

A Dog's Life in Berkhamsted

Suzie the schnauzer dictates her winter diary to Michelle Walmsley

I am spoilt for choice for winter walks and warm, cosy watering holes around here. I particularly enjoy the walk which starts by Berkhamsted Cricket Club and goes all the way to Frithsden tell your owner to follow the yellow footpath signs. It is a long distance so on our arrival at the Alford Arms my owner feels that she is fully entitled to spoil herself with one of their scrumptious meals or even just enjoy a glass of wine. This is the venue for the Woofs and Girls' (WAGs) Christmas party this year. In preparation, my owner has booked for me to have my festive grooming session with Lisa at Wags to Whiskers because I need to look my best. After a decent trim, I still look beautiful after wading through the occasional muddy puddle. At the party, the girls all have presents for the woofs and this year my owner will be giving out copies of Hanne Grice's excellent book Playing With Your Dog: Have a Smarter, Fitter, Healthier Dog. It contains many games and once the snow arrives, all the girls will need many ideas for keeping us woofs occupied at home - after all we don't mind getting our paws wet but icicles are another matter entirely.

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