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PAWSOME NEWS



Official Newsletter of Underdogs Rehabilitation Centre

Pawsome newsdates

BY THE EDITOR

Welcome to our very first UDSA newsletter.

We at Underdogs is very committed to the breed, rescuing and rehabilitating with thousand of successful adoptions under our paws.

Our main concern is education, therefore we decided to send out a news letter not just for all the pawsome news happening in our little corner of the world, but we would also like to bring some interesting facts to your computer screens.

We also have an exciting pawdate that we love to share with everyone.

It is our birthday! Yes, Underdogs is turning 10. We are getting ready for a huge celebration on the 30th October so watch our Facebook page for more info. It is going to be the most pawsomenest celebration ever!

I truly hope you enjoy our little tail wagging letter with some fun facts and pupdates every month.

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The Stages of Puppy Growth

Some of us, when we think of a puppy, imagine an adorably tiny dog that can barely open his eyes stumbling around as he explores the world. Others see a whirlwind of doggy energy that can't keep still for a second because there are too many balls to chase, scents to smell, and things to pee on... and then roll in.

There are two reasons for this discrepancy:

Puppyhood isn't something that lasts just a few weeks. Dogs don't become adults until sometime between 1 and 2 years of age.

Despite the fact that they go through a number of stages of growth and development, we tend to consider dogs either puppies or adults. So what are the stages of puppy growth and development? Depending on what methodology you want to follow, there are anywhere from 5 to 7 stages of puppyhood that start

Neonatal period (0 to 2 weeks)

Puppies can touch and taste at birth, but that's about it. During this period, they are going to be most influenced by their mother (or mother surrogate) and littermates, and will start learning some simple social skills, coordination, and the ranking process. Mostly, they'll just eat — newborns need to have milk from mom or a commercial milk replacer about every two hours.

Transitional Period (2 to 4 weeks)

Their eyes open, they stand and walk, their sense of smell and hearing develops, they wag their tail, teeth start coming in, and they'll even start to bark. By the end of this period, they should be able to use the bathroom on their own and see quite well on their own.

Socialization Period (4 to 12 weeks)

This is the stage and timeframe where it's incredibly important to introduce your pup to other people and dogs. By five weeks, puppies are aware of their surroundings and start really enjoying playtime. Good experiences with people from weeks 5 to 7 will play a large role in how they continue to interact. But even though they'll start being influenced by people after about a month, ideally you want puppies to remain with their mother and litter mates for eight weeks to learn inhibited play biting and other dog socialization cues. By week seven, you may be able to start house-training your puppy. From weeks 8 to 10, your pup will go through a normal "fear" period that can be helped with training that is positive and encouraging. But the true training "golden time" is from 9 to 12 weeks, because your pup is actively working on social skills and paying attention to both people and litter mates..

A world
without
dogs... Would
be a very
empty place



Ranking Period (3 to 6 months)

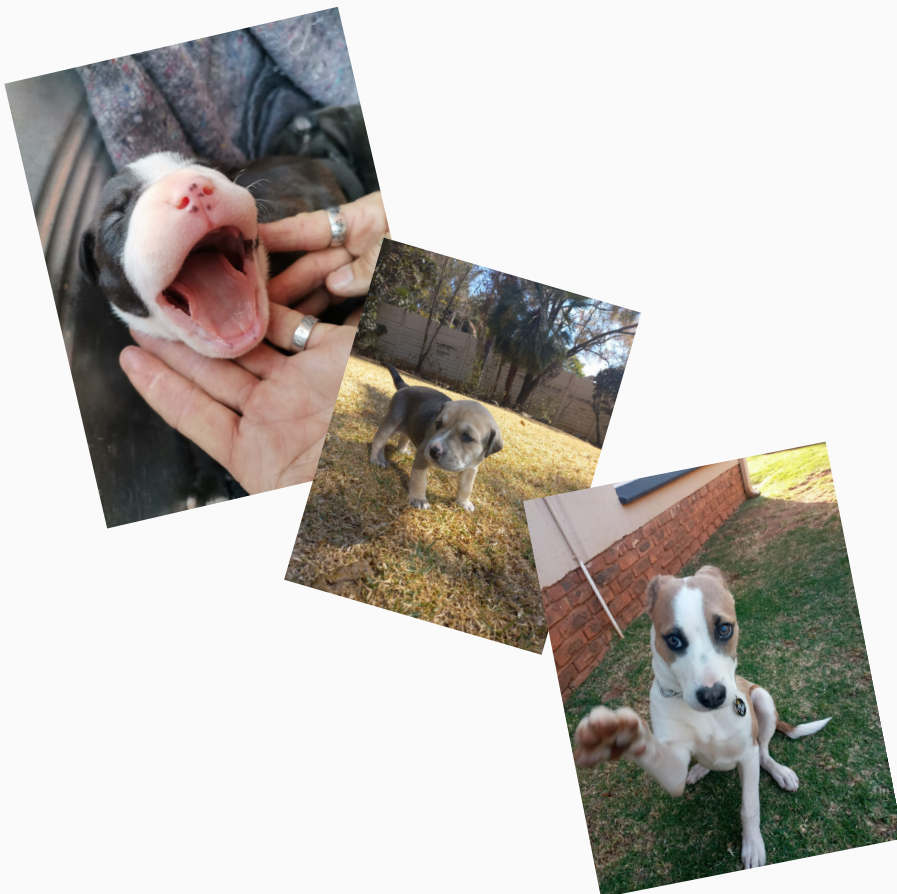
Think about this period as “elementary school age.” Just like human children, dogs at this point are most influenced by their playmates — both dogs and people. During this stage, your pup will begin to understand and use ranking in terms of submission and dominance. Teething and related chewing (and chewing issues!) happen around this time, and when the puppy is about four months old, she’ll go through another fear stage.

