

This month's puppy competition winner is Olivia McNamara's Miniature Schnauzer, Ziggy. Olivia and Ziggy have won a year's membership to Dogs NSW, a toy from OzPets and a Love'em gift bag of products.

Name of puppy: Ziggy Breed: Miniature Schnauzer Favourite sleeping place: snuggled up in lots of blankets in his crate. Favourite trick: wiping his feet on our back door mat after being outside for play. Why Ziggy is the best: he is easy to train and well mannered. The perfect puppy! Super cute!

Enter now!

Could your pup take out the title of Puppy of the Month? To be in the running to win a year's free membership to Dogs NSW, a pet toy kindly donated by OzPets and a Love'em goody bag of products, visit the Dogs NSW website.

On the Dogs NSW website you will also find expert information to guide you through preparing for your pup, bringing it home and caring for it throughout its life. **W:** www.dogsnsw.org.au



A warning to other dog owners about vinca – a plant that is toxic to dogs I recently lost a good friend of mine to a common backyard plant, and I wanted to take this opportunity to warn others. Frodo, who was my inspiration for the canine cancer website, recently passed away after he was poisoned by a plant called vinca, also known as periwinkle.

Frodo ate so much of the plant and bravely fought for two days. Every possible drug and treatment was given to him, but there was no hope.

I knew it was bad, but he had overcome so much in his life; from the abuse as a pup (he was the worse case I had ever seen), to the cancer fight, Frodo got through it all. In 2009, Frodo was diagnosed with a histiocytic sarcoma. His chances of survival were probably 30 per cent, but he overcame it and was cancer free until his passing.

I would like to thank the staff at Perth Vet Specialists for their efforts to save Frodo. They did everything possible and their kindness to both Frodo and I will never be forgotten.

RIP Frodo. I loved you with all my heart and you will never be forgotten.

Lisa

Member anniversaries

Congratulations to those members, listed below, who have reached their 25 or 50-year membership status. We would like to acknowledge these members and thank them for their continuing support of our organisation.

50-year members

1952 Barry Coleman1956 Lurline Coleman1961 Hazel Stevens

- 1962 Elizabeth Stopford
- 1962 Ernest Starling
- 1963 Pan Falck

25-year members

- 1980 Deborah Neumann
- 1983 Judy Mugridge
- 1984 Maureen Dengate
- 1986 Mary Atkinson
- 1987 Joyce Lalor
- 1987 Vince Henebery
- 1988 Sue Jolly



If you'd like to share your thoughts or questions with other Dogs NSW members, the editorial team would love to hear from you. Whether by email or post, please send your letters and photos to the following addresses. We look forward to hearing from you!

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