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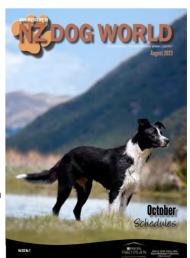
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Front Cover:

Thanks to Sue Chaytor (see page 43 of this issue!) for suggesting Tess as our cover dog, in a photo taken while camping ay Mavora Lakes, Te Wahipounamu. Aka Southridge On Point, four-year-old Tess was photographed by her owner/ breeder Victoria Russell-Hodge. This Border Collie displays the attributes of the breed although with a smooth, but acceptable, coat as described in our Dogs New Zealand Breed Standard. Tess lives to work sheep on



Victoria's small holding, and any other stock that needs to be rounded up. She is totally devoted to Victoria and is always by her side.

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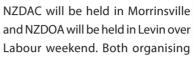
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From the President...

As we enter August and possibly the coldest month of the year it is gratifying to know that preparations for the summer shows across the country are well in hand. Plans for Dogs New Zealand's three major events for 2023 are well advanced.





teams are promising a fun-filled weekend of activities. The Purina Pro Plan National Dog Show will be held in Auckland again this year. The Admore Grounds Committee and the National Dog Show team lead by Stephen Meredith are also well advanced with their preparations. With a top international panel of judges, the Nationals are set for an exciting week. I look forward to catching up with as many of our members as possible during the show.

Over the next 10 months, Executive Council and the Strategy Committee will be embarking on a complete review of the structure of our club with the intention of presenting the 2024 Annual Conference of Delegates with a concept of the future organisation of Dogs NZ. This is a huge project but if our sport is to remain viable in the future we must adapt to progress.

During the June EC meeting the various sub-committees were confirmed and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who put forward their names and CVs. We have among our membership some very talented people and trying to fit all these into our committees was a difficult task. On behalf of EC, thank you all.

By now you will have seen the first draft of a Code of Welfare for dogs. The Canine Health and Welfare Committee is working on our submissions. To get the right conclusion we need to be united, presenting a scientific evidence-based argument. Your support is vital.

Finally, I want to thank Fiona Hodgson and her team for all their hard work and the compassion and understanding they showed as they distributed the funds you so generously gave to the Cyclone Fund. *

> Brian Harris President

If everyone is moving forward together, the success takes care of itself.

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CANINE CORNER

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Dog-themed games

Brrr...it's still cold. You've been dutifully exercising with your dog all winter but perhaps are at a loss for something else to do at night other than watch television (streaming or otherwise).

This month, I'm taking a look at dog-themed games for indoor entertainment. There are many; some of which are easily-sourced in New Zealand with others that you may need to buy from overseas. But what fun!

We'll start with **Dogopoly**, the dog version of the famous Monopoly. In

Monopoly, you buy and rent properties aiming to become the wealthiest player and the last one standing. In Dogopoly, the goal is similar except that the properties on the board feature dog breeds such as Labrador and Beagle. Instead of building houses, you build dog houses, and properties like Chance and Community Chest are replaced with 'Good Dog' and 'Bad Dog.' Wealth is defined as the player with the most cash and bones.

In **Dog Domino**, a game for 2-4 players, each player is dealt a set of seven dominoes featuring pictures of Chihuahuas, Dachshunds, Pugs and other breeds. The goal is to match photos of dominoes in your set to those that have already been played and be the first player to have played all of their dominoes.

Dog Crimes is a deductive reasoning game featuring 40 different crimes; each crime has a series of clues to help you decide which of the six canine characters is the villain. This game can be played by a single player or as a team effort and, if you have cat lovers in your household, you can also buy Cat Crimes.

For agility afficionados, there is Agility, a two-player game where you race each other to recruit the best dogs and be first to get them through a chosen agility course. It's two races in one!

In Snow Tails, you assemble a modular track and race your team of Huskies along the trail to win the race. Cards are drawn from your deck which dictate the movement of your sled team, which could be off the course, a sharp turn or even a drift to the left or right.

In **Dog Park**, you become a professional dog walker. In each round, players go through the dog park to collect resources, interact with others and to earn reputation. The winner of the game is the dog walker with the best reputation.