Adolescence (6 to 18 months)

Your pup now understands that he has a pack (which may consist of both humans and dogs) and his behavior will be most influenced by this group. You can expect your dog to challenge you more as he explores dominance and his role in the pack. Dogs that aren’t spayed or neutered will also start exhibiting sexual behavior during this period, and a second chewing stage will likely begin somewhere between 7 to 9 months.

By knowing what to expect and at which times, you can better prepare yourself to deal with specific behaviors so you handle them in a way that is both positive and encourages the kind of behavior you want

When you
rescue an
animal you
rescue a
soul....



Pawsome Fun

We love to volunteer

As we lose ourselves in the service of others we discover our own lives and our own happiness

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VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED!

We are looking for dedicated people to:

- Walk the dogs
- Play with the dogs
- Give love to the dogs
- Become part of a family of like-minded people
- and so much more!



One of The Greatest Gifts YOU CAN GIVE is your Time

Want to become a voice for the voiceless?

Contact Claudia: 074 564 4455 support@underdogs.co.za

Thank you!

We would like to thank all our supporters and all the pawntations that came in recent! If you would like to donate or help our cause no matter how big or small please contact us.



Registered NPO - all donations are tax deductible

Donations WISH LIST

Harness, Collar, & Leash - Fund

We order special harnesses that fit the unique bodies of our Pitties comfortably. Instead of buying these items for us, we ask that cash donations are made towards our harnesses, collars, & leashes fund.

Other

- Blankets (we find the PEP blankets - R59.00 - most durable)
- Laundry detergent
- F-10 products
- Metal dog bowls (not plastic)
- Plastic kiddies shell sandpits / pools

Food

- JOCK dog food pellets
- Tinned dog food
- Milko-Pup powder for puppies

- Dog Chews
- Building materials / hardware / tools
- Gift Vouchers (Makro, WestPack, Takealot, etc)
- Cleaning materials & supplies
- SPONSORSHIPS!!

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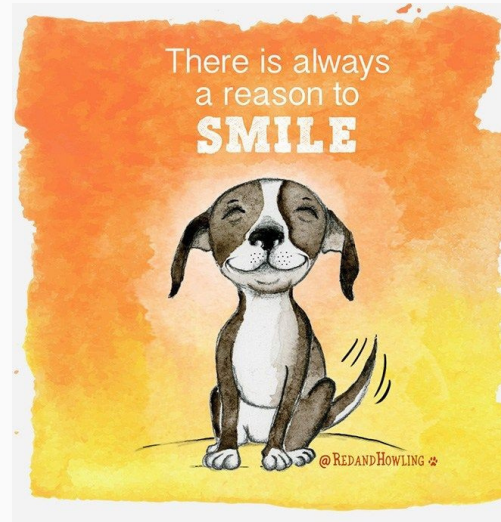
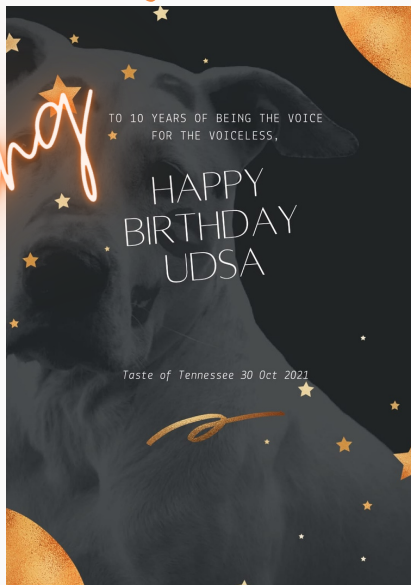
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Save the date

We are celebrating



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