

# Waggin Tails

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'Leading the pack'

Date  
for your diaries!

We will be on Holiday  
from Wed 18th to Sun 29th  
January. Normal service  
from Mon 30th Jan 2012

Vicky & Tonin  
(Frome)



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**DONT MAKE A FUSS!** Pleased with your dog's recall, you are out on a nice off lead walk with him/her. Playing fetch, running about & having a dog sniff...(the dog not you) Another person & their dog comes into view and your dog heads over to say HI! After a quick sniff and tail wag, you recall your dog, but unfortunately the other owner has taken a bit of a shine to him/her & starts to fuss them, talk to them, bend down and maybe even give them a treat! No chance now! We all know how frustrating that can be & even the best trained dog (& owner) will struggle with this. We call it Dog Owner Etiquette, so spread the word, Diplomatically of course 'don't fuss or treat my dog please!' you'll be amazed the difference it will make & how many are unaware of the impact this has on peoples dogs!

With winter on the horizon, one thing to look forward to (as well as snow & nice chilly mornings!) is that Stourhead Estate will once again allow visitors to bring their dogs into the garden. From November to February on short leads only, so if you have never been before it's certainly worth a visit.

Entry fee for non members is £8.10 per adult  
Tel 01747 841152



Although many of us will be using our gardens less & less over the coming months, our dogs & cat's will still be mooching about outside. Unbelievably, its quite common to have poisonous plants in our gardens that we perhaps weren't aware of. Certainly over the last few years we have had many clients dogs, become unwell which has initially been a mystery, until the offending plant or berries have been found chewed in stools! Many plants like the Christmas Rose or many types of Lilies are only harmful if eaten in quantity, but the many plants like Rhododendron or Sago palm can be far more serious even in small quantities.

For more info see :

<http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/resources/resource/s/factsheets09/factsheetpoisonoussubstances09.pdf>

Remember if your dog suddenly starts showing symptoms like vomiting, diarrhoea, or begins to act strangely, get them to the vet & investigate your garden or wherever you have been walking recently for berries, twigs & leaves!



## The Law & Your Dog

Many of you will recall from our Terms of Service that the Control of Dogs Order 1992 mandates that any dog in a public place must wear a collar with the name and address (including postcode) of the owner engraved or written on it, or engraved on a tag. Your telephone number is optional (but advisable). You can be fined up to £5000 if you don't comply & of course we won't be able to take your dog out on a walk without one! You can get tags from around £5 from pet shops, vets & even online.

With Christmas around the corner!

We will again be collecting for the RSPCA (Bath Cats & Dogs Claverton) so if you have any unwanted blankets, beds, food or toys, please leave them for us to collect over the next few weeks.

Last year we filled our VW Transporter to bursting & all was very well received, so thank you!



As many of you know already, we have two Siberian Huskies who as well as coming to work with us & walking with all of your dogs, love to work in harness as they were bred to do!

It's now the start of the 2011/2012 Rally season & we will be taking part in various rallies all over the country with Riva & Strider, inc at the Siberian Husky Club of Great Britain Rally in

Aviemore., sponsored by Arden Grange (more info at [www.siberianhuskyclub.com](http://www.siberianhuskyclub.com)). We are hoping for a successful season & were already lucky enough to place 2nd in our Class at the first rally on 8th & 9th October.

We constantly update our [www.facebook.com/WagginTailsUK](http://www.facebook.com/WagginTailsUK) page with photos & videos so do have a look and you might see your own dog on there having some fun!