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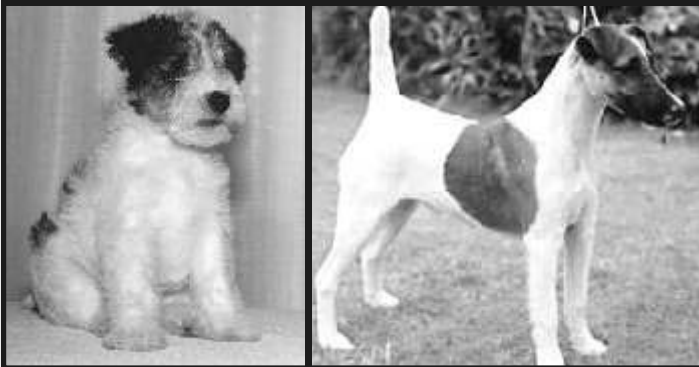
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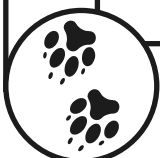


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# The Fox Terrier Road Test

As featured on the Gary Carvolth and Friends Talking Perth Show Monday 31.5.2004

## THE FOX TERRIER (SMOOTH AND WIRE HAISED):

In dealing with these dogs together it does not mean they are the same breed. Quite the contrary, and whilst their origins are similar, the Wire stemming from a cross with a Smooth hair to establish coat colour, they are entirely separate breeds though they share similar appearances and temperaments. The coat type is their major point of difference.



Terriers are defined as dogs that "should be alert, quick of movement, keen of expression, on the tip-toe of expectation at the slightest provocation" or so was written years ago.

In fact this description defines the Fox Terrier exactly and it is true to say he is the quintessential terrier of all terriers!

## HISTORY:

The Smooth variety was developed earlier than the Wire haired and they probably came from different stock.

In developing the Terriers we know today, breeders crossed ancient Dachshunds, the English Hound, and later the Fox Hound and the Beagle.

It is thought that the Smooth variety emerged from various crosses of the Greyhound, Beagle, Bull Terrier and an old smooth-coated black and tan terrier.

The Wire haired developed from a rough-coated black and tan terrier common to Wales, Durham and Derbyshire in England. These were probably then cross bred with the Smooth coats to establish the white colour so necessary to distinguish them from the fox that they were used to hunt (similar to the origins of the West Highland White).

In any event and in spite of their differences initially the two breeds are remarkably similar in type, size and temperament and until 20 years ago were shown under the same standard in some countries.

The Fox Terrier (both) was used in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to hunt foxes in England. Their job was to harass the fox into the open, confronting them in the burrow snapping and growling at them until they bolted into the open.

The Foxies were also used as ratters at that time, though now they are primarily a companion dog.

## APPEARANCE:

Apart from the coats types the appearance of the two breeds is very similar. Both have white coats with black or brown markings and both have (traditionally) upright, docked tails.

Equally, strong jaws, large teeth, physical strength (a Rottweiler in a small body!), and an eagerness that is often presented as an "intention tremour-like" quiver are all typical of both breeds.

They have flat, tapering and narrow skulls, with forward, folded and V shaped ears. Everything about them depicts courage, alertness and action. They are between 33-40cm in height, weight between 6-9kg and live to 15 years or beyond.



## CHARACTERISTICS:

In this both breeds are very similar.

The loveable dynamo, the fox terrier is ready to charge at all times.

They are described as being bold, energetic, cheerful, brave and any other adjective which you could use to describe an impulsive

and scrappy (Type A personality) little dog that has huge self esteem and a big dog presence.

I can remember as a small child having a friend whose father owned one and we were petrified of it, taking cover when he let it off for a run as was the custom in those days. It would whiz by us as it took off. This behaviour is typical in that foxies need to be exercised in a closed area or on a lead lest they take off as I remember vividly "Micky" (as he was called) doing every evening, coming back when he was hungry.

## WHO SHOULD OWN ONE:

Generally good with families, both breeds are devoted and loyal making good watch dogs though their barking may be a source of neighbourhood discontent.



They are in fact the typical terrier and need early socialization and obedience training or they can become unmanageable and can be snappy with young children, and overly boisterous with the elderly. Equally without the above, dominance challenges especially with meek owners can occur where they will guard objects, places and their own food from their owners.

They are very active indoors so can do without a yard and are fine in apartments as long as they are regularly exercised or they will become destructive.

In short they need a strong consistent hand and given this they are good pets and are low maintenance. Their coats need regular brushing and little else unless you intend showing them, when they require regular stripping, and the Wires require plucking rather than clipping or their coats will become softer. The Wires also shed little or no hair and are good for allergy sufferers.

