

The Petopia Times

Bringing you the latest pet related news and events in the Luxembourg region
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Fitdog Teaches Canine Massage Therapy

Who does not like to get a nice massage after a stressful day or sports activity? Dogs like massages as much as we do, if not more so. With that purpose, Fitdog is organizing a workshop on how to massage and stretch your dog's muscles for comfort and efficiency. The agenda will include:

- Quick anatomy overview
- Benefits of canine massage
- Explanation of different massage moves
- Exercise of massage on your dogs
- Benefits of stretching
- Explanation of some useful stretching exercises
- Exercise of stretching on your dogs

Date: Saturday, 20 February, 2016

Time: 09:30 – 12:30

Price: € 60,00

Contact info@fitdog.lu to sign up for their **Massage Therapy Seminar**, or for information on their upcoming **Senior Pets Workshop!**

Meet the Entrepreneurs Taking the Lead in Pet Services

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<http://www.wort.lu/en/business/entrepreneurship-in-luxembourg-meet-the-entrepreneurs-taking-the-lead-in-pet-services-569df11d0da165c55dc517ab>

Pet Of The Month "Louis"



When you think about it, an animal shelter is in many ways similar to an orphanage. It's a safe haven for those without a home or family to care for them.

Louis was born in February 2015, and at 8 weeks old was found wandering the streets of Luxembourg and brought to the Deierenasyl animal shelter. As time passed, and no one came to claim him, Louis was put up for adoption. Since he was still a kitten, the odds of being rehomed were in his favor, but until that day came Louis had to wait.

It only took 4 months before Louis was welcomed into a new family. Dorthe Brandt, co-founder of the pet care company **4 Paws Walking** www.4pawswalking.lu, went to the shelter in June 2015 in search of a new companion for several reasons. First, her 12 year old cat George had passed away from cancer the year before, which left an emptiness in her heart that needed to be filled. Second, Dorthe's other cat, Millie, whom she had rescued from the river 6 years earlier, was becoming restless and greatly in need of new playmate. Lastly, and most importantly, Dorthe volunteers at an orphanage, and over the years has become particularly fond of one special little girl. More than anything, the child wanted a pet of her own, but animals are not allowed in the orphanage. As a compromise, Dorthe promised to adopt a cat for the little girl to keep at her house so that the child could play with her pet whenever she visited.

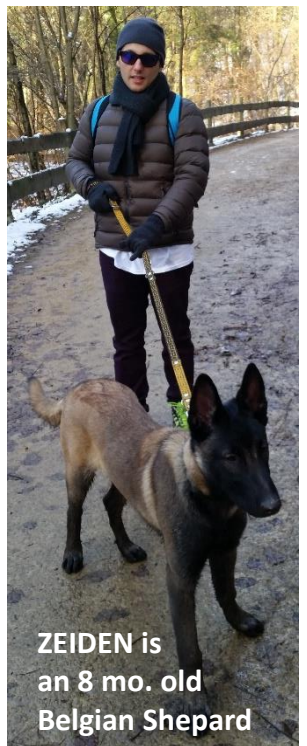
On 22 June, 2015, Dorthe may have rescued Louis from the shelter, but unbeknown to Louis, he was ultimately touching three lives that very same day. Since then, Louis has completely settled into life with Dorthe, and is such an amazing addition to the family. He has become accustomed to life indoors and prefers not to venture outside. His favorite pastime is sleeping like a baby in Dorthe's arms whenever she works on her computer. He responds well to his name "Louis" as if it were his birthright, especially since he is constantly getting into mischief. Thankfully Louis has finally found his forever home, and the Brandt household is whole once again.

Shelter Dogs Need Walks Too!

It's a sunny Saturday afternoon and you're in the mood to take a long walk, then why not take a shelter dog along too!

Visit Deierenasyl shelter at 80 Rue Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart L-2166 Luxembourg from 14:00 To 17:00 Monday - Saturday except holidays, and take a dog out for a walk. This is a huge help for the shelter and the dogs, but also provides inquiring minds with a "taste" of the responsibilities that accompany owning a dog.

For more information visit www.deierenasyl.lu



ZEIDEN is an 8 mo. old Belgian Shepard

Pigs Investigated as possible Ebola Vectors

September 3, 2015 By Merritt Clifton

KAMPALA, Uganda; NAIROBI, Kenya—Domestic pigs may already be among the vectors transmitting deadly Ebola viruses to humans, though no one knows for sure yet, warns a five-member International Livestock Research Institute team in a soon-to-be-published edition of the peer-reviewed scientific journal *Transboundary and Emerging Diseases*. The International Livestock Research Institute is a multinational nonprofit organization that promotes agribusiness in the developing world. Despite the potentially scary implications for the pig industry of a positive finding of Ebola among domestic pigs, the institute favors and encourages the growth of pig farming in Africa.

A pre-publication edition of the International Livestock Research Institute scientists' paper, "Assessing the Potential Role of Pigs in the Epidemiology of Ebola Virus in Uganda," has been accessible online since August 27, 2015.

Working from International Livestock Research Institute facilities in Kampala, Uganda, and Nairobi, Kenya, veterinarian Christine Atherstone and colleagues C. Smith, P. Ochungo, K. Roesel, and D. Grace reviewed the available data from four Ebola outbreaks occurring in Uganda since the Ebola virus family was identified in 1976.

"Recent epidemiological work has shown pigs are hosts for ebolaviruses," Atherstone *et al* explained. Coinciding with the emergence of Ebola diseases, the team observed, "pig production in Uganda has undergone massive expansion. The combination of pork sector growth supported by development programs and Ebola virus risk prompted a foresight exercise," which "warrants further research into potential zoonotic transmission in Uganda from pigs."

To **ANIMALS 24-7**, Atherstone emphasized "the need to determine the actual risk of the African species of Ebola virus in pigs, particularly in areas where Ebola outbreaks have happened and where ecological niche modeling have identified as suitable for Ebola emergence."

"At present, we have no evidence that pigs are infected with Ebola in Uganda," Atherstone continued: the confluence of...

Read more at <http://www.animals24-7.org/2015/09/03/pigs-investigated-as-possible-ebola-vectors/>

My Dog and I Share the Same Doctor

January 21, 2016 By Brie Witherspoon

Nowadays, between work, kids, spouse, pets, doctors, sports, grocery shopping, and everything else, there's sometimes a feeling that we're always running out of time. Even with the latest technological advancements at our fingertips where information is accessible with the click of a button, that still doesn't decrease the amount of things that must be done, nor the stress that accompanies the forever long list of things to do. Nevertheless, there is a silver lining in the midst of chaos that allows you to combine two tasks into one -- a chiropractic doctor who treats both humans and pets.

Dr. Scott Oliver of LUXCHIRO has treated humans for years, but has recently entered the field of veterinary chiropractic and is now licensed in canine and equine therapy. McKayla, our 8 year old German Shepard, is featured in the photos receiving her first chiropractic treatment. Dr. Oliver began by checking that all of the limb functions were working properly, and then proceed to make corrections to the areas that were out of sync. As German Shepherds are prone to hip Dysplasia, routine checkups are a smart way to keep an eye out for any problems. For more information you can visit Dr. Oliver's website at www.luxchiro.lu.

