



# Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020



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## Training Course Notes

### Next Sunday Courses:-

**Puppy Preschool** - Please check the club's website for dates, times and  
**Basic Obedience** - availability of October and November Courses.

**Due to corona virus restrictions, no other training is available at this time**

Please do not arrive too early - about 15 minutes before your class is due to start would be good - to allow time to do all the checking, etc. Also, please be patient as this is all new to us, too, and the checking in procedure does take a little time as we can only process one person at a time.

### 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.**

## AGM Notice Page 3; Membership Renewal Page 5

### COMMITTEE 2019-2020

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      Tui Reihana

### Patrons:

**Rosemary Armitage MLC**

**Animal Medical Centre**  
Charles Street, Launceston

CLASSES CONDUCTED  
SUNDAYS AT  
CHURCHILL PARK, INVERMAY  
In 2020

Obedience:

Puppy Preschool  
Basic Obedience

All other classes have been cancelled for 2020. We hope to be able to offer a full range of classes from February 2021

### NEXT TRIALS

**2020 Trails cancelled**



Suggestions and contributions to Dog Tales in any form are most welcome. Please see Nicquel, leave at the office and 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.

Hello to you all! I wholeheartedly hope that everyone is well:

As many of you have already happily experienced, some of clubs numerous training activities are now back !! with many club members and their dogs enjoying the splendid opportunity to be able to join in once again.

It seems beyond belief to even imagine that at the end of 2019 club year, we would have this hideous pandemic in our lives in 2020 that would impact us all in some way: However, I must at this time commend all of those new and old members, committee and instructors who have all taken on this situation and handled clubs Covid plan and necessary strategies, with such efficiency and ease. You have all be great!

And Now! With so much behind us, we are able to commence puppy classes again, along with more basic classes, with increased numbers. We are chuffed!!

Through this, in our everyday lives we have all been through so much. I believe, our state Tasmania, has done so well and we have all achieved so much, we must all keep up the good work, not becoming complaisant. Let's keep our state clear of any Covid cases, we CAN do this by remaining diligent with cleanliness and social distancing. I, like everyone, know how difficult it can be and what a pain it is, however, if we want our lives to return to some version of what we used to call normality we need to be all of these. I am so sick of the "C" word, aren't you?

We have once again this past month achieved a couple more club improvements. There is now a lockable gate at the top of club stairs, which gives us more closed off area if needed, in times of inclement weather. Also we have finalised the pebbled area within the club compound. David is happy, less lawn to mow.

Everyone keep your eyes on club Website and Facebook pages for upcoming 2021 events. Trials, workshops and classes will all be scheduled. Agility, grade classes, obedience, rally-o, scent work, tracking, track & search and tweenies happily will all be returning in stages, watch out for dates.

Please stay safe and well everyone!

That's all folks,

*Lyn*

### Scent Work

Scent Work is a new dog sport which dogs love to do – using their natural ability – a very sensitive nose. It's the same as the dogs we see searching for drugs and food at airports, etc. – but, of course, no drugs are used in scent work training.

This new dog sport is now recognised by the Australian National Kennel Club and official trials will be held in 2021.

The dogs begin their training by finding food – something smelly and tasty, such as cheese or BBQ chicken - and being rewarded when they find the 'source' of the food – which could be hidden in a box, under a chair, or behind a log.

Gradually the food is replaced by a scent on a cotton bud placed in a small container. The dogs are trained to detect four different odours, which are prepared from specific essential oils – Birch, Anise, Cloves and Cypress. The dog must search for the source of the odour and indicate to the handler exactly where it is. There are four elements which the dog must learn to search – Interior, Exterior, Vehicle and Containers. (see photos on page 6)

The club is hoping to hold an Introductory Scent Work course very soon, then will follow up with weekly/monthly training sessions for dogs at various levels. We will advertise the courses/classes on the club's website and facebook page as soon as scheduled.

**Club is accepting Basic obedience and Puppy preschool enrolments.**

We must continue to abide by Federal and State Government guidelines. The club's primary consideration is to ensure the safety of all our instructors and members and club will be taking all necessary and government implemented safety precautions.

Training courses which use equipment of any kind will not be started until February 2021 at the earliest. For this reason the Scentwork Introductory Course is still postponed, also Tweenies, Agility and RallyO classes will not be offered this year. Grade classes will not be run for the remainder of 2020.

Course payment will be by bank transfer only – we will not be accepting any cash/cheques at the club. Please do not pay until your place on a course has been confirmed by email from the club.

**To conform to Dogs Tasmania guidelines/protocols:**

Each person will be asked to sign a waiver to acknowledge that you are not covered by the club insurance for the Covid-19 virus.

Each person will have their temperature checked and recorded on arrival. Anyone with any cold/flu symptoms or has a high temperature will be asked to leave.

You will be checked out at end of class and must immediately leave the training area. Hand sanitizer will be available and must be used when you arrive.

Numbers will be strictly limited to a maximum of 10 handler/dogs in each group.

Each group will be allocated an area of the training ground and must stay in that area.

Instructors will not make any physical contact with handlers or dogs.

Only club members - maximum 2 adults, no children - will be allowed into the training area with each dog. Others must stay in the carpark or in other areas away from the training area.

Social distancing will be strictly monitored – handlers must be at least 1.5 metres apart. Members will not have access to the club house and fenced compound unless directed by an instructor or committee member.



**Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc AGM will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at Club Grounds, Churchill Park, Launceston, commencing at 12 Noon.**

**Any member can attend but you must have been a member for at least 3 months of the previous financial year to vote (before 1st April 2020)**

**Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee for 2020/2021 Term of Office will open soon and will be advertised on the club's website and facebook page.**

## Welcome to our new July & August members

### Basic – July Class

Jane/David & Minnie, Nancy/Richard & Freya, Rachael & Liina, Brittany/Ryan & Rin. Wendy & Buddy, Natasha/Scott & Hugo. Anne & Dougal, Lana/Heath & Knox. Ashlee/Tereasa/Chris & River, Ben & Summer, David John/Artik & Sherlock

### Basic - August Class

Paul/Patricia & Paisley, Zoe/Elijah & Rosie, Emily/Max & Mingus, Elizabeth & Peppa, Cara/Chris & Mishka, Janette & Jasper, Gareth & Tess, Katarina/Alexander & Archie, Leah & Maya, Samantha & Ellie, Kristy Marie & Roxie, Charmaine/Neil & Buddy, Josh & Rusty, Ryan & Peach, Joshua & Hank, Michael & Maximus, Paul & George, Jono & Freddie

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.**



August Basic Class



July Basic Class and some