## VETERINARY PROBLEMS:

A hardy and long lived breed they do suffer from a few ailments including a genetic form of epilepsy, deafness particularly in white dogs, reverse sneezing (termed post nasal drip and due to an inspiratory snore which can be a temperament driven), eye problems such as cataracts, dislocated lenses and distichiasis (2<sup>nd</sup> row of eyelashes that impinge on the cornea).

They also suffer from Legg Perthes disease (early deterioration of the cartilage in the hip joint), shoulder dislocations and in Perth's climate, skin problems.

In summary both the Smooth and Wire haired Fox Terriers are engaging dogs with definite Type A personalities. They make ideal family pets as long as they have been socialized and obedience trained though they are not for the faint hearted or the meek.

Tending to be dog aggressive, care needs to be taken exercising them off the lead and they can be snappy with children, other pets and strangers.

They do well in Perth's climate and so for those that know them there is no other breed. Their popularity has waned in recent years though we still commonly see them.

Tony Vigano





# Ten Good Reasons to TRAIN YOUR DOG!!

Many owners still believe that dog training is only for those who wish to compete in obedience trials. This is comparative to believing that only children who will go on to be doctors and lawyers should attend primary school!

Obedience training guides the owner in the methods used to train dogs. Unlike training children, we are unable to sit down and explain to our dog why we wish certain behaviour and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour.

It is necessary to learn how to get our dogs to understand our wishes and how to ensure that he/she responds.

The most effective methods utilize the dog's wish to please us, and he/she will readily do this if rewarded liberally with praise/food for correct behaviour and chastised verbally for inappropriate behaviour.

Ten good reasons to spend time training your best friend are:

1. *Training of the pet dog is really an education for the owner in how to integrate the dog into living in harmony with humans.*
2. *Training means spending time with your dog... at least 10 minutes per day practicing lessons learnt at "school". Both the dog and the owner should find this time fun and it helps to strengthen the relationship between the dog and the owner.*
3. *The dog will learn to respect the owner as the authority figure.*
4. *Training will help some common problems such as*

*jumping on visitors.*

5. *Training will add variety to the dog's life and help prevent boredom which in turn overcomes behavioural problems, such as digging and unnecessary barking in bored dogs.*

6. *Training impresses people. While all the dogs around you are out of control you will be proud of your dog's response to your commands and so you will enjoy your dog more.*

7. *Trained dogs are easier to handle when groomed and at the veterinary clinic (yay!!)*

8. *Some Councils will give concessions on annual fees for trained dogs.*

9. *Trained dogs may compete in competitions. While it may not be your intention to train to this level it is possible to get "hooked".*

*Training should always be enjoyable and is a challenge for the dog and owner to achieve new levels.*

*Competition ranges from basic commands through to agility where dogs compete against the clock over an obstacle course, and tracking where dogs must follow a scent to find a person. The agility course set up at the Swanbourne oval is loads of fun and good exercise!*

10. *Dogs which are trained are a pleasure to take for a walk and a pleasure to own.*

## Dog Obedience Classes

The benchmark in Perth with John Connell since 1993. Now there is a mid week evening class!!

As we complete eleven years in association with John Connell the message to all dog owners remains the same..... "there is no such thing as a bad, unmanageable breed of dog".

Most dogs have been bred from inception to carry out various tasks and hence certain traits have been selected over the years. These primary uses have largely been discontinued and most dogs are solely our companions. The background of the genes remains however and if left to their own devices many dogs may exhibit unacceptable behaviour because of this.

The territorial German Shepherd, the dog aggressive Pit Bull and Staffie, the chasing Border Collie and the hyperactive terrier are examples of breeds and types of dogs that are really only exhibiting the behaviour that we (or our forebears) have selected, and so we can hardly blame the dog if it exhibits these traits when left untrained.

Early socialization from 6-8 weeks of age at puppy school, leading to a basic dog obedience course are absolutely pivotal to producing a well mannered and sociable dog. This applies to all dogs not just pure breeds.

Politicians can turn the whole thing into a vote winning exercise by banning certain breeds of dogs or condemning them to wear muzzles in public and so on, but the facts are that under the right



conditions every dog can be trained to become well mannered.

It is owners and not dogs that are at fault when things go wrong but it is the dog that pays the price.

We have recently added a new dimension to our ever popular dog obedience classes held on Sunday mornings, by introducing a night class on Wednesday evenings. In conjunction with the Nedlands City Council we will be conducting these mid week classes on the lower oval at College Park (adjacent to the Edith Cowan Uni campus) in Claremont.

