

# TIGGER CLUB NEWS

HUMANS ALLOWED IF WELL BEHAVED AND ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR ANIMALS

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### FAKE DOG WARDENS IN NORTH TYNESIDE

There have been reports from North Tyneside council that humans pretending to be dog wardens are issuing on the spot fines to dog owners.

They are issuing tickets and demanding the fine to be paid immediately.

Also more worrying, there have been instances where the 'warden' has tried to take the dog from the owner.

These 'wardens' have been seen driving a black unmarked van, although it is possible they could use different vehicles.

The reason these humans are getting away with this is that there is no clear information about tickets, how they are issued and how they have to be paid.

A lot of humans are not really aware of what an on the spot fine means. It does not mean you have to pay it straight away, it means they can issue a ticket or penalty 'on the spot' rather than having to go to court or any other long drawn out process.

For a real council warden to issue a ticket, they issue it and you are told that it has to be paid within 14 days. Real wardens do not have the facility or authority to take money at the time of issuing tickets. Even if you are given a number to ring or the ticket has a contact number on it, check with the council directly via their normal number if you are unsure. If you believe the warden was not a genuine council warden you can also report it to the police on

their non urgent number.
Although this has been reported in North Tyneside this may be happening in other areas but due to the public not being aware of how tickets are issued or paid they are not being reported.
So if your human is in the situation where a warden is trying to give you a ticket or take your dog be aware and check they are the real warden.

Don't forget an 'on the spot fine' is the rule for deciding someone will be fined by issuing a ticket there and then and not the right of the person issuing it to demand money at the time.

Make sure you let all your furpals and their humans know about this.

### New disease wiping out rabbits in the UK

It is estimated 1.3 million pet and 37 million wild rabbits are at risk from a mutated strain of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease (RHD-2).

The disease was first recorded in the UK in 2014. It has few symptoms but is mostly fatal.

The RHD-2 vaccination costs around £20-£30 but has to be ordered from the continent as it does not have a UK licence.

Owners are encouraged to organise immunisation through a vet.

Without the vaccination the rabbit will die and it's not a very pleasant way for any animal to

go.

It can be carried by insects, rats, mice and birds as well as on shoes and clothing.

Some experts warn it could be more devastating

than myxomatosis which killed 99% of the UK's rabbit population in the 1950s.

Owners need to avoid spreading the infection.

It's stable in the environment for up to 120 days, humans need to be washing hutches, clothes and anything that's been in contact with the rabbit - at more than 60 or 70°Celsius.

There is hope the vaccine will get its UK license in the next few months.



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### **Special Mentions:**

I would like to thank my furpals and their humans for helping me get this newspaper to where it is today.

- Bertie Race,
Dusty Greyhound,
Doris the Lurcher,
Kai Whippet,
Pepper Potts,
Strawberry

Most of all I would like to thank my humans who helped me through the early days and never gave up on me



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### TIGGER CLUB GETS IT'S FIRST NEWSPAPER

What can I say, it has been a fantastic two years (and a bit) to get me to this point.

I have tried to get attention of newspapers out there to try and get a column or even an occasional story printed. I have found that out there it is dog eat dog in the newspaper world.

After sniffing about and several good leads I realized I was

chasing my tail and no one out there is really interested in a dog with no proven experience in the field. So here I am writing this for you all from my very own newspaper.

I will be sniffing out news that may be of interest to you.

As this is the first edition it may be a little bit of a dog's dinner but if you are patient

with me the layout will change, not always for the better, but hopefully into a great format you will look forward to each issue. Perhaps you will even submit some content or give me a head's up of a story to follow.

Thank you for reading

Nose bump to you Tigger

### TIGGER'S STUDY OF HUMANS

### The Weather

For the last few months I have listened to my humans moan and groan about how cold it is and how they wished it was a lot warmer.

As soon as it gets warmer, what do they do?

Moan and groan even more that it is too hot for them.

Once it got cooler again I thought they would be happy, but no, they are wanting the hot weather again.

So with this in mind, after this month's research I have concluded:

Humans spend their days wishing for things they don't have and the very moment they get it, they don't want it.

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### DEAR TIGGER....!