For young players, Fisher Price created the **Adopt-A-Dog** game. It's now discontinued but can be found on Trade Me and other collectible sites. It has its own carrying case and figures of a Poodle, Dachshund, Bloodhound, English Sheepdog, Dalmatian and Chihuahua. You guessed it - the goal is to adopt every dog at the shelter.

And if board games are not your thing, perhaps cards are. Try playing Poker, Solitaire or Go Fish with a set of cards with a twist. Dog Lover's Cards feature the numbers and suits of a traditional card deck but with the added bonus of dog pictures. **



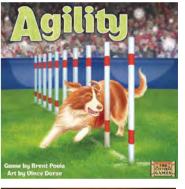


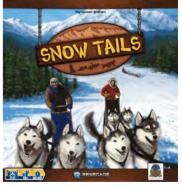














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A 'THANK YOU' TO OUR DOG COMMUNITY

Thank you everyone who had kindly donated to us over the five months since the tragic event on 14 February — Cyclone Gabrielle.

Our lives changed in a heartbeat.

Not only did Kerry and I lose our home in Hawke's Bay but my daughter and her young family did too, as well as my elderly parents in their 80s

We are all still homeless.

We have thankfully managed to largely rebuild the kennels in haste, though they're currently prone to flooding each time we have excessive rain.

I am currently battling councils, insurance companies, and waiting for the final decision from the regional council to give a final answer on the zoning of the properties. This will identify whether we can rebuild and move on with our lives, or continue to sit in limbo.

I am eternally grateful to everyone who has helped us though this time with a variety of ways, whether it be a temporary home to live in, help with fostering our dogs, donations, physical help, or simply an ear to vent to when things are getting overwhelming.

Words will never be enough. **

Diane O'Neill Chesterhope

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Eye Health Testing

Dogs New Zealand's Canine Health & Welfare Committee is aware the current shortage of qualified veterinary ophthalmologists in New Zealand means there may be limited opportunity for some members to get eye testing completed for their dogs.

It is important to remember this may have an impact on puppy registrations for breeds or schemes that require eye certification of the parents of the litter as a part of the registration requirements. Please be aware that if your puppy registrations have a requirement for current eye certification (current is dated within 12 months of the first date of service), and this is not obtainable, then before the first service, you should apply to the CH&WC for dispensation. Either a dispensation or a current certificate will be required to register the puppies of breeds that have schemes requiring eye health certification.

Current approved ophthalmologists who will issue the eye certificates are: Dr Peter Collinson, Auckland, and Dr Steve Heap, Christchurch. Dr Heap is supporting a number of club-organised health clinics so keep a watch for those events.

CH&WC is looking to organise a health-testing clinic with international veterinary specialists in the central North Island towards the end of 2023.



Dogs with Stories: Capturing New Zealanders With Their Four-Legged Best Friends

Words & photos by Mardo El-Noor \$79.99, Beatnik Publishing, beatnik publishing.com

Here we have a book that captures New Zealanders with their four-legged best friends.

Featuring more than a hundred dogs and a hundred dog owners, Dogs with Stories showcases a series of dazzling photographs that are rich in details, objects, and personal stories. These 'hyperrealistic' photographs were elaborately staged at homes and

workplaces their lives with

Each photograph is a lighthearted story based on at the time of the photo shoots.

of Kiwis who share furry best friends.

accompanied by interviews conducted

This book is a great gift to buy for yourself if you are a fan of David LaChapelle, Annie Leibovitz, or Norman Rockwell. It's also a perfect present for a family member, friend, or client who's into dogs or interior design, especially if you've run out of options when it comes to cookbooks and rugby biographies. This is a limited edition, unique, large-format art book, with CreativeNZ backing for the four-year-long project.

Photographer Mardo El-Noor (www.mar.do) is a hybrid creative who makes a living off creating stuff he likes, such as directing and animating commercial ads, music videos, and branding content. When he's home, he keeps himself busy with projects that involve interior design, upcycling, and heaps of dust. He's German-born and Middle East-raised and has called New Zealand home for 20 years.