Sunday classes will still be held but we felt that the midweek class will cater for those owners who have sporting and other commitments on weekends. The classes are based on six, weekly lessons of about 90 minutes and will really open your eyes as to how easy it is to understand your dog and to dictate his/her behaviour. That feral creature on the end of the leash that is straining to get away to do any number of atrocious things will be a thing of the past! You will enjoy your best friend so much more and so will all the people he/she comes into contact with, not to mention the neighbours.

**Appointments can be made by ringing Dot at Swanbourne on 9384 2644.**

***You owe it to your dog!***





# The Puppy Plus Package:

The most important thing you can do for your new puppy is to properly socialise him/her particularly in view of the stringent new application of the Dog Act.

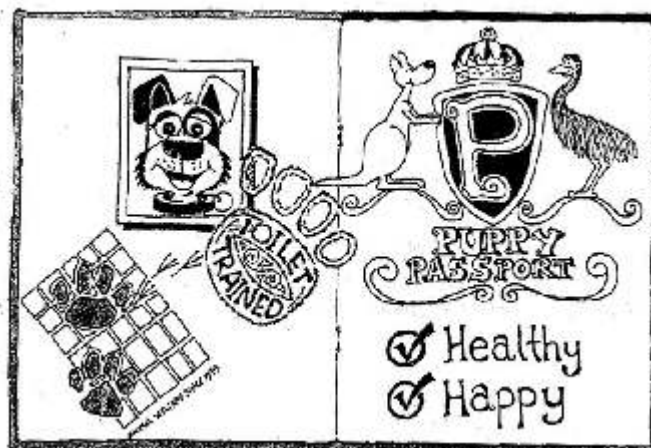
Legislation however is only a small part of the story and the benefits you will obtain from a well mannered dog in later life are far more important.

Instead of a stressful situation whenever your dog interacts with other people and animals on those wind down walks in the park at the end of the day, it will become the pleasurable experience it should be.

Your heart rate is said to go down when you pat a dog but is this always the case if your best friend is hell bent on tearing out the throat of everyone he/she sees on that walk?

The answer is simple. Puppy Class is the place to start when your new companion is malleable and receptive to new experiences of the pleasurable kind and a good start here sets he/she up for life. The next stage however is as important and so we have positioned John Connell's Dog Obedience classes to follow on and compliment puppy class.

After 6 weeks on the beach front at Swanbourne (what could be more enjoyable, even on these brisk Sunday mornings than an hour spent with like-minded dog lovers under the guidance of big John) you and your dog should be set up with a real understanding that will set the pattern for the rest of your relationship (maybe the next 15 years).

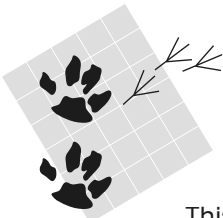


For our part we are keen to be part of this and so offer you the third part of the equation - an affordable package which includes a discount on the sterilisation of your new pet.

Therefore if you have just acquired a new puppy and are about to embark on the road to responsible pet ownership by attending the Swanbourne Puppy Class, ask about our package of puppy class/dog obedience class and discounted sterilisation. This plus the Petpro card which gives you 10% on all your over the counter products (wormers, flea products, and heart wormers) plus dog food make owning a dog much more affordable.

Ask Dot at reception next time you visit the Swanbourne Centre.


Tony Vigano



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# Puppy Plus Package



This voucher entitles the bearer to:

- 10% discount on puppy class (4 class block), dog obedience & sterilisation package (within 6 months of issue).
- Petpro discount card which provides 10% discount on all over the counter products for the dog's lifetime.

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## OUR PET TAGS

About 15 years ago we came up with the idea of free pet tags given out to all new puppies and kittens and anyone else who wanted them for an existing pet registered with us. If the pet became lost in the area we were a reference point for the finder to return the loved one to its owner.

The tag was simple...our name and telephone number, and a number that we kept on our system which related to the particular pet and his/her family.

This worked well for years and we helped reunite many animals with their worried parents.

Then came along Pet Tags and Microchipping which I realised at the time were logical extensions of this idea.

Slowly we stopped offering the tags and the idea lapsed.

I now find a good friend and colleague in the Northern suburbs still offers this service to his clients after taking the lead from us.

So.....as part of Swanbourne Veterinary Centre's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the building at 2 Devon Rd turning 100 years old this year we thought we would delve back into our past and resurrect some of the things that have helped keep us at the forefront all those years.

Therefore next time you visit Swanbourne ask Dot for a tag!

They slip onto the D ring of your pet's collar and resemble the Council registration tag.

Some good ideas are never superseded they just get forgotten amongst the avalanche of modern technology.

Oh...by the way we still recommend Pet Tags and Microchipping!!