Q: Help Tigger what should I do? My human is trying to make me go out for a walk in the rain - from Kai Whippet

A: Poor Kai Whippet do not panic. Try to stall and refuse to move. If that doesn't work go hide in your human's bed. Once they see how comfortable you are they will leave you there. If that does not work then you may have to consider some additional training for your human.

Help Tigger my human keeps calling me back when I am trying to have off lead zoomies - from Dusty Greyhound

A: Does your human use treats when they call you back? If they do then don't make them wait too long or they will put the treats away and start doing the jumpy up and down dance. It is a particularly annoying human thing but they like stopping our zoomies when we are out.

Q: I need advice Tigger. I have a new little fur sis but I have to go to the vet when she gets her check ups. Do you think I should protest? - from Bertie Race

A: I think it is an excellent opportunity to go to the vet without having anything done. If you are lucky you will still get a share of the cuddles and treats that vets always have available.



Ask me question

### NEWS FROM DORIS - THE ROVING REPORTER



Hi, I'm
Doris a
seven
year old
lurcher
from
Brighton.
A few

months ago one of my humans was made redundant leading to many family meetings (all of which I attended). Between the three of us we decided to take the chance to travel and set about buying a motorhome. Here I am three months on the road and 1500

miles later! From the Isle of Wight, to Kent and then France via the Channel Tunnel. What fun. We drove down through the beautiful French countryside to Spain's Costa Brava eating a lot of cheese along the journey. The weather has been glorious all the way and everyone so friendly. The British always love a lurcher, well in fact any dog. The French, however, seemed to be bemused by me 'regarde le chien' was often shouted followed by giggles. Thankfully the Spanish see me with more reverence being

similar to their galgos. We're presently in the Pyrenees seeking out some cool air. The mountains are stunning and the rivers cool. I can see I'll love travelling for a long time.

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### HISTORY OF A ...... LURCHER

In the 14th, 15th and 16th century the English and Scottish governments banned commoners from owning sighthounds such as wolfhounds, deerhounds and greyhounds.

Commoners got around this by cross breeding the sighthound with another working dog, usually a collie for its intelligence and speed.

The word lurcher is thought to be derived from the Romani words 'lur' meaning thief and 'cur' meaning mixed dog breed.

There are a variety of sizes, colours and coat lengths. This is probably due to the mixed breeding of long and short coated sight-hounds with collies, terriers and other

working or pastoral breeds.

Lurchers were used for poaching birds, rabbits, hares and foxes. Larger sized lurchers were used for boar and deer.

Today a lot of lurchers have moved away from their hunting history and spend their days as family pets.

### GREEN DOG WALKERS

Green Dog Walkers starting to be adopted by councils throughout the UK

After a successful trial in Falkirk in 2008, Green Dog Walkers are beginning to get councils throughout the UK to get on board and trial this in their area.

### So what is it?

Green Dog Walkers encourage councils to get support from dog walkers to give a more positive 'poop patrol'.

Rather than having council wardens patrolling with a bag full of tickets ready to pounce, Green Dog Walkers volunteers wear arm bands so that everyone can identify them and, here is the best part, they are approachable and give advice, hand out leaflets and always carry spare poop bags for anyone that needs one.

The volunteers are also able to communicate with the council to

discuss fouling hotspots and any 'poop bag trees' that are growing in the area.

### How to be a volunteer?

To volunteer you need to check your council has adopted or is trialling Green Dog Walkers.
Contact your local council for more details.

I have added the links on my website for councils that have Green Dog Walkers in their area. Please let me know if your council needs to be added to the list.

#### **Further thoughts:**

As councils and dogs have always been a 'them and us' sort of situation this is a great sign that councils are trying to give a positive resolution to a very long standing problem.

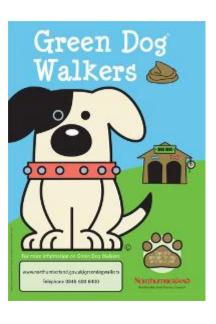
Also it means that councils are going to be actually listening to volunteers who are our humans that take us out every day and can do their bit to help.

It is great for me to report on a pawsitive council rule involving dogs.

