



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

MAY/JUNE 2021

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 6 June 2021

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 11am
Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30am

Commencing 4 July 2021

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 11am
Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30am

May 9 & 23; 13 & 27 June

Scentwork classes 10.45 am—please see page 3 for further details

NOTE:

Any changes to training will be advertised on the TDTC website and the TDTC Facebook page so we do advise that you check each week before coming to classes.



Mandatory Covid Checkin Starting 1 May 2021; Check club's Website/Facebook page

COMMITTEE 2020-2021

President: Lyn Deitch
Vice President: Chris Pontin
Secretary: David Tomkinson
Treasurer: Yvonne Tomkinson

Members:

Norm Deitch Nicquel Walker
Gary Lusted Trudie Lusted
Keryn Mahoney Alan Payne
Ann Peters Sue Furlonge

Patrons:

Rosemary Armitage MLC

Animal Medical Centre
Charles Street, Launceston

CLASSES CONDUCTED SUNDAYS AT

CHURCHILL PARK, INVERMAY
Obedience:
9.30am Basic Obedience
10.45am Intermediate / Advanced /
Trialing / Scent Work
11.00am Puppy Preschool

Other:
Rally & Agility classes as per roster
on **page 7**

Tracking and Scentwork Courses.
Enquire at office for times and dates

NEXT TRIALS

May 1/2 Agility/Jumping
May 15 Obedience
May 16 Rally
Jun 12/14 Tracking
Jun 19/20 Agility/Jump
Jul 24/26 Tracking
Aug 7/8 Agility/Jumping

**You are welcome to
come and watch but
please keep your dog
away from the trial area.**

Suggestions and contributions to Dog Tales in any form are most welcome. Please see Nicquel, leave at the office or submit via the Facebook page. Views expressed and articles printed are not necessarily those of the TDTC Committee or its instructors - they are intended as information for reading and consideration should you feel they are appropriate to your situation.



Volunteer Instructors

Wanted



Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Tasmanian Dog Training Club. We rely on the generosity of our very valuable volunteers to help provide puppy, obedience training, agility, rally and scentwork classes to our growing number of members.

We are looking for people interested in becoming dog training instructors or assistant instructors in 2021.

No previous experience necessary but we do need you to have completed one of our courses with your dog and have a strong interest in dog training and behaviour; along with good communication and interpersonal skills.

We will be running 1 day introduction to training workshops throughout the year to help you gain a good understanding of what it takes to become an instructor. And of course, you will receive on the job training, mentoring and our support going forward.

Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. You will meet lots of new friends, both human and four legged, and have lots of fun, while making a real difference to the lives of owners and their canine companions.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor or assistant instructor at TDTC, please send through an expression of interest to Lyn Deitch

email: tasdogclub@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you!

Instructors mentoring in July, 9.30 am to 3pm, light lunch supplied. Date to be advised,

Let your dog sniff.

A **dog** navigates the world with his **nose**. Like **humans** do with their **eyes**.

A dog's nose is **1000 -10,000** times **more powerful** than a human's nose.

You smell spaghetti sauce.

Your dog smells each ingredient.

Dogs can find by smell:

- missing people
- explosives
- drugs
- bedbugs
- cancer
- low blood sugar



On walks let your dog explore his world.

Let him use his NOSE!

www.YaletownDogTraining.com



Beautiful Maggie after an exhausting training session



Welcome to our new March & April members

Puppies – March Class

Steven/Rosalinda & Judy, Mary & Pockets, Annie & Rosie, Sheryl Anne/Pater James & Guinness, Julie/Brian & Baxter, Emily/Simon & Polly, Mae/Geordie & Rory, Josephine & Wallie

Basic – March Class

Victoria & Ruby, Tanya & Ash, Lauren/Paul Adam & Lexi, Katelen & Millie, Sandra & Daisy, Narelle & Poco, Leny & Arthur, Lynn & Ticen, Zoe Christine & Finnley, Emily & Fergus, Rhys & Worm, Graham/Maureen & Sammy, Carol & Maggie