Tony Viganò

## BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING:

**NEW Equipment**

We have recently purchased a blood pressure monitor which will enable us to diagnose and treat hypertension. Our senior cats often suffer from high blood pressure which predisposes them to kidney failure, over active thyroid glands and even blindness. These are very common conditions in aged cats and this unit will enable us to manage these problems with much greater efficiency than before.

We will be offering this service as part of our Seniors Club Rate examination over the winter months so please when booking your pet in for a Seniors examination please inform the receptionist as we will need to ensure the unit is available at the time of your visit.

## DOUBLEVIEW PRACTICE

After 40 years we have decided to sell the Doubleview practice. This is quite a wrench for me as I was originally employed to develop this then fledgling practice thirty six years ago. The purchasers have several practices in the Perth metro area and will keep on all the staff so that nothing will outwardly change and the practice will be managed by the current senior staff. I have no intention of retiring but am looking forward to having more of a presence at Swanbourne and initiating some new ideas.

I have no doubt we have passed Doubleview to people who will continue its traditions and level of service and I would encourage those clients using this practice to continue to do so.

Visit our new *revised web site*  
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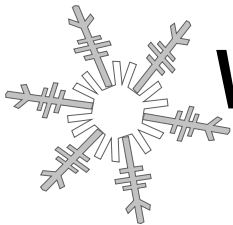
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# Winter is Senior Pet Season at Swanbourne:

Whilst most young people and pets love Winter, it being the season for bracing walks in the park, holidays (Winter Breaks) in the South West, greenery all around and that invigorating morning chill in the air, spare a thought for those getting on in years.

When winter slows you down, the chills bite deeper because you can't exercise, but winter means more than just creaking joints.

Many of the conditions that afflict older animals are not easy to measure as our pets can't tell us what's worrying them and being mostly stoic beings they soldier on without too much outward sign of distress.

So, things like dental pain or impending liver and kidney disease go largely unnoticed even to the most observant owner.

This is why we at Petpro Swanbourne feel special observance of our senior pets (over 8 years of age for our dogs and cats) is necessary during winter.

To that end we will again be offering special seniors rates plus a discounted "club" rate for certain blood tests which help us better define your older pet's state of wellness.

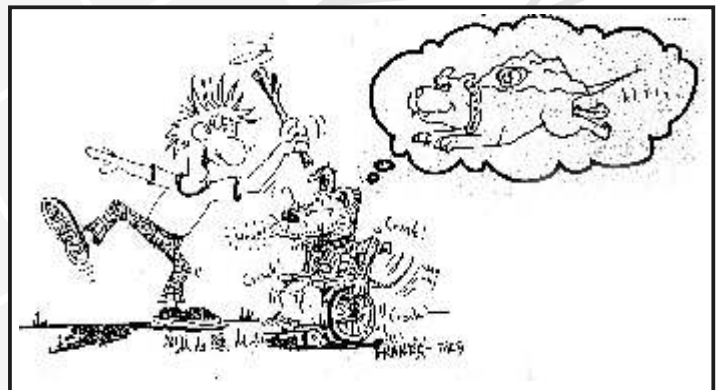
If you are concerned that your best friend is getting on in years and have noticed a subtle deterioration in his/her movements and general demeanour then winter is the time to have these things checked out.....just ask for a special "Seniors Club Rate" consultation. Be

sure to bring along a fresh urine sample (if possible) and the answers to some or all of the following questions:

1. Does your pet have difficulty in rising, or jumping?
2. Does your pet pant more on exercise?
3. Does your pet drink more water?
4. Has your pet's feeding pattern changed?
5. Have you noticed weight loss or gain?
6. Does your pet have bad breath?
7. Does your pet bump into things?
8. Does your pet have any lumps or bumps?
9. Does your pet urinate more or have incontinence?

Any one of these things may signify the beginnings of a problem and many things can be quite minor and easily corrected if recognized and treated early enough.

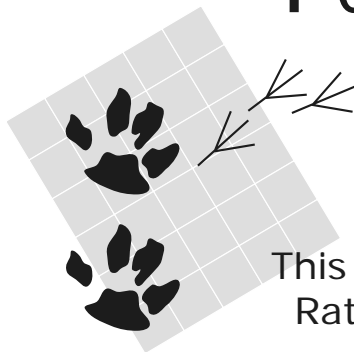
Give your pet a "Winter Break" as well and ask for a Seniors Club Rate consultation....you may be saving your best friend's life.



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### Seniors Club Rate Voucher



This voucher entitles the bearer to a Senior's Club Rate examination and blood profile as required.

