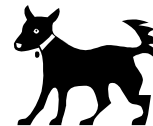


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DETECTIVE BLIKKIES SMELLS OUT STOLEN GOODS

Photograph: Blikkies ("Cans" in English) poses with Pastor JJ Coetzee (left); his handler, Johannes Mokgoshi; and John Greyvenstein, owner of Braveheart Bio-Dog Academy



THANKS to Detective Blikkies, a cross between a Jack Russel and a Bull terrier, R200 000's worth of sound equipment that was stolen from the Harvest Ministries at Rooiwal near Pretoria was found back hours after it had been stolen.

When the aid of Braveheart Bio-Dog Academy was called in, the trial was already more than 12 hours old, and contaminated by traffic and pedestrians.

PROFESSIONAL HANDLERS

Guided by three professional dog handlers from Braveheart Bio-Dog Academy, Blikkies however managed to pick up the trail and followed it to a nearby river – where all the stolen equipment was found.

Blikkies is but one of the dogs trained by Braveheart Bio-Dog Academy, situated just outside Rayton, in substance detection, personal protection, patrol dog service, and tracking.

"AN ASSET"

"The dog was so good" said Pastor JJ Coetzee of Harvest Ministries. "It is truly an asset to have such a dog".



**Nuwe lid van die
Braveheart span:**

CHANTEL COWLEY



In ons volgende uitgawe sal ons u meer vertel van hierdie besondere jong dame wat nou 'n integrale deel van die Braveheart span vorm.

TICKS

Jump into action against ticks on your dogs. With the rainy season and warmer weather, ticks that have been lying dormant become active and actively start to search for hosts to prey on. In Southern Africa they are especially dangerous to dogs, as they transmit two particularly nasty protozoan diseases, viz babesia (also called biliary), and ehrlichiosis.

DESTROYS

Babesia strikes very quickly and destroys the red blood cells. Dogs may go down with it in a matter of hours, and regularly die from it if untreated or detected too late. The typical signs of biliary are a high fever, lethargy, and inappetence. The mucus membranes become paler as the disease progresses. By the time this is noticed, the disease has already progressed to some extent.

If your vet suspects biliary he will make a quick blood smear, which normally shows the parasites up quite well. I normally advise people who have found ticks on their dog, or who stay in areas with ticks to get their animal checked if it runs a fever, or

KENNELING

Kennel your dog professionally at Braveheart Bio-Dog Academy over the Easter Break. Contact Marlize on (012) 734 4733 / 180

does not eat for a day. Ehrlichia is another tick borne parasite, less common than babesia but difficult to diagnose. It often occurs in dogs that contract babesia. Diagnosis is by a blood smear done by your vet but symptoms leading one to suspect it are swollen lymph nodes (glands), weight loss, general dullness, and fever.

PREVENTION

As with many other diseases, prevention is better than cure. There are many proprietary anti-tick treatments, such as dips like amitix, and topical treatments such as frontline, as well as preventative collars. In my experience, if you dip your dogs weekly in summer, and every two weeks in winter, you will dramatically reduce the incidence of ticks on your dogs and the chance of them contracting any of the disease they carry.

Even in suburbia, ticks occur in high concentrations in places, and your dogs can pick them up anywhere.

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REDAKSIONEEL:

Braveheart Bio Hond Akademie opereer wêreldwyd, maar is ook baie betrokke by die gemeenskap waarbinne ons akademie gesetel is.

Indien u in die Pretoria, Cullinan, Rayton area woon, maak gerus 'n draai by die Rayton Skool se fees waar ons vanaf 9 – 9:30 vm op 21 April optree met 'n hondevertoning. Die skool vra R20 pp toegang om hul fondse te styf.

Braveheart Bio-Hond Akademie het ook onlangs 'n lesing en vertoning gelever by 'n kerk-kamp vir eerstejaars aan die Universiteit van Pretoria.

SASSETA KURSUSSE AANGEBIED

Om skoolverlaters te akkommodeer wat 'n loopbaan in die honde verwante bedryf wil volg, bied Braveheart Bio-Hond Akademie die gekombineerde intree kursus wat deur die wet vereis word aan gedurende die Julievakansie; en weer gedurende die Desembervakansie 2007.03.29

Die datums is vanaf 2 Julie 2007 tot 10 Julie 2007 en weer vanaf 3 Desember 2007 tot 11 Desember 2007.03.29

Vir meer besonderhede, of om plek te bespreek, skakel Lina of Marlize by (012) 734 4733 / 180, of besoek ons webwerf by www.braveheart.co.za

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