Puppies – April Class

Margaret & Echo, Matilda & Luna, Morgan & Jimmy, Stephen/Tyger/Rocco & Luna, Scott/Mel & Luna, Lauren/Samuel & Bentley, Tony & Mister Max, Donna & Teddy

Basic – April Class

Corinna/Jesse & Oakley, Linda & Twiggy, Steven/Rosalinda & Judy, Annie & Rosie, Sheryl Anne/Pater James & Guinness, Chantelle/Jack & Thor, Rebecca Ellen & Charlie, Mae/Geordie & Rory

Introductory Tracking

Janet & Jasper, Jacquie & Frankie, Annette & Archie, Catarina & Danny, Kel & Scarpa, Kim/Tom & Max, Amanda & Clara, Keryn & Maggie, Georgie & Lottie, Tenille & Luna, Kristine & Tori, Ben & Summer, Narelle/Mike & Maisie, Margie & Ruby, Monica & Abby

My apologies for any omissions or errors in this list, please let me know & I will fix in the next newsletter.

We hope you enjoyed your time in the various classes and we'll see you back soon for the next exciting step in your training in the coming months.

March Basic



March Puppies



Introductory Tracking



April Puppies



Scentwork classes will be offered on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. In a similar format to our grade classes, you will not need to book for these sessions, you can just turn up, pay \$5, and run your dog over the search area set up on the deck. Supervision and guidance will be provided by our amazing Scentwork instructors. **In order to participate you will need to have completed one of club's Scentwork courses.**

**Classes scheduled 9 & 23 May; 13 & 27 June
10.45am-\$5 per session.**



Tracking – what’s it all about?

Just imagine, you’ve got up at about 5 AM on a frosty winter morning, you’ve loaded up your dog, thankful that you put all the gear into the car yesterday and headed down to a property in the Midlands. As it starts to get light, you find the tracking site where there is a group of friendly people all rugged up and drinking coffee. You hand your plastic bag of end treats over to the steward and get your dog out for a walk and toilet. The judge calls everyone up for a briefing and you find out that your track will be run at about 10.30. You have to wait nervously at the camp until then, feeling very grateful for the portaloos.



Eventually you are called and directed to your track, the judge says “Harness up here and start when you are ready”. There is just one flag with a sock at the base and a big empty paddock. Making sure your dog sniffs the sock, off you go, it’s all going well but suddenly your dog raises his head and then just as you are starting to panic he pounces on a sock. All’s well, you’re still on track. You keep going and after an eternity your dog goes around a stump or tussock and there is the tracklayer. You have no idea how you got there but thank your tracklayer, judge and steward, perhaps take a photo and then head back to spend a happy day at the camp waiting for presentations. It is totally exhilarating to know that your wonderful dog has just followed a track to the end with just a pat and a treat as a reward.



Tracking is a sport we do in the winter, your dog has to be 6 months old to enter official trials, but a puppy can start learning earlier. It is done on farms in paddocks and in the bush, there are 8 tracks to complete to achieve a Tracking Champion title. These are graded in complexity, with the distance, number of turns and aging time increasing as you go up through the tracks, the higher tracks include added difficulties such as blind starts, acute turns and contamination with cross tracks. You need to pass tests 1 – 3 to qualify for Tracking Dog Title (TD), 4 – 6 for Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX), 7 and 8 for Tracking Champion (T CH).

The main reason that I love tracking is that my dogs are so enthusiastic, all training is positively based with plenty of rewards for the dog. We get some glorious days in the bush in winter and being a tracklayer and having someone else’s dog find me is almost as exciting as tracking my own dog. It is also good to have a reason to be active during the winter, in fact the winter passes much too quickly when you are tracking.

Pat Hallam



Club News

It is the best feeling to be able to get back to some sort of normal at Club, we have trials being run, Basic Obedience and Puppy preschool classes going ahead and the Tracking season will soon be upon us. This year we have had a great group of handlers come through our Introductory Tracking course with hopefully a number of them going on to compete with their dogs this season. We have also launched casual Scentwork classes for anyone that has completed one of Clubs' Scentwork courses and these seem to be a great hit. The number of dog and handler teams attending Grade 2 classes this year has doubled, it is great to see so many teams moving from Grade 1 to hopefully one day being able to compete in Obedience, Rally or Agility trials.