Dogs With Stories is his first foray into staged photography and writing, and hopefully won't be his last. Not a dog owner himself, Mardo hopes he will have taken the leap of becoming one by the time you read this. 😩

Junior Dug Training

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JDT Benefit Show 2023

Junior members and JDT supporters from all around the country gathered for the second Junior Dog Training Benefit Jumpers Show during Matariki weekend (from 14 July). Kindly hosted by the Cambridge Dog Obedience Club in their lovely grounds, the show was a wonderful success. The six Jumpers and four JDT events were very well attended, with more than 2000 entries overall.

The event is an important fundraiser to help keep the cost of attending the annual JDT camp as low as possible for participants. The camp takes place every January and is the highlight of the year for JDT kids young and growing-up. They have the opportunity to meet up with old friends, make new ones, learn more about what it takes to be a good dog owner and handler, hone their handling skills and have a whole heap of fun.

The proof of the success of the camp was certainly in the results, with JDT members featuring highly in the placings and taking quite the haul of ribbons home with them. It was also great seeing some little people having their first runs in the JDT Beginners class — the next generation of dog Agility handlers!

A huge thank you to the judges who gave up their time: Martin Bush, Graeme Jeffries, Janelle Davidson, Dave Cook, Justine Dale, Stephanie Butler (JDT) and Paige Catlin-Maybury (JDT), and to Cambridge for loaning us their grounds, gear and club members, and to Emma Peplow for loaning gear too. And a big thank you to our amazing Show Manager Sheryl Mitchinson and Event Secretary Polly Catlin-Maybury, who kept everything running smoothly over the weekend. And a huge thank you, thank you, thank you to our wonderful sponsors who supported the event.

There were some amazing courses and fantastic runs and it was great to see so many JDT people getting involved in running and helping out. And most importantly, everyone had fun and took the best dog home! 📽



Thank you to Paws the Moment Photography.



Gracie Cormack and Evo. above. Jess Tuppen and Liar, below.





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Around the clubs

Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club

For our first assessment of 2023, on 7 May, we had a record number of Foundation dogs — 19! We also had five Silver dogs, and a couple of Bronze and Gold dogs. Handlers came from dog training clubs all over the Lower North Island, more than one with two dogs as well. I think this shows there's pent up demand for CGC assessments as CGC training is now offered by more and more clubs, as well as by private trainers around the region.

Fortunately, although we were in for a challenge completing assessments of so many dogs, the weather was perfect, warm but cloudy, and we had a good number of stalwart helpers and threeplus assessors to hand. Irma Harris and Geoff Collins looked after the Foundation crowd with huge patience and kindness, and Steve Harris looked after the Silver and Gold dogs. We also had Rosemary Cleator, from Horowhenua Obedience Dog Training Club, assist with Bronze assessments after lunch, having first passed both Silver and Gold with her dog!

We managed to finish Foundation before lunch, with seven passing, six of which went on to do Bronze and a total of four dogs passed Bronze. Of the Silver dogs, two passed, but only Rosemary also passed Gold.

From TBCOC, Shelley McDonald with Simba, Sarah Searancke with Merlo, Lynne Barr with Zoe, and Jan Voss with Finnigan all passed Foundation, and myself and Opal passed Bronze. (I was particularly proud of Opal going so well as she had spent most of the day in the car while I was running the event, so by 2:00pm when we were due, there was a lot of running pent up in those Pointer legs...).

The TBCOC grounds lend themselves particularly well to CGC events since there are a lot of natural distractions of different kinds going on all the time (trains, sports, the public walking their dogs, joggers and cyclists), which makes testing the dogs relatively easy to arrange.

We also had helpers who had assisted at CGC assessments before, so they knew what was required and when, and last but not least, we had Sue Paterson whose patient and well-behaved dogs between them helped test all 19 Foundation dogs!

Big 'thank you's to everyone there on Sunday for making the day such a friendly, pleasant and successful event! *

> Kat Thorstrand Mitchel, TBCOC CGC Co-ordinator











The South Island Hound Club held a Lure Coursing event on Kings Birthday, 5 June 2023. It was a celebration of watching our dogs in their element, doing their work (or as close as we can replicate safely) and the art of capturing this utter joy on 'film'.

