bandannas.

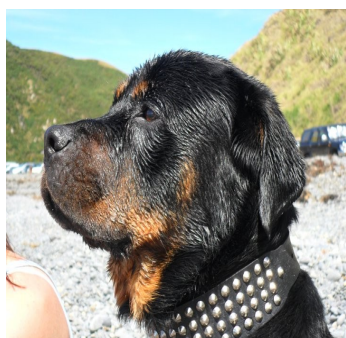
### FACEBOOK

We are on facebook so if you are a facebook user please come and find us or just click on the link on our website which will take you through to the [join us page](#).

### AGILITY

Since the opening of our Newtown centre we have been able to start fun agility classes. Agility is a great way to increase your dog's focus and manners in a stimulating environment. It's taking what is learned at the good

## Winter 2011 News



Tash's dog Choppa enjoying the sun out at Makara

"Our experienced trainers compete at a national level, and teach using positive reinforcement methods which have been proven to be the most effective way of teaching"



Tama's dog Liara making herself a comfortable bed in amongst the Tug Toys.

manners and focus class to the next level as it improves control and socialization while still maintaining fun in training. A few of our staff compete in agility both for fun and competitively; Carol has had some great placings at the recent National dog show with Meg her daughters Pointer/Vizsla X and John also has his successes with his American Cocker Spaniel, Rico while Karen with her Gordon Setter Vienna get to represent NZ in agility at the Crufts Dog Show International Event in the UK.

If you want more details on the agility class please contact us or check out the website page [Agility Class](#).

It is a fun class and we provide you with a clicker (if you want to use one) to assist in teaching your dog – you just bring an enthusiastic dog and be prepared to be challenged yourself!

### OUR CLIENTS ARE STARS

All we did was put the donation boxes out after the terrible Christchurch earthquake—it was you our wonderful clients who filled them by donating \$500 to the SPCA fund to care for the animals effected by the earthquake—thank you to everyone

who contributed.

We also must make mention of all the wonderful Paws clients who come out to form part of the Dog Squad which Julia organises as part of the SPCA fundraising effort—last year alone these SPCA dog squads helped raise a staggering \$35,000 for the SPCA—so thank you for contributing to the cause—if you are interested in getting involved you can either email us here at Paws or contact the SPCA direct.

### WINTER GROOMING SPECIAL

Even though it seems cold outside it's still important to make sure your best mate's coat is kept in great condition—booking a groom at the salon or with the mobile during winter will keep your dog sleek and shiny without worrying about your dog getting cold.

For dogs groomed throughout June and July 2011 we are offering a free 1/2 day's daycare worth \$17.50—see the [website for details](#).

### DOG BLANKETS

Due to popular demand we are once again selling handmade dog blankets designed with your dog in mind! At \$10 each they are a bargain—be quick to ensure you don't miss out.

### SPCA Needs Your Help

We are now calling on your kindness again in the form of donating old collars, leads, haltis or gentle leaders for the Wellington SPCA. This will allow the volunteer dog walkers to be able to have better/more equipment that fits the puppies and dogs. We will have a collection basket at reception here at both Paws premises. You can also see all the SPCA puppies out walking on Mondays—who knows maybe you'll be able to spot your dog's old collar on one of them!

### Vet Profile

The Central Vet Hospital is located in Brooklyn. They offer a wide range of services at there clinic just to name a few; Acupuncture referral service, Mature pet wellness examinations, Kidney care programme, Weight loss clinic, Home Visits, Surgery, Dentistry, X-Rays, Blood Testing, Ultrasound/ECG.

The friendly team of Dr Michael Lyon, Dr Kerry Burke, Dr Nick Pallin and Dr Sue Gautrey will take care of your beloved animals whenever you should require their services.