Starting from 1 May 2021 it will be mandatory for everyone attending club to be checked in. We will have a QR code available for those that have the Checkin Tas app installed on their phones, otherwise you will be required to provide your Name and Phone number every day that you attend club. If you need assistance installing or using the Government's Checkin Tas app please come and see us in the club rooms and we will be happy to assist.

It is really pleasing to see club members putting up their hands to start their journey towards becoming instructors, Club will be running another instructors mentoring day in July. Please remember we are always looking for members to come and help out with the running of the club, it doesn't have to be a large commitment, if you think you have something you can contribute to club please come and let us know, we are all volunteers and would love to see you.

Finally don't forget to check the Club's Website or Facebook page every Sunday morning before coming to club, if classes have to be cancelled or postponed we will post this information on the Website and Facebook page as soon as we are able to. All current members are encouraged to request access to our closed Facebook group where we post information on and photos of club activities. If your Facebook account is not the same as your membership name please make sure you include your member number when sending your request, your membership number is on your club name badge. If you are having any issues gaining access to the group please message the Tas Dog Training Dog page.

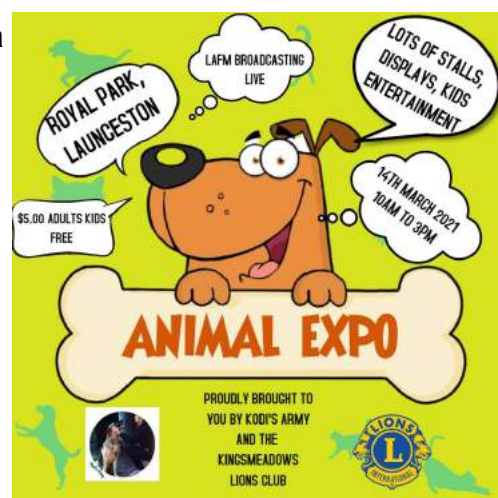
Look forward to see you soon,

Nicquel



2021 Animal Expo

On the 14th of March several Club members ventured down to Royal Park to man an information stall to promote our club to the general public. We had a lovely day and got to speak to many doggie people about our passion for dogs and dog training and hopefully convinced at least a few of them to come and join us on a Sunday morning. Thankyou Sue, Chris, Yvonne and Norm for helping me set up the stall and for keeping me company during the day. Nicquel



Snuffle Mat

Make one for your pup. Something useful to do and keeps your pup occupied.

Materials

Rubber mat 40cm x 70cm – cut in half - from Bunnings \$13.70

Fleecy/tshirt type material – can use old fleecy jumpers/tshirts/pyjamas

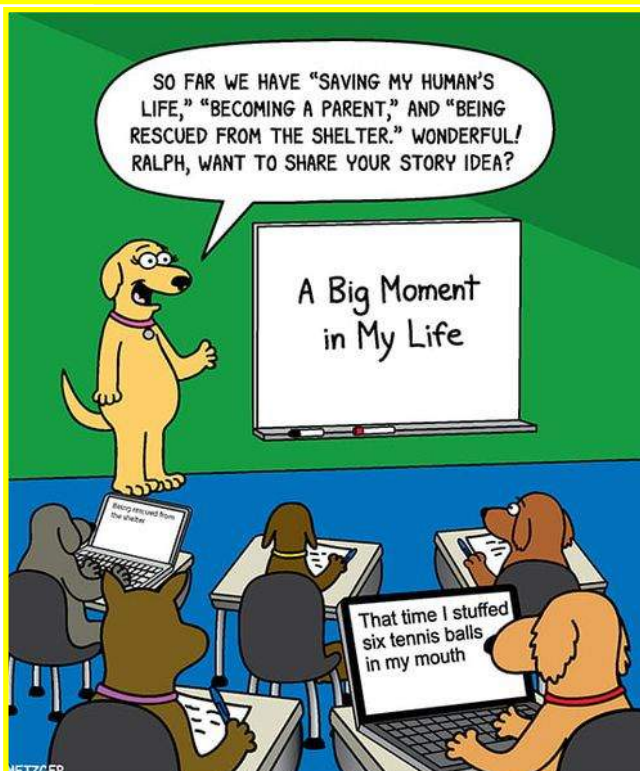
Cut into strips approx. 25mm – 50mm wide x 30cm – 45cm long

Need about 165 strips for each mat.