Original SIHC member Paul Mason has been honouring us with his camera since we began. Although he was not able to attend his event, photographers Lisa, Jorga and Kim were enjoying the action, and, new to the coursing camera, Siobhan lasted all day in the centre of the field. It was very, very cold and raining at times — brrr!

On previous occasions, Cherie and her son Reuben have produced some marvellous shots. I myself like to catch moments around the sausage sizzle of people keeping themselves and their dogs warm and enjoying the day.

On the field, every now and then one of the chasers would divert to give Siobhan a greeting, then rejoin the course. This is how she photographed this beautiful Staffy girl coming directly to her for a kiss (right top).

One of the most engaging things at Lure Coursing is to see the big dogs really moving, something rare otherwise. In our main photo, Siobhan caught these gorgeous Rhodesian Ridgebacks.

And Lisa captured, bottom right, Vuleta's delightful Borzoi Lilly romping.

We continue to work towards judged events but will always cherish the camaraderie of non-competition as well. The field on this day consisted of: 11 Whippets, two Afghans, a Borzoi, three Rhodesian Ridgebacks, an Australian Shepherd (Trudy's superb Liam), a Border Collie, a Golden Retriever, three Staffordshire Bull Terriers, a Staffy cross, a Springer Spaniel, and three Basenjis. Plus a baby Saluki

> (left) who came just to watch this time. 📽

Fiona Watson

South Island Hound Club (Inc)











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Age is no barrier!

Supplied by Leanne Gibson, Secretary

Our members are always telling us how much they enjoy sharing their dog with people in need at rest homes, hospices and hospitals. So we thought we'd take the opportunity to ask one of our youngest members and our most recent recipient of a 20-year Honorary Service award, to tell you why they love being members.



Lauren Harkness, Napier

My love of dogs and community service led me to volunteer for Canine Friends Pet Therapy. My mum Leanne found the website and she quickly became involved. She has been taking my Border

Collie-X Sam to visit rest homes over the last two years and is the Liaison Officer for Napier.

During the school holidays I started going with Mum and enjoyed seeing Sam using both the Obedience and Agility training I do with him (I am a junior member of Dogs New Zealand) transferring to visiting residents. He is perfect for the job, just the right height to rest his head on their knee and he loves being patted for hours.

As well as seeing how well-behaved he was at the rest homes, it was cool to see the pleasure he brought to the residents. So many people talk lovingly about their beloved dogs that have either passed away or are being looked after by family. It makes people happy to remember their pets and to have some time with mine.

The residents I visit are also interested in the training and Agility competitions I do with Sam. They ask after the weekend how he went at competitions and are quick to praise Sam if he did well. Sam and I attend weekly Agility training at Napier Dog Training Club in Meeanee. Sam started puppy school there and we are still involved five years later.

I am one of the youngest members at the club, and everyone is super supportive and encouraging. We have so many experienced Agility members willing to share their knowledge; a lot of them are teachers which means they are good at explaining things. However, it can be stressful with so many 'chiefs' to pack the trailer when we travel away! We have a great group which travels to events, sharing the costs, and we all have a fun time.

For me, home isn't home without a dog so it's sad for many people having to give up their pets to go into a rest home. It is a privilege that I can share Sam with them and he is often asked to show off his tricks — residents are well impressed that he has recently learnt to wave goodbye. A couple of residents have passed away during our time with Canine Friends and Sam has been respectful and thanked at their funerals by the families who knew about his visits.

Our small Foxy-X Toby is now also a Canine Friend dog so we can share the visiting and residents get to enjoy either of the dogs. Sam is a natural and loves people more than dogs. The hardest



part about the job is making sure the residents don't feed him too many treats (or their chocolates!) and he is also partial to nice polar fleece blankets so I need to watch he doesn't hop onto their beds before he is asked!

My service to Canine Friends Pet Therapy is also helping me complete my Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. As well as tramping, camping and sporting goals, my service to our school's enviro group and Canine Friends count towards the service section of Duke of Edinburgh awards. This section requires 52 hours of non-paid community service to be completed.

I feel very lucky to own a great dog like Sam and for me the training is just as much fun as the competing. I enjoy seeing him learn and love how hard he tries to please me. He's a super dog and it's awesome that other people, often in vulnerable situations get the pleasure from his visits.

