

Teenager drove car while over the limit

A TEENAGER bowed to peer pressure and drove home despite having drunk three pints, a court was told.

Eighteen-year-old Robert Leccese had planned to leave his car in a pub car park on Wednesday, November 28.

But a friend of a friend persuaded him to drive them home.

Police spotted Leccese driving round a bend and the car slipping, describing the driver

as struggling with the steering wheel. A breath test revealed he had 73mcg of alcohol in 100ml of breath.

The legal limit is 35mcg. Leccese, of Welland Road, Upton-upon-Severn, appeared at Worcester Magistrates Court and admitted drink driving. He was disqualified from driving for 20 months, fined £250 and ordered to pay £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.



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Cook book has recipes as a healthy alternative to their dog food

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A COOK BOOK for dog owners wanting to give their pets a healthier alternative to commercial pet food has been written by a Worcestershire canine expert.

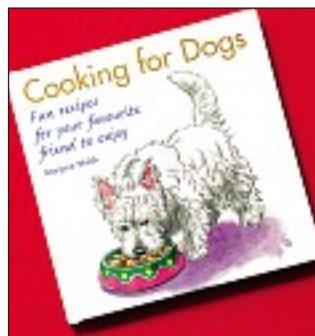
Cooking for Dogs, by Marjorie Walsh, of Lucies Farm, Colletts Green, near Powick, will help people to celebrate a special occasion in their pet's life or simply include their pooch in their family meal plans.

Full of nutritious ingredients for a happy and healthy dog, the 50 recipes range from paw-lickin' pizza and salmon stroganoff to cheesy beef bites and doggie ice cream.

There are sections on breakfasts, fast food, snacks and treats, and meals for special occasions – and even dishes that both dogs and their owners can share like beef and black bean stew and braised squash with green lentils.

The result of years of research and testing on Mrs Walsh's own dogs, the recipes are supplemented by essential advice on the importance of calcium and B12 in the diet, as well as advice on portion size and on why eggs are a super dog food.

In addition to being a new author, Mrs Walsh and her husband Craig, combine rearing Angus cattle and rare breed pigs for the sale of luxury Kobe beef and Kurobuta



The recipes are full of ideas.

pork with running the UK's first luxury dog hotel.

"I was dismayed by the by-products and derivatives to be found in commercial pet food so I decided to improve the diet of our bull terriers by basing their food on what we eat, using special software to make sure it was nutritionally balanced to the established guidelines for dogs," she said.

"As a result of their eager taste-testing of recipes containing fresh meat, fish, eggs, cereal and vegetables, our dogs have developed better coats, more energy and a better digestive system."

The full-colour 96-page hardback book from New Holland Publishers is now available at a cost of £7.99.

Cooking for Dogs is available from all good bookshops, online booksellers, by mail order from GBS on 01476 541080, and direct from Lucies Farm either through its website at www.luciesfarm.com or by telephoning 01905 830 380.



The recipes range from paw-lickin' pizza to doggie ice cream.

RECIPE: PAW LICKIN' PIZZA

PREPARATION TIME: 10 minutes
COOKING TIME: 20 minutes
SERVINGS: two.

INGREDIENTS:
70ml/ 2½fl oz/ one third of a cup of tomato puree
70ml/ 2½fl oz/ one third of a

cup of water
1 tsb corn oil
¼ tsp garlic powder
½ tsp calcium
1 shop-bought pizza base
50g/ 1½ oz mixed vegetables, cubed
110g/ 4oz cooked beef, cut into small cubes 25g of

Cheddar cheese, grated
METHOD:
Preheat oven to 200 degrees C/ 400 degrees F/ Gas mark 6. Mix the first five ingredients together and spread over the pizza base. Place vegetables and beef on top and sprinkle the cheese

over.
Bake for 20-25 minutes or until top is golden. Leave to cool then slice.
NUTRITIONAL INFO PER SERVING: Calories 905kcal; Protein 42g; Carbohydrates 125g; Fibre 7g; Calcium 900mg)

Businessman fined for damaged cables

A DROITWICH businessman has been fined £700 after failing to keep his premises safe for staff and customers.

Jaspal Singh, owner of Queen's Fish Bar, in Queen Street, was given the fine at Worcester Magistrates Court on Wednesday, December 5.

Wychavon District Council officers visited the shop in March 2007 and found that he had failed to comply with an enforcement notice that had been issued four months earlier. Advice had been given but had not been fully acted on. The court heard that Mr Singh had failed to repair a

damaged dishwasher power cable and had been warned about other damaged cables.

Ian Andrews, environmental health officer said: "Our first priority is to keep the people of Wychavon safe."

"We never like taking people to court and it is always a last resort, but where businesses have failed to take our advice we have no choice, as the safety of staff and customers has to come first."

Mr Andrews said officers could advise businesses on keeping within the law but warned those that did not they faced a serious penalty.

I snapped wing mirror, says dad

A FATHER upset by a change in child visiting arrangements has admitted causing criminal damage to a car.

Wayne Haden was seen leaning against the wing mirror of the car, which was parked outside his ex-partner's house, causing it to snap. The windscreens wipers of the car, which belonged to his ex-partner's father, had also been bent causing a total of £100 damage.

Twenty-two-year-old Haden appeared at Worcester Magistrates Court and pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage. David Taylor,

defending, said Haden was the father of two children and up until four months ago visited them at weekends. But he said this agreement was stopped by his ex-partner.

"He has tried to offer maintenance and she has refused," he said.

Despite this, Haden, of Droitwich Road, Barbourne, Worcester, is still putting money aside for his children.

Haden was ordered to pay £100 compensation and £60 court costs. Magistrate chairman, Derek Styles, said: "You would be advised to pursue matters in the family court."

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