

**CONGRATULATIONS to
Nicole Brock
"Best Performance Award" WINNER**




Our Pet Sitter, Nicole Brock from Ormiston, has won the Paws Pet Sitters "Best Performance Award" for Christmas 2008. This result was based on the feedback surveys we distributed to our Christmas clients. Nicole received 100% good feedback from her clients and many raving testimonials. Great work, Nicole!

MICROCHIPPING your new pet

Getting a new pet is one of the most exciting moments for a family. Most new pet owners know the basics of caring for their new family member such as feeding, vaccinations, toilet training, basic obedience training, etc. What many are forgetting to take care of is their pet's registration and microchipping. It is very easy for your new pet, especially cats, to wander off exploring and get themselves lost. A microchip is a recognition system, where a small chip is inserted under your pet's skin. The microchip contains a unique number that is registered with your local council. If you lose your pet, they can easily be scanned and you are called with their whereabouts. Ring your local vet to arrange getting all your pets microchipped before they go missing!





Ask Bach and Buster:

How Does My Dog's Behaviour Rate?

Circle the rating that best applies to your dog then total the points.

	No/Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently
1. When the doorbell rings, does your dog bark and/or run to the door?	1	5	10
2. Does your dog demand attention by asking to be patted or to play?	1	5	10
3. Does your dog jump up on visitors (and sometimes on you)?	1	5	10
4. Does your dog ignore you when you call him to come?	1	5	10
5. Does your dog exhibit destructive behaviours, i.e. ruining furniture etc?	1	5	10
6. Does your dog lunge at other dogs or people when on a walk?	1	5	10
7. Does your dog toilet or mark in the house?	1	5	10
8. Does your dog chew on items such as shoes, children's toys, rubbish etc?	1	5	10
9. Does your dog play too roughly with children and/or adults?	1	5	10
10. Does your dog bark at the fence, passers-by or just anything?	1	5	10
11. When left alone, does your dog show signs of 'separation anxiety'?	1	5	10
12. Does your dog show any symptoms of allergies?	1	5	10
13. Is your dog very anxious and/or more aggressive at the vet surgery?	1	5	10
14. Does your dog 'steal' items, such as food from counters or tables?	1	5	10
15. When in a 'stay', does your dog leave the stay before being released?	1	5	10
16. Does your dog show any aggression toward other dogs or people?	1	5	10
17. Does your dog run up the stairs and/or through doorways ahead of you?	1	5	10
18. Does your dog walk ahead of you or pull you when on the lead?	1	5	10
19. Does your dog become anxious in the car by barking or pacing?	1	5	10
20. Has your dog ever bitten a person or another dog? (if yes, 10 points)			10

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www.barkbusters.com.au TOTAL POINTS _____

Grade A Score 19 - 27
This dog is extremely well behaved. Congratulations!

Grade B Score 28 - 50
Dogs in this category are typically wonderful family dogs with a few rough edges. This dog could easily move to the 'A' grade with some training.

Grade C Score 51 - 85
While these dogs need training, frequently they don't receive it because their annoying behaviours are 'just not bad enough'. It's unfortunate, because 'C' dogs can improve quickly and bring great joy and happiness to families. And, with training, the owner can be assured the behaviours will only get better - not worse.

Grade D Score 86 - 139
This category of dogs has issues that can be serious if not addressed soon. Owners of these dogs are constantly being annoyed and irritated by their behaviour and are beginning to think, "Something has got to be done". Fortunately, dogs can change their behaviour quite easily, so these owners should seek help immediately.

Grade F Score 140 - 200
Most people with dogs that rate an 'F' are desperate for change, but many don't know what to do. These dogs are out of control and serious problems can arise if they are not trained. Owners of these dogs sometimes consider putting them down. However, the vast majority of dogs can be saved with training, eliminating the owner's grief and guilt.