Elizabeth Boyes, Lower Hutt

I was overwhelmed recently to receive my Honorary Member certificate for 20 years of service to Canine Friends Pet Therapy.

I joined Canine Friends in 2003 when I read an article in the Hutt News as I was wrapping up my potato peelings! I contacted Eileen Curry, our founder, and began a very happy time with Canine Friends

Memories include sitting at the table at Eileen's peeling and chopping onions, mountains of them. They were for the hot dogs we were selling as a fundraising exercise. It was a freezing morning and Eileen ended up in hospital! For seven years I picked Eileen up and we went to the Lower Hutt hospital and did our visits. I went to the children's ward and Eileen to Orthopaedics.

Committee meetings were held in Eileen's lounge, and we had outdoor activities including visits to the Remutaka Forest Park and walks at Kaitoke and Upper Hutt. Friends were made for life and the dogs had a great time.

Since moving to the Bob Scott Retirement Village, I have been assessed with Tia, my Golden Retriever, and we have done some visiting. Tia is loved by the residents and provides much needed therapy. When she passes through reception there is a traffic jam as people stop to pat her!

I have made many friends at Canine Friends Pet Therapy and think it's a wonderful organisation. 📽

MUSEUM TRUST

Dogs New Zealand is served by a small group of volunteers dedicated to preserving its history. Executive Council agreed at its April, 2018 meeting that a standard advertisement should be placed in each edition of the NZ Dog World highlighting the names of those involved, with contact details set out should any member wish to donate items and/or monies to the Trust, or to make general enquiries.

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The retired girls and the upcoming upstart. Alison's three dogs: Milly (11 years), Dazzle (8 years) and Gus (18 months).

A fellow competitor once asked, "When are you going to get another puppy? Your dogs are getting older! You shouldn't have a break from Agility — it's too hard to get back into it."

At the time, I wondered what the big deal was. Convincing hubby to add to our family was never going to be easy. My plan was to get my third puppy when Milly retired and train it while competing with Dazzle. Life has a habit of throwing curve balls, and mine came in the form of Dazzle's disengagement from Agility at the age of eight. She no longer enjoyed it and I found myself retiring both girls at the same time. Those words came flooding back, as I faced the dark abyss of being between Agility dogs.

In the early days, the prospect of this was rather exciting. How fabulous it was to have all weekends back and vehicles largely free of show paraphernalia. But how soon did this fade, only to be replaced with a nagging anxiety about how to stay 'mind fit' and 'body fit' for the rigours of Agility. What if I went stale? Handling techniques were changing fast. Monitoring this was going to be tricky without regular contact with the show environment and the observation of fellow handlers.

Social media, an ever-present influence, announced the passing of shows which we would normally be attending, the missed celebrations of friends reaching milestones and attaining championship status, and the changing of regulations which can be hard to keep up with when not in the fold. The gap between the current me and the competing me was beginning to widen.

Many of us have had to face an enforced hiatus from Agility due to injury to our dogs or ourselves, unforeseen circumstances, or (as in my case) poor puppy planning. How does one manage engagement with our highly addictive and loved sport, when things don't go to plan? After communicating with others who have faced a break before, I have compiled a list of things which can be helpful. Some of them may sound scary but in reality, none of them are — except maybe the last one!

1. Become an instructor or team up with an instructor as an assistant at your club. This helps out your club, fellow club members, and keeps your brain sharp and in the game. Choosing courses and exercises, analysing handling techniques, and giving support to help build skills for your group also hones



Dogs can experience anxiety just like us humans and it's not unusual for most to experience it at some point during their lifetime. Often it's short lived, though for some dogs it's a much longer term issue.

Whether the cause is environmental, separation or something else, identifying and treating anxiety in dogs can prevent it from becoming a disorder down the line.

In this article PD Insurance looks at possible triggers, preventative measures and treatment options.

What triggers a dog's anxiety?

As mentioned, anxiety in dogs can be caused by a range of factors. It's often a process of trial and error to uncover what triggers it so you can respond accordingly in assisting your pet.

