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On a cold & wintery day in August 'Shina' the hardened Northern Territorian had his first snow experience at Corin Park. He looks like he is a born snow bunny the way he blends in.



Furrytales Friend of the Month is Heike Hahner.



Heike's own pack. Now who else but a behaviourist's dogs are going to pose so calmly without the aid of superglue?

My original background is in the Visual Arts & human psychology. From my artistic side comes my love for observing and understanding animals and humans.

I started my 'dog' career as an ACT Companion Dog Club instructor in 1992. From there I studied with John Fisher, author of "Dogwise" and founding member of the Association of Pet Behaviour Consultants UK, completing his course, Canine/human interface, in 1999. In addition I enjoy expanding my knowledge of dog behaviour and psychology with regular private study.

My special area of interest is inter-species relationships. This area looks at how different species, such as dogs and horses or dogs and humans interact, influence and communicate with each other. Over the last 17 years I have spent an increasing amount of time observing a small group of dogs (my pack featured above) in a semi-natural state, interacting with a range of domestic, native, feral animals and humans.

"I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contained, I stand and look at them long and long." ~ Walt Whitman

My methods of working are very much orientated towards problem solving. I provide advice that is tailored to suit the individual dog and his owner's needs, and I aim to increase the owner's enjoyment and understanding of their canine companion's complexities, vulnerabilities and requirements.

Heike offers group behavioural/training classes & one-on-one home behavioural consults. Dr Fiona has recently completed one of Heike's Sunday morning course with Lily her Kelpie.

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'Moses' Furry Testimonial by Helen Bedford

Moses is my 12 year old border collie cross who, at the beginning of the year was overweight and limping very badly from arthritis. A change in his diet, glucosamine and omega 3 supplements and short, regular walks have brought about a major change in his wellbeing. The family had thought Moses would not survive as he had been in so much pain. He struggled up and down 3 steps to get to the garden and lacked energy. Moses now walks up the hill between Lyons and Weston without any limping. He runs and jumps and is full of energy. We brought about this change with a commitment by all that he would not be given any snacks or tidbits between meals and that we would all be strong and disciplined with his food intake and walks. The first walks were very slow but he moved onto longer ones quickly. Now he is ready and able to go for very long walks and loves being outside. This change was easier with consistent and encouraging vet advice from Dr Fiona. My brother and I agreed last night that you had saved his life. Thank you! Helen



'Moses' on top of the world.'



Stick Um Up

This month Dr Fiona had the unusual task of pulling this stick out this nose! The stick was wedged well up the nostril & could not be seen from the outside. Surprisingly, given the length of the stick there was no bleeding or permanent damage.



Remember to send in your photos if you would like your 'furry' babies to feature in our newsletter. Here is 'Earl' Pittman, a cheeky Maine Coon baby who has recently joined the family.

Furrytales is holding its first 'Furrytales Friends Walk' at Lake Burley Griffin. Walks will be held on the first Sunday of the month starting in November (2nd). We encourage people to bring along their four-legged friends for a bit of socialization.. a great opportunity for Furrytales babies as you know all the dogs will be vaccinated. Look out for more details in next months newsletter. If your furry friend is of the feline variety, come along anyway and enjoy a coffee & chat at The Deck at the end of the walk.