

# Little Coombe Kennels and Cattery

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We had a very busy Christmas season as always, with both the kennels and the cattery full up. Duncan and I couldn't possibly do this on our own, so we are grateful to our staff who are always prepared to work for part of Christmas Day to ensure that all the dogs and cats are looked after.

Pictured on the left are this years Christmas Day crew. At the back are Lorraine (left) and Michelle. In the middle is Angela, and at the front are Leah (left) and Rachel.

Leah has recently started at Little Coombe as an apprentice and she will be attending Bicton College periodically to gain her qualification in Animal Care.

## **Tesco Vouchers**

If any clients have no use for the "Computers for Schools" vouchers currently being given away by Tesco, we would be very pleased to collect them on behalf of our local primary school in Woodbury Salterton, where all our children started school. Thank you.

## **Plans for 2008**

We have been painting over the winter, although, like the Forth Road Bridge, it is a task which is never finished before it is time to start again at the beginning. Finding a combination of dry weather and empty kennels at the same time is always difficult.

We have recently renewed and improved the insulation in both kennel blocks, which will help both noise reduction and temperature control. Later in the year we hope to carry out similar work on the cattery. For the grooming room, we are ordering new built-in cages because demand for this service is growing all the time.

*Both of the **May Bank Holiday** weekends are nearly fully booked. Please phone as soon as possible if you are hoping to book one of these.*

*We were lucky not to suffer any damage in the recent storms, although there were 2 or 3 trees uprooted in our lane. These were removed fairly quickly by Duncan and our neighbours, so we hope it didn't cause too much inconvenience to clients.*

## Introducing Tilly



This is the latest addition to our family, a 7 week old boxer puppy called Tilly. She is settling in very well and getting on with our older boxer, Martha, although she still sometimes confuses Martha with her own mum. Tilly has already had her microchip implanted, and will start her vaccinations next week. The house-training is going well. We are using a crate as Tilly's bed and this system certainly works well. The theory behind it is that the pup will not soil their own bed area, so as long as she is given access to outdoors as soon as she wakes up, there is no mess indoors. Another advantage is that when we are busy in the office we know exactly where she is and we don't come back to find things chewed up. More news of Tilly in future newsletters.