One helpful avenue is talking to a specialist like a vet or pet behaviourist to help you figure out the cause/s sooner than later. They can also provide informed suggestions on how to assist your dog in working through and resolving their anxiety issues.

Common causes include:

- **Stimulation**. Sometimes the trigger can be obvious, especially when caused by sensory stimulus, e.g., your dog becomes anxious when you have visitors over or there are loud fireworks or storms.
- **Separation**. Separation anxiety can be harder to determine because your dog gets anxiety when separated from you, so you're not there to witness it and they likely calm down when you're home again. If you suspect the anxiety is caused by separation, consider investing in technology that provides a window into your pet's life while you're away (e.g. a petcam).
- Canine cognitive dysfunction. This is a syndrome that can affect older dogs and is very much like what we call dementia in humans. It can affect your dog's sense of orientation, behaviour and more.
- Other health complications. For example, conditions such as epilepsy and blood pressure issues can also affect dog behaviour.

Indications your dog is anxious

Not every dog is going to behave the same way when he or she is anxious. Some common dog anxiety symptoms include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Aggression
- · Avoiding eye contact and interaction
- Barking excessively
- Depression
- Destructive behaviours
- Drooling
- Hiding
- Lip-licking more than usual
- · Peeing and pooping indoors
- Pacing
- Panting excessively
- Restlessness
- Trembling
- Yawning more than usual

Dog anxiety dangers

Get to know your dog's behaviour so you can easily recognise any sudden changes or repetitive cycles. Then it's important to try to link the behaviour to the cause so you can take the appropriate steps to help before it goes too far.

Aggression and destruction are top concerns when it comes to the ramifications of dog anxiety. These behaviours can put your dog, you and other people in danger, not to mention your household belongings. Keep in mind your dog isn't behaving badly by displaying anxiety, they're simply asking you for help.

Our pets obviously communicate differently from the way we do. While we have the ability to speak our concerns, cry and so on, our dogs don't. The equivalent for them could be to tear your apartment to shreds because he or she misses you. Just imagine that in the mayhem they could also end up snagging themselves on a broken shard of glass or causing a heavy sculpture to fall on top of them.

Further, if your dog is anxious around other people or dogs, they could easily end up growling, snarling, barking and biting. Preventing a dog attack is an absolute must for everyone. Destructive behaviour is paved with accidents and expenses of all sorts.

How can I help my anxious dog?

There are several approaches you can take to help your dog calm down from anxiety. One, some or all may lead you to a resolution.

A good approach is to first rule out any medical causes, which a vet will help with. A sick or injured dog's behaviour is likely to change for the worse and the illness or injury is not always obvious. Talk to your vet about possible reasons and solutions for the anxiety. As a professional pet doctor they've seen it all and can give you sound medical and behavioural advice.

If you discover your pup is in good health and your vet's advice on behaviour support isn't helping, another great option is a pet behaviourist. Pet behaviourists work with pets in a similar way to how therapists do with people. They help find the causes and teach coping mechanisms.

One of the best ways to help prevent anxiety from becoming a disorder in dogs is supporting their wellbeing and happiness with a healthy lifestyle. Making sure they're eating properly and are trained, exercised and socialised all factor in.

Of course, removing or limiting exposure to triggers is a great move if that's possible. For example, if your dog is scared of other dogs you won't take the same steps as when they're afraid of loud fireworks or thunderstorms.

Preventing dog anxiety disorder

If left unchecked, a normal amount of anxiety can worsen and spiral out of hand. For example, triggers like loud noises can cause a short-term anxious reaction that's normal and can be supported as outlined above. However, without support, anxiety in dogs can become compulsive or obsessive.

In other words it can turn into dog anxiety disorder. Once a dog reaches this point, the reaction to triggers that lead to anxiety only increase - as may the number of triggers - and helping them calm down can become harder.

That's why it's important to pinpoint the problem early on and help to give them a soft landing.

Safeguarding with pet insurance

Perhaps one of the reasons we love our dogs so much is because we don't just share the good times, we share the bad too. Which is why pet insurance is so important. It's a winwin safeguard for your pet's medical needs and your savings account when pooch is going through a tough time with their health.

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