

# THE CLAN CHAT

Your quarterly Newsletter from Clan Canines

## Welcome to The Clan Chat!



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## INSIDE THIS QUARTER'S CLAN CHAT...

Hi everyone! It has been a little while since our last Clan Chat newsletter, and you may have noticed that we have now moved to an online format in an attempt to be a little more environmentally friendly.

So much has been happening for Clan Canines in 2022 and I'm so grateful that you continue to support us by being part of our expanding Clan!

As you all know, I am in the process of selling my flat in Edinburgh and buying a house down in Castle Douglas, where I will be expanding the Clan Canines brand to another region of Scotland. Katie, Lucy and Marek will be continuing the great work here in Edinburgh and we may be expanding again in the not to distant future (so watch this space!) I really appreciate everyone's patience over the last couple of months, whilst we transition into the 'new normal' for Clan Canines Edinburgh (and whilst I waded through the enormity of buying and selling - they are definitely right when they say it's one of the most stressful things you'll ever do!)

In this Summer 2022 edition, I'd like to take the opportunity to introduce you all to our team members and share some interesting and rather random facts about them that you might not know! I'll also be sharing my top tips regarding other professional pet services in the area, and for equipment that we couldn't do our jobs without! I'll be sharing photos of our 2022 Clan recruits and Malfy will be sharing his "Dog of the Quarter" - keep reading to find out who it is this month!

Tammie x

# MEET THE TEAM!

## Tammie

As many of you know, I launched Clan Canines almost 6 years ago now, building the business up whilst working F/T as a General Manager (Patrao) at Nando's.

My random 3 facts:

- I was a bouncer for 3 years at University
- I used to do extra work for TV and once accidentally knocked Robson Green to the floor whilst filming (oops!)
- I have a restless soul and have lived in 7 different towns & cities all over the UK since leaving for University in 1998 - Leeds, Swindon, Normanton, Castle Douglas, Newcastle, Richmond (Yorks) and Edinburgh

I am the proud dog-mum to Malfy, who is a 19 month old yellow Labrador, and who is definitely still in the naughty teenage stage! **Follow him on insta:**

**[@malfy\\_the\\_labrador](#)**



## Marek

Before joining Clan Canines, Marek was a Duty & Night Manager in the hotel industry.

Marek's random 3 facts:

- He used to play bass & write lyrics for a symphony death metal band!
- He's a secret bookworm and his favourites are The Hunchback of Notre-Dame, Lord of the Rings and The Picture of Dorian Gray
- He loves hiking and endurance challenges, recently completing the Edinburgh Marathon in 4 hours, 41 mins and 43 secs!

Marek is dog-dad to handsome Harris, who we believe is a collie x husky x lab and who is 2 years old. **Follow him on Insta: [@harris\\_the\\_collie\\_husky\\_pup](#)**

## Katie

Before joining Clan Canines, Katie worked for Wetherspoons and still works there one day per week. She also worked in a care home for the disabled over lockdown.

Katie's random 3 facts:

- Katie used to play the saxophone
- Katie has a degree in English & Film Studies so loves all things books & movies.
- The love of dogs is definitely in Katie's blood, as there are more dogs than humans in her family!

Katie, along with her boyfriend, is dog-parent to two beautiful collies, Lyra and Jax. She is also dog-auntie to the handsome Big Charlie, one of our longest-serving Clan dogs!

**Follow them on Insta: [@life\\_of\\_lyra](#) [@captainjaxlog](#) and [@charlie.border.collie](#)**



## Lucy

Before joining Clan Canines, Lucy had just graduated with a BSc (hons) in Sport & Exercise Science whilst working in pubs.

Lucy's random 3 facts:

- She has ticked off ALL the castles in Scotland!
- She is now currently working her way through all the Munros, taking Cridhe with her on as many of the hikes as possible.
- Lucy's secret talent is that she can play the bagpipes!

Lucy is dog-mum to 2 and a half year old Schnauzer, Cridhe (meaning 'heart' in Gaelic) **Follow him on Insta: [@cridhe](#)**

# HIDDEN EDINBURGH GEMS

TWO GREAT PET PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN OUR REGION THAT CLAN CANINES WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND

## LISA CLEETON - VETERINARY PHYSIOTHERAPY & MANIPULATION [vetphysioandmanipulation.co.uk](http://vetphysioandmanipulation.co.uk)

Lisa is based near Tranent in East Lothian, and has helped many of our Clan members over the years (including Malfy!) She is a highly experienced vet physio who can really help determine exactly what is wrong with your dog and give you exercises you can work on at home to help.

She has helped Malfy when he had ligament damage and pinpointed the specific ligament that was injured incredibly quickly, when the vet was unable to. Other Clan members have had similar success stories with her.

Lisa works by vet referral and so most pet insurance policies will cover any sessions you have with her - please check the details of your individual insurance policy to be sure though. We always recommend consulting your vet immediately with any concerns over your dog's health, and they will be happy to refer you on to Lisa if they think it may help.



## EDINBURGH DOG BEHAVIOUR [www.edinburghdogbehaviour.com](http://www.edinburghdogbehaviour.com)

We have a long standing relationship with the team at Edinburgh Dog Behaviour and can not recommend them highly enough for dog training, dog behaviour and separation anxiety.

River is a Clinically Certified Animal Behaviourist (there are only a handful of people in Scotland qualified to that level) and, as with Lisa previously, this means that sessions with her may well be covered by your pet insurance policy, via a vet referral.

She has a team of great dog trainers and is personally specialising in Separation Anxiety at the moment, whilst studying another masters degree, this time in Animal Nutrition.

## TOOLS OF THE TRADE...



[www.dickybag.com](http://www.dickybag.com)

Bags to keep full poo bags in whilst on a walk - a total game changer and we couldn't be without them at Team Clan Canines!



[www.pawaid.co.uk](http://www.pawaid.co.uk)

One of the very best Canine First Aid kits we have ever come across at the bargain price of £24.99!



[RoyalCare Dog Training Pouch](#)

A great silicone treat pouch for your dog walks and training sessions. Ideal for 'wet' treats as well as kibble and biscuits.



['Bitsy Barks' on Facebook](#)

Great Biothane dog leads which can be made to your specific requirements. A fantastic Scottish business!

# Meet our 2022 clan recruits so far...



Roddy



Islay



Louis



Bailey



Maisie



Maisie



Milo



Margot



Mara



Mylo



Jack



Obi



Rumi



Monk



Roxy



Zac



Luna

## MALFY'S CLAN DOG OF THE QUARTER

### Doodle!

"Woof Woof! I love ALL my Clan buddies very much so I had to ask the team for some help in deciding who should be 'Clan Dog of the Quarter'! After much discussion, we decided that we wanted to give a huge shout out to Doodle - aka 'Mr Congeniality'!!

Doodle is one of the original Clan dogs and he is always a joy on the walks, both for the humans and the other dogs. Such a happy, handsome boy ( and he's always very nice to me when I see him!) Congratulations Doodle!"



Malfy xxx

