

A Dog's Life in Tring

Susie the Schnauzer dictates her autumn schedule to Michelle Walmsley

I've really fancied a change of scenery and I feel that the seaside is calling this autumn. I recently discovered that I can take a direct train from Tring to Clapham Junction where I can change and catch a train to Brighton. It sounds so easy that my owner has arranged the tickets and has packed a rucksack filled with delicious sandwiches from Coasters and smoothies from The Greenhouse for herself and some tasty dog treats from Springwell Veterinary Surgery for me.

The break at the seaside should prepare me for some of the stresses that autumn brings. Hallowe'en involves people showing up at the door wearing strange outfits asking for treats. I can't understand why they don't give any to me which is normally what happens when I hear that word. Also, Bonfire Night sends me behind the sofa quivering and shaking uncontrollably when the bangs go off outside but I mustn't worry because my owner has been informed that Hanne at Walk The Dog has some tips on her website for how to help us through these very pressurised occasions - see

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