



Tasmanian Dog Training Club

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“Training dogs to be useful companions” since 1958

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What is the Tasmanian Dog Training Club?

The Tasmanian Dog Training Club is a fully affiliated member of the Tasmanian Canine Association Inc., the governing kennel authority in this state. The club was formed in 1958 and was initially known as the Obedience Dog Club of Launceston.

Where Are We?

Churchill Park, Launceston

When?

We train each Sunday morning, rain or shine!
Come and watch us !

Time?

Beginners & Advanced Classes 9.30am
Puppy Pre-School 10.00am
Grades 1&2 at 10.45am

Training Classes

Puppy Pre-School Class

Cost \$35 (4 weeks)

We offer a Puppy Pre-School for dogs aged 12 -16 weeks. This class focuses on socialization activities so that puppies feel comfortable around a variety of people and dogs. They are also prepared for experiences such as visits to the vet and grooming. Puppies are introduced to basic obedience which prepares them to move into the Beginners class once they reach 4 months of age if so desired. Puppies must be vaccinated (usually this means at least 12 weeks of age after a second shot is administered)



Beginners Obedience Class

Cost \$55 (8 weeks)

(Cost \$25 if progressed from Puppy Class)

An 8 week Beginners course commences at the beginning of each month (with the final course for each year commencing in October and a midweek twilight course being offered in January). This course will guide you through the basics of dog obedience including correct use of the slip chain, heeling, sitting, standing, dropping, staying and the recall. Dogs must have up-to-date vaccinations prior to commencing class.

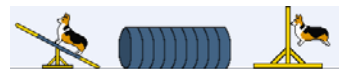
Grading System & Tests

As you and your dog learn more it is possible to progress up through the grades by passing the tests which are usually held at the end of each month. Grades currently progress from Grade 1 to Grade 4.

Introduction to Agility

Cost \$50 + Membership (10 lessons)

Introductory Agility Course – conducted by experienced instructors with an emphasis on having fun with your dog. Learn the basic skills required to compete, or have fun with AGILITY. Terrific fun and exercise for you and your dog. The Number 1 Dog Sport in Australia



Trials

Obedience Trials

Three times a year the club conducts T.C.A. sanctioned obedience trials. Dogs must be registered with the T.C.A. in order to compete in these trials.

Obedience trials are divided into 5 classes Community Companion, Novice, Open and 2 Utility classes. Dogs must qualify for 3 passes at their level in order to attain an obedience title:

C.C.D. Community Companion Dog
C.D. Companion Dog (Novice)
C.D.X. Companion Dog Excellent (Open)

U.D. Utility Dog (Utility)
U.D.X. Utility Dog Excellent



Titles become part of the dog's official pedigree.

The club has the knowledge and equipment necessary for handlers to train their dogs to obedience trial standard.

Trials (cont.)

Throughout the year the club conducts Mock Trials. Through successful competition in these trials it is possible to qualify for "club titles" which equate to those awarded at obedience trials. Club sashes are awarded in recognition of these titles.

Agility & Jumping Trials

The purpose of the Agility Test is to test the ability of a dog to accomplish a series of obstacles whilst under the control of a handler. A prescribed number of qualifying scores must be obtained in order to achieve one of the 4 Agility and Jumping titles available.

The club also training for Agility games classes.

Tracking Trials

The club conducts two Tracking Trials each year. Tracking is a fun activity that can be done by people & dogs of all ages. Tracking requires your dog to follow an unmarked track laid by a person by just walking over the ground. It is an activity which requires a good working bond between you and your dog. Great outdoor fun.

Endurance Trials

The club conducts one Endurance Trial every second year, taking the dog and handler over a 20km course. Handlers typically ride push bikes. This trial takes several months to prepare for getting you and your dog fit, and conditioned for trial day. If you are interested, enquire with the club about a training plan.

Instructors

Our dog training instructors work on a purely voluntary basis; they receive no payment allowing the club to keep class costs low. They have each received training for instructing, ensuring that a high standard is reached and passed on to those who train each Sunday.

Immunisation

All dogs must be immunised annually against Canine Hepatitis, Distemper and Parvovirus. Kennel Cough vaccine is also advisable. On enrolment at the club and renewal of membership a current vaccination certificate must be produced.

Dog Control Act

It is every dog owner's duty to make themselves aware of their responsibilities and the consequences which may apply to them under the Dog Control Act. All club members they must clean up after their dog if the dog should foul the ground, wherever they are.

All dogs are leashed in class unless the instructor has directed otherwise. Bitches in season are not allowed on the training ground.

Committee

The affairs of the club are controlled by a committee elected each year at the Annual General Meeting. The committee consists of the President, two Vice Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer and general committee members.

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