More information:

http://

www.greendogwalkers.org/



### THE 7 C'S OF LOSING OR FINDING AN ANIMAL

There may be a time where you are in a situation where you have lost or found an animal, so what should you do?

#### 1. CAMERA

Take photographs.

Nearly everyone has their mobile phone with them which usually can take photographs.

Even a badly focused picture may help but always try to take a few so that there is a better chance of a clearer picture.

That way instead of trying to describe the animal you have a picture everyone can see.

#### 2. CONTAIN

If the animal is running loose and you are able to contain it safely, without putting yourself or the animal at risk.

This could be physically holding the animal or containing it in a area the animal can not easily escape from.

Do not corner the animal in a tight space as it may be frightened and may attack if it feels threatened.

### 3. CHECK

This is where your head must rule above your adrenalin.

Check there is not a human in the far distance in pursuit of the animal that is running loose.

Ask around to try and find out if anyone knows where the animal is from.

Check for a name tag and contact details.

### 4. CARE

Is the animal injured?
If the animal is injured find

out where the nearest vet is and take them for initial care.

Most, if not all, vets will stabilise any injured animal while their humans are being found.

Are you able to take the animal home with you and keep it safe, including keeping your family safe? Even if you cannot keep the animal at your home for a few hours, do not just walk away get advice.

### 5. COMMUNICATE

It is the law that your local dog warden is contacted as soon as possible.

As soon as you are able contact the relevant local authority.

Council dog warden (if it's a dog), cat welfare (if it's a cat), RSPCA etc. local vet (if not already contacted)
The warden may ask you if you can look after the dog while the humans are being contacted.

The local vet will be able to scan to see if the animal is microchipped and contact the humans.

Post on social media on local and national lost and found animal sites, dog lost, and local community sites. Some volunteers on social media not only help to reunite lost animals but also help to reunite sadly deceased animals to give their human's closure.

They have volunteers with scanners in some areas that go out and scan found dogs and cats.

#### **6 CAUTION**

Now believe it or not there are humans out there that 'claim' animals that have

misplaced their humans, so be careful who you hand the animal to.

Make sure they have evidence they are that animal's human.

My human for example has my medical records, ID microchip records, not to mention hundreds of photos on their mobile phone.

#### 7 CATS

Cats can be an exception to the 'lost animal' rule as they are very adept at making humans think they are starving, homeless and definitely want you to feed them.

Obviously if the cat is injured then try to contain it and take it to the local vet.

To try to find out if the cat is actually lost check it for a name tag and contact the owner.

If the cat has managed to remove their collar then try asking around and some humans put little paper collars on them with their contact number and 'please ring me' on it.

That way the human can ring you and confirm if the cat is lost or if you are now on 'their round'.

This is a general guide for humans that are not sure what to do.

There will be circumstances where different things apply.

The main thing is if you are not sure, ask for advice.



If your human is easily lost, please remember to keep

Remember it is the law to report any found animals to the dog warden in the UK



Make your human carry more than one lead in case of emergencies

### SAFETY TIPS FOR WHEN IT IS HOT

Safety Tips for going out when it is hot and advice for heatstroke A few things to remind your humans about when it is hot outside.

#### **General information:**

A few things to remind your humans about when it is hot outside.

Get them to check the ground where they will be taking you. If they place the back of their hand on the ground and it feels hot, then it is going to probably burn our paws.

If you still cannot convince them

Cutting an animal's fur is not the solution to keeping an animal cool

Animals use their fur to keep the heat out tell your humans to walk barefoot with you for 5 minutes, they will soon appreciate where they walk you.

Make sure they bring water for you. They need to make sure they do not store it in the backpack or the car where it is in the sunlight or can heat up. There is nothing worse than drinking hot water.

Sun block. Yes it may sound strange but some of us have light fur or even no fur in places so make sure your humans use animal safe sun block. They may prefer looking like lobsters but we don't.

### If heatstroke is suspected:

If your human suspects an animal is suffering from heatstroke get them to seek advice from a vet. Some animals are more prone to getting affected by the heat. Animals with long/thick coats, young, old or ill, short or 'flat faced', any animal on medication.

