



Animal Control

Got a puppy for Christmas?

Things you need to think about...

A healthy puppy is a happy puppy.

Ask your vet about vaccinations and diet.

With appropriate training and time, a puppy will become a well mannered dog and a great companion.

However, like children, puppies will go through various stages before they mature and will at times behave in a less than desirable manner.

Desexing can be the kindest thing you can do for your dog.

If you don't want him to use it, he should lose it!

Most behavioural problems can be solved.

Don't be afraid to seek help from a professional or other knowledgeable person.



Early socialisation of puppies is essential.

Consider attending puppy training courses or joining the Canine Obedience Club.

Spend time with your puppy.

We all enjoy a little companionship.

Make an effort - learn about dogs.

Visit your local library or your bookshop.

Be patient and never lose your temper.

Puppies are like little children - bad behaviour is often a symptom of a lack of training and maturity.

Dogs need care when you go on holiday.

Who is looking after your dog?

Adults, do not expect a child to take responsibility for the puppy.

Generally children do not have the skills or commitment to properly care for a puppy.

All puppies over 3 months must be registered and may require micro-chipping.

Talk to Animal Control.

Owning a dog is a responsibility for life....

Every year thousands of animals are abandoned, sadly not all of these animals can be re-homed and many are destroyed.



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