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# Petpro People

Following an advert we circulated for a receptionist who wanted a life style (Seachange) shift as a veterinary receptionist we came up with Nickee out of over 150 applicants.

Nickee has worked in the area of reception in a number of professional offices as well as the government and she joins us at a time when her interests are most definitely turning towards animal care, having commenced an Animal Care course part time at Bentley Tafe.

Apart from tending her 4 year old Malamute (Lakota), Nickee's wide range of interests include watching local bands in pubs (where incidentally she has become a real hussler as a pool player I am told), brewing her own beer, and, to tame this down a bit, gardening, crosswords and board games (knitting still remains a dream at this stage).

Want to know more.....come along to Swanbourne to meet Nickee. The waiting room will never be the same.

PS: she is also a Dockers supporter .....



# The Woolly Winter Clip

With Winter well and truly upon us it is definitely time to make some decisions regarding your Winter wardrobe.

Although in the warmer months you choose the full body clip for its comfort and style, winter demands a different approach to dressing.

That's why we are now offering our valued clients a "Woolly Winter Clip".

It's not a full clip but a trim of your face, backend and paws, as well as a bath, blowdry, nail clip, ears and anal gland check, so you can strut your stuff at the park with confidence and panache.

The Petpro Veterinary Centre also stocks a wide range of accessories such as doggy jumpers, collars, and leads so you can coordinate your entire wardrobe.

Ask to see our full range of dog coats as well. They are beautifully tailored and come in some great colours so you can make a bold statement while remaining snug and warm all winter.

If you are interested in our Woolly Winter Clip offer please get the boss of the house to ring Swanbourne on 9384 2644 for an appointment.

Plus, if you bring this voucher in with you, you will receive our special promotional price of \$30.00 inclusive! The offer has been extended this year to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

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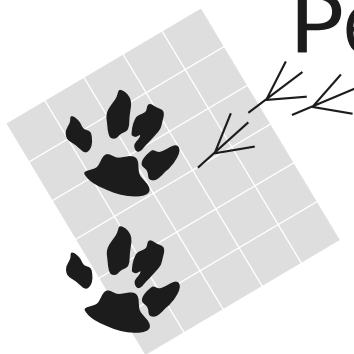
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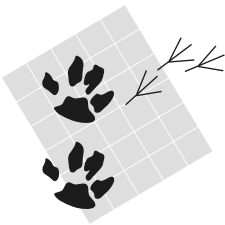
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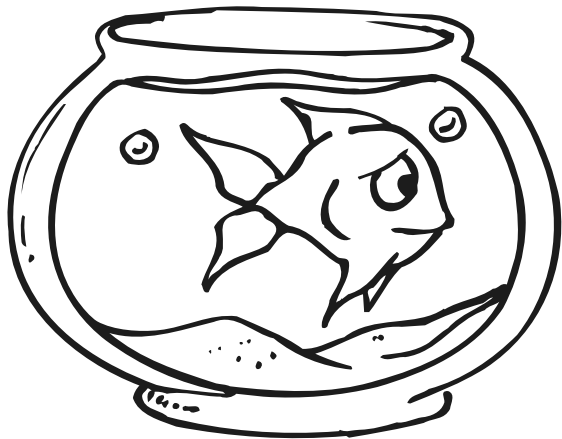
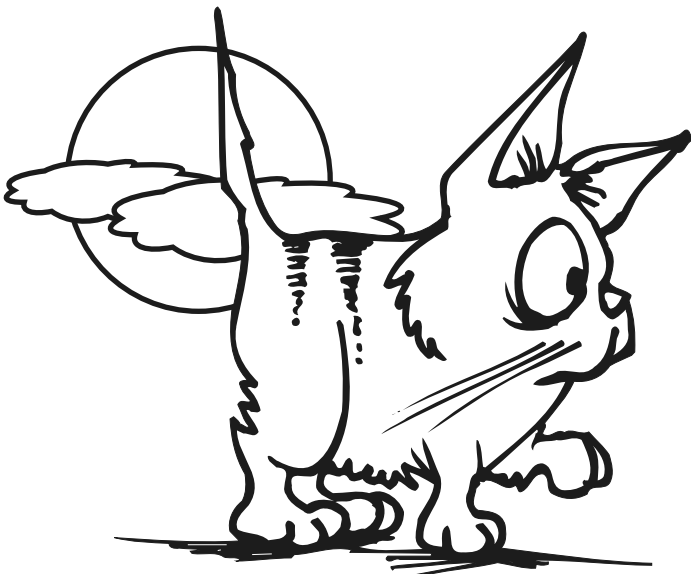
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## ★ Kids Corner ★

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*Good Luck!*