Warning signs of heatstroke in animals:

- panting heavily
- drooling excessively
- lethargic, drowsy or uncoordinated
- collapsed or vomiting

### Gradually reducing the temperature of an animal:

- move he animal to a shaded area
- cool the animal with wet towels
- not freezing cold water as it may shock the animal and make things worse
- use a cooling fan preferably one that turns so that the cold air is not constantly on the animal.
- make sure water is available but do not let the animal drink loads at once.

If your human has had to cool you down this way it is important a vet is consulted in case further treatment is needed.







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### THE DANGERS OF EATING HORSE POOP.

### What is wrong with eating horse poop?

Well apart from disgusting your human there is an actual risk to dogs. Horses are wormed once or twice a year.

The main ingredient in the wormer is Ivermectin which can be dangerous.

### Ivermectin is used by vets for dogs too, so what is the problem?

Vets do use Ivermectin on dogs to treat heartworm and some types of mange.

The problem starts when the quantities are taken into account. Most dog breeds do not exceed 45kg and horses can be around 450kg in weight, so there is a risk that any horse wormer that has passed through the horse could be consumed by dogs.

Some dogs can be very sensitive and have a reaction.

### What are the known facts of this type of poisoning?

Our humans do not know when or how often horses are wormed so always worry about us. Generally horses are wormed once or twice a year, the main worming time is generally spring just before the grass starts to grow. Peak poop contamination times are usually 2-3 days after the horse was wormed. After two weeks the poop should be clear from medication.

First of all we would have to consume a lot of poop to be affected. Approximate consumption to medication ratios are (assuming we eat the poop when it is at it's maximum medication saturation) A 10kg dog would have to eat 200g of poop (sensitive dogs) or 4kg of poop (non sensitive dogs)

I ate a bit of horse poop, should I panic now?

Not yet. First get your human to check for any of the following symptoms:

Stumbling or uncoordinated movement

Dilated pupils Drooling

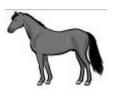
vomiting

Blindness Tremors

Seizures

Although this article may put your human's mind at rest I think they may prefer you didn't eat poop at all. Tell them to bring better treats out with them on your walks.

Stay safe out there furpals



### Leaving dogs inside a hot car

Humans should not be leaving dogs in a car alone at any time as it is dangerous.

Even more dangerous when it is hot outside.

What should you do if you see a dog alone and distressed in a hot car?

It is not advisable to force entry to the vehicle yourself.

Your first step should be to call the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999 to inform them of the details namely, the condition of the dog, the registration number and location of the car.

A dog warden service may also be able to help. They should dispatch an inspector/warden to deal with the situation if they can. They will call the police if it is necessary to break into the car.

If the matter is getting near life or death for the animal call the police directly and ask for an estimated time of arrival and advice about gaining entry before anyone with power of entry arrives.

The police will advise you of what to do.

(I have only copied some of the important information) The page I got this information from:

www.durham.police.uk/newsand-events/Pag...ogs-In-Hot-Cars.aspx

### Interview with Da Floof

### Tell me a little bit about yourself.

You mean to tell me you dont know me? I was born in Russia, its far away, and very cold there. I brought my fur coat with as over there we all wear them ALL...THE....TIME.... Seems its not much needed here but Im sort of attached to it (excuse the pun!!). But wait, I digress....My parents had Da Princess before me who insisted (yes, she doesn't ask, always insist) on a friend to run with. Don't know what they thought I was as I dont really run..... Cant really see why as food is in the fridge, right? I flew business class from Moscow to Dubai and was fetched in a limo and now live in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. You ever been? Its very glamorous and we do loads of exciting things here....O, and we have a desert.

# How many hours a day/week does your human have to spend brushing you?

Well, it pretty much boils down to what I allow. I hate the blowey thingy so my head is never fully coiffed. I get the full spa treatment on a Saturday as it does take a bit of time. I mean, I do have a slightly larger frame (don't call me fat pls) and am blessed with an abundance of hair....and my nails need to be "just so" etc. I have a shelf full of products to keep my hair in top condition as one never knows where one has to go next, as you know. It does take a good 4 hours to like really do it right.

### How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them?

Well, I have only sisters, 3 naked ones (and no, its not as exciting as it sounds, they can be real bitches), they are Chinese Crested, and one saluki girlfriend Da Princess who is live-in. Then I have cats, 2 naked ones and one Baby Floof. I'm not

allowed to chase them, but when I think no- one is looking, I do too.

### Do you work? If so where/what do you do?

You mean where you actually have to wake up early and go out?
Uuuuhm, I have a hard job looking fabulous all the time so I really cant do much else. Wait, I do keep a page going on Facebook so I guess I might be a socialite.

### If you could choose your name what would it be?

I guess Da Floof pretty much describes it all. I wasnt christened that way, but it stuck and once thats your stage name, well, thats pretty much it, right?

#### What is your favourite food?

I like cheese cake. My mom makes a mean one and since I ate a whole one off the kitchen counter a while back, I'm seriously addicted.

### Where is your favourite place to be?

My desert. I love to make sand angels and get really messy.....going down to my roots, you know. One has to stay grounded, or here it would be sanded, I think. And after that, I need to be taken back to my couch, you didn't ask, but thats my 2nd favourite place.

### What is your favourite way to entertain yourself (annoy your humans)?

I make great nose whistles that can cut through bone. If I keep that up for a few minutes, and pace up and down I can get them to do pretty much anything.

### What is your greatest accomplishment?

To get Da Princess to love me. Normally everyone falls head over heels in love with me to first sight. She ignored me for 2 months before she even glanced my way.

Then another month before I was allowed to share her couch. Now she adores me.....I could have told her she would fall for me some day and saved her a lot of time.

#### What is your next goal in life?

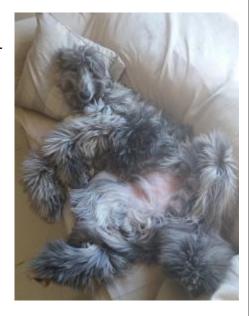
To get to 500 followers on Face Book and to bring awareness to animal cruelty world wide.

### IF you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be?

I need more sleep, I seriously dont know why the parents have to wake me up at 4 am every morning to chase non- existent rabbits. Face it, we have cars, we have couches, why do I even need to walk?

# Finally and most importantly...What was your human's most embarrassing moment?

We went to a show once, I looked fabulous of course but by the time we went into the ring, I was totally over it. So I sat down and refused to get up. The parent turned different shades of red, but I couldn't see the big deal....running around in circles was never really my thing. Lets just call me an independent spirit. I am Da Floof.



### INTERVIEW WITH JAXSON

#### Jaxson Tell me a little bit about yourself.

My name is Jaxson. I was born on April, 9 2015. I am a Broken colored Mini Rex Bunny. I was named after a friend's grandson.

# How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them? I live with 3 humans and I have lived with them for a year and three months.

### Do you work? If so where/what do you do?

I do not work.

### If you could choose your name what would it be?

I am happy with my name now.

### What is your favourite food? My favorite food is banana.

Where is your favourite place to be? My favorite place to be is outside.

# What is your favourite way to entertain yourself (annoy your humans)? Chew on things I shouldn't be.

### What is your greatest accomplishment?

My greatest accomplishment is learning to use the litter box.

#### What is your next goal in life?

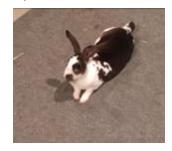
My human's next goal for me would be to go with her to read to kids stories about bunnies and I would be the visual aide.

### If you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be?

I would love to run around outside in the yard all day.

# Finally and most importantly...What was your human's most embarrassing moment?

When my human brought me in and forgot to leave out my pellets one evening but then she remembered quickly.



### Interview with Fizz

### Tell me a little bit about yourself.

My name's Fizz; I'm almost 9, and I was rescued by my lovely humans when I was a tiny little scamp. I used to be scared of lots of things, but now I'm a big brave girl that loves getting tickled.

### How many humans/siblings do you have and long have you had them?

I've got two perfectly trained humans and one that can't seem to stop staring at this flashing box in the living room. They brought me into their family when I was still very young! But I quickly became the boss of the household.

### Do you work? If so where/what do you do?

I'm a leisure cat. It's all about sun, sand and sardines for this kitty.

### If you could choose your name what would it be?

I was given my name by the rescue, and I think my humans quite like it. I heard them say I was named after someone on that flashing box?

I would like to be named after the great Jennyanydots. My favorite cat of the Jellicle Tribe.

#### What is your favourite food?

I don't have a favorite; I eats lots of GoCat, but I also like finding snacks in the garden!

### Where is your favourite place to be?

I love basking out in the back garden grass on sunny days and chasing the leaves in the breeze.

### What is your favourite way to entertain yourself (annoy your humans)?

I'm an expert leg weaver, I like to keep them on their toes so they know whose boss.

### What is your greatest accomplishment?

I'd say it's probably training my humans to open the door when I point at it

#### What is your next goal in life?

I'd like to go see Cats the musical and maybe meet my favorite Jennyany-dots!

### If you could be/do anything for a day, what would it be?

I'd like to be a big lioness so I could give my humans big cuddles!

# Finally and most importantly...What was your human's most embarrassing moment?

My humans most embarrassing moment is probably when he was cleaning the bird bath in the garden and slipped into the pond! I'd like to laugh but I've slipped in once as well



# TOY AND GAMES REVIEWS GAMES TO PLAY WITH YOUR HUMANS

### Open the Door game. Rules:

Wait until your human

is preoccupied with something else, like working or watching their favourite television program.
Ask to be let out. At this point I will mention you get double points if you live in an upstairs flat or don't have a gar-

out off lead.
Once outside wait until
you know your human
has sat back down,
then calmly walk back

den that you can be let

indoors and lie down or casually play with a toy. Your human will then get up to shut the door.

Once they have sat down again you need to rush to the door with an appearance of urgency. Your human will rush to open the door again.

### **Objective:**

Keep repeating this until you get your human to react in a positive way for you.

By either giving you a treat or playing with

you.

See how many score points you can get in a day/week and share your score with your furpals.

#### Points:

Human does the jumpy up and down dance - **10 points** 

Get a treat - **50 points** Human plays with you -

100 points

Double points—living

in an upstairs flat or a house with no garden



Tell me about your favourite games you play with your humans.
You could be in next month's Publication

### Toy Review - Kong

### Toy:

Classic Large Kong - Red

Cost: £9.99

Date Bought: March 2015

#### **Brief Description:**

Bright red heavy red cone shaped toy. Made out of really tough rubber and hollow in the centre with a large opening at one end and a small opening at the other.

#### **Review:**

This is a really good multi purpose toy that is a must for all dog toy boxes.

It can thrown by both myself or my humans and due to the cone shape it hits the ground and bounces off in all directions. I can lie down and chew and slobber all over it and it seems to stand up to my rough chewing.

When I want to 'woo woo' either of my humans I grab the kong in my mouth and it becomes an awesome sound amplifier. I get to sound like a dinosaur.

My humans also fill it with various treats which takes me a while to get out.

There is an art to perfecting the rolling and dropping the kong to get the treats.

### **Overall Tigger Rating:**

I would give this toy 9 out of 10.

With so many uses I think it is a must for all dogs.

I believe they have version for other animals too, such as cats and ferrets.



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### GAMES TO PLAY WITH YOUR HUMANS

### The Staring Game: Rules:

Wait until your human is sitting down trying to watch their favourite television program.

Stand in front of them and put your front paws on the edge of their seat. Bonus points if you manage to put your paws on their legs.

Stare at them blankly. If they move their head to look around you

move your head in the same direction, so that you are always staring straight into their eyes.

Now they may gently push you down off the seat at this point but you must stand back up again.

### Objective:

Keep repeating this until you get your human to react in a positive way for you.

By either giving you a treat or playing with

you.

See how many score points you can get in a day/week and share your score with your furpals.

#### Points:

Human does the jumpy up and down dance -10 points Get a treat - 50 points Human plays with you -100 points If you would like me to review your toys or products

**Contact Me** 

### TOY REVIEW - RED LOBSTER

### Toy:

Red Lobster soft toy.

Cost: £9.99

Date Bought: June 2016

### **Brief Description:**

Bright red thick cloth lobster with a squeaker in each claw and a third squeaker in the body.

### Review:

Amazingly enough three weeks down the line, plus a bit of emergency stitching here and there, it is still in one piece.

Both the squeakers in the claws have been crushed beyond their ability to squeak but the body squeaker still works.

The actual damage has been where the seams have given a bit due to playing a bit rough with it.

It is easy for me to throw about while amusing myself and easy enough for my humans to throw too.

Although it is not waterproof so when it lands in the water bowl you need to be quick to get it out or everything will get splattered with water as you continue to play until it dries out.

### **Overall Tigger Rating:**

I would give this toy 7 out of 10.

A bit more reinforced stitching and a better way to keep

the squeakers working would definitely improve this toy.



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### TIGGER INVESTIGATES.....

### **ALABAMA ROT**

Idiopathic cutaneous and renal glomerular vasculopathy (CRGV) otherwise known as Alabama Rot was first identified in Alabama in the USA in the 1980's, hence the easier to remember name of Alabama Rot.

At the time of writing this article there is very little known about this disease other than it can be life threatening for dogs.

Here are the known elements which could help your humans be more aware of the dangers and possibly what signs to look for.

# Scientists have named it so they must know what it is and can they cure it?

The name reflects the known elements of the disease.

Idiopathic - of unknown cause Renal - affecting the skin Glomerular - a structure in the kidneys which filters blood Vasculopathy - a disease which affects blood vessels

### What is it?

It is a disease that causes lesions (open sores) on our skin. That is bad and needs treatment, however the scientists have realised we lick wounds and in the process of doing that we are actually consuming

part of the infection which is what is affecting our kidneys and spreading the disease through our bloodstream and causing blood clots.

# Where can I take my human for walks, is anywhere safe?

AS there is still a huge unknown element around this disease it is not 100% known where or when any dog could come into contact with it.

As we are walked several times a day and possibly over several different locations. Add to that the unknown timescale from being in contact to actually showing any signs of infection. Is the incubation an hour, a day, a week or a month?

Until scientists can make a breakthrough we just have to make sure our humans are vigilant with us.

# What signs should we tell our humans to look for?

There is no definite 'it looks like this' signs to look for , as it not only shows slightly differently in each case but for every dog breed and fur length will all affect our humans ability to notice it.

For example I have very short fur so my human can see any

differences on my skin very easily. However a very shaggy dog may have signs hidden deep in their fur.

Other signs to look for are soreness, swelling, open sores or other unexplained redness. Places to look are the paws, anywhere on the skin, face, mouth or even our tongues.

Vomiting, tiredness and loss of appetite.

If your human finds any of these signs then a trip to the vet would be recommended.

### Affected areas in the UK

The main number of cases have been within the New Forest area but cases have been in Surrey, Cornwall, Worcestershire and County Durham. and more.

So although dogs living outside these areas have not had reported cases it does not mean it is not possible there.

I am looking for an unknown disease with unknown causes and possibly not clear symptoms, should I just panic now? No not at all, we just need our

humans to be vigilant.

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### ALABAMA ROT (CONTINUED)

Although it is not defining rules but here is the information scientists do know about the disease.

Between November 2012 and May 2015 there were only 59 confirmed cases.

In the UK 93% (55) of confirmed cases were reported between November and May. Only 7% (4) of cases were reported June to October.

The disease has only been seen in dogs. No other species (including humans) have been affected.

It is believed all dogs affected were walked in woodland areas.

There is currently no vaccine as the actual cause has not been established. Once the know the cause it would be possible for them to try to manufacture a vaccine.

Sadly there is a high number of fatalities from this disease but some dogs have survived.

Also don't forget to put things

into perspective, of the thousands and thousands of dogs that live in the UK there has been only 97 confirmed cases of Alabama Rot between 2012 and 2015.

# Unconfirmed guessing surrounding the disease.

If it is unconfirmed guessing why are you writing about it?

Even though there is not a lot of evidence to help identify it, the disease is of such a risk that everyone needs to be educated. Even if it is only incomplete facts.

As there is still a huge unknown element to the disease, there are still areas scientists have labelled as 'not confirmed' and are current theories.

**E coli** - no evidence from current tests

**Parasite** - no evidence from current tests

Only greyhounds affected - it was originally thought only greyhounds were affected but with other breeds being affected was it just greyhounds were more severely affected?

**Drinking water or eating** 

things - tests were carried out in possible affected areas but nothing was found so no conclusive answers

The exact method of transmission is unknown.

Washing mud etc off us after woodland and muddy walks does not totally prevent against the disease.

### Future updates and breakthroughs

As with all of my articles I do try to update and keep everyone informed.

Any scientists or vets involved with the research and study of Alabama Rot that reads this, if you would like to contact me, that would be pawsome.

Further information and map can be found on the Alabama Rot website: www.alabamarot.co.uk

There is no need to panic but you need to remain vigilant.

Stay safe out there furpals

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Birthday and Gotcha Announcements



Birthday and Gotcha Announcements (cont.)



Bear Celebrating his 2nd Birthday on the 2nd of August



Ember Chops will be Celebrating her 5th Birthday on the 12th of August



Brindle\_Bruv Celebrating his 6th Gotcha Day on the 3rd of August



Robin Di Nero will be Celebrating his 3rd Birthday on the 31st of August



Daragh will be Celebrating his 7th Birthday on the 5th of August



Birthday Memories
Announcements



Blue would have been celebrating his 10th birthday on the 12th of August 2007—2015



Hollybobshound will be Celebrating her 9th Birthday on the 9th of August



Rainbow Bridge Announcements



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### OUT AND ABOUT

### Pulp Fiction Future Foods

Pulp Fiction Future Food 193 Park View, Whitley Bay NE26 3RD

#### About:

Pulp Fiction Future Food are 100% vegetarian and 95% vegan. Be rest assured that Pulp Fiction Future Food has the knowledge to serve you food no matter your dietary needs or lifestyle.

#### Food includes:

Superfood smoothies
Fresh Cold Press Juices
A range of Nutmilks
Super start Breakfasts.
Healing Soups, Curries and Stews,
Vegan Clean Treats
Ouseburn Coffee Company Cof-

fee, Loose Leaf Tea's from the Tea People

Visitors have plenty of choices for seating, from a window booth, sofas, tables and chairs inside or enjoy the outside in the back yard where there are more sofas, table and chairs.

#### Dogs:

Dogs are allowed throughout the café and wherever you sit there will always be someone coming over for cuddles and a chat.

Sometimes they even remember to talk to your human.

They make totally pawsome dog treats, unless like me you arrive while a batch is still cooking.

### **Overall Tigger Rating:**

I would give Pulp Fiction Future Foods 10 out of 10 as they are very dog friendly and we are allowed anywhere - apart from behind the counter.



Pulp Fiction Future Foods <u>www.pulpfictionfuturefood.com</u> Tel: 0191 2522205

If you know of a great place to visit with your humans and want to share it.

Email me with the details tigger@tigger.club

### TEA BESIDE THE SEA

# **Tea Beside The Sea TN40 1DP**Bexhill On Sea, East Sussex Food & Drink

#### **About Tea Beside The Sea:**

Situated inside the historic Colonnade in front of the iconic De la war Pavilion

Tea beside the sea offers home cooked food, fantastic service and an uninterrupted view of the English channel

They also host some live bands for everyone to listen to and enjoy. See their website for upcoming events.

#### Food:

Tea Beside the sea offer home baked food made from the finest

ingredients from locally sourced farmers, fishermen and artisans. The food choices include a hearty breakfast, sandwiches and even or even a tasty ice cream. They also have a great range of drinks. From a refreshing cup of tea to a relaxing Pimms while watching the waves wash over the beach.

### Dog access:

Dogs are allowed and best of all they make their own doggy treats.

#### Access:

The Pavilion has a large even paved surface and should not pose a problem any humans in wheelchairs or limited mobility. Tea Beside the Sea organises live bands for customers enjoy. Contact them for the latest events list



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### **EVENTS**

Thank you for reading

Let me know what you thought of this publication.

If you are organizing a dog friendly event

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### EVENTS IN2017





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