

Little Coombe Kennels & Cattery

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Newsletter.....November 2011



During the summer, Jenny's parents celebrated their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversary. Many clients will remember Kathleen and Freddie, who also live here at Little Coombe and who have helped out in the business and with our family ever since they moved down from Scotland over 20 years ago. We had a family celebration to mark the occasion, attended by four generations.

Please book soon if you would like a space for your dog or cat over **Christmas or New Year**, as we are filling up fast.

We are not open to customers on Christmas Day or Boxing Day, but we will still be looking after your pets right through the holiday season. The kennel blocks and cattery are all heated, so everyone will be warm even in the event of a cold winter. We are hoping for better weather conditions than last December, but we are prepared for the worst just in case.



Any unwanted old towels, not fit for the charity shop, would be gratefully received for use in our grooming room. Thank you!

Kennel Cough Update

We are told by local vets and by clients that there have been many cases of kennel cough in dogs in East Devon recently, especially in Exmouth and Budleigh Salterton. We have not had any cases to date in the kennels, but when there is an outbreak in the area it is almost inevitable that a dog will bring it in with them sooner or later, before their owner is aware that their dog has any symptoms. Despite the common name of kennel cough, it does not originate in kennels but it will spread rapidly wherever dogs are close together. The usual main symptom of the infection is a harsh dry cough which sounds as if the dog has something stuck in its throat. Other dogs may be snuffly or off colour. Mild cases may need no treatment at all; others will benefit from treatment.

The cause is a mixture of viruses and bacteria, some of which can be vaccinated against. For the protection of all, we insist on kennel cough vaccination as well as annual vaccinations against distemper, parvovirus etc.

If you would like more information, please ask your own veterinary surgery or see our information sheet on our website www.littlecoombe.co.uk

Please ensure that your dog is vaccinated against kennel cough **at least one week before boarding**.