Poke material strips through holes from back, vertically & horizontally, double knot at front.

See pics below.

When finished, drop in a handful of kibble/dry treats let the pup at it!



Rally & Agility Roster

24th May

Rally Novice 9:30am - 10:00am: Call to front training
Rally Advanced 10:10am - 10:40am: Pivots
Rally Excellent 10:50am - 11:20am: Moving stand walk around
Rally Masters 11:30am - 12:00pm: Distance control exercises



Agility Novice 9:45am - 10:30am: Learning blind cross (how and why)

6th June

Rally Novice/Rally Advanced/Rally Excellent/Rally Masters
9:30am - 11:30am
Combined class. 2 hour seminar. \$10 for the 2 hours, Focusing on making yourself fun for your dog.
Engagement and working on problem solving. Bring a crate, treats, tug toys
THIS IS A MUST FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN ANY FORM OF RALLY

Agility Novice 9:45am - 10:30am Jump skills. Speed circles

11th July

Rally Novice 9:30am - 10:00am: Sequence training / mini course
Rally Advanced 10:10am - 10:40am: Sequence training / mini course
Rally Excellent 10:50am - 11:20am: Sequence training / mini course
Rally Masters 11:30am - 12:00pm: Sequence training / mini course

Agility Novice 9:45am - 10:30am: Tunnel skills. Teaching independent drive to tunnel

25th July

Rally Novice 9:30am - 10:00am: Individual problem solving. 1 training problem per person
Rally Advanced 10:10am - 10:40am: Individual problem solving. 1 training problem per person
Rally Excellent 10:50am - 11:20am: Individual problem solving. 1 training problem per person
Rally Masters 11:30am - 12:00pm: Individual problem solving. 1 training problem per person

Agility Novice 9:45am - 10:30am: Contact skills



DOGGIE LANGUAGE

starring Boogie the Boston Terrier

 ALERT	 SUSPICIOUS	 ANXIOUS	 THREATENED	 ANGRY
 "PEACE" look away/head turn	 STRESSED yawn	 STRESSED nose lick	 "PEACE" sniff ground	 "RESPECT" turn & walk away
 "NEED SPACE" whale eye	 STALKING	 STRESSED scratching	 STRESS RELEASE shake off	 RELAXED soft ears, blinky eyes
 "RESPECT" offer his back	 FRIENDLY & POLITE curved body	 FRIENDLY	 "PRETTY PLEASE" round puppy face	 "I'M YOUR LOVEBUG" belly-rub pose
 "HELLO I LOVE YOU!" greeting stretch	 "I'M FRIENDLY!" play bow	 "READY!" prey bow	 "YOU WILL FEED ME"	
 CURIOUS head tilt	 HAPPY (or hot)	 OVERJOYED wiggly	 "MMMM..."	 "I LOVE YOU, DON'T STOP"

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PARKING AT THE CLUB

Please note that when attending classes and trials, you must park in the parking area outside the internal boom gate near the clubhouse. This is as stated in the terms of our lease with the Launceston City Council, not a ruling that has been introduced by the club.

Parking inside the boom gate is restricted to TDTC instructors & committee members at all times - including when trials are being held. Quite often the instructors and committee members have to leave their dogs in the car while they give lessons and conducting club business and their dogs must be left in a secure, cool area under the trees where they are close to the clubhouse.

The only exception is for disabled drivers who may park in the designated areas within the boom gate - a current disabled permit must be displayed else you will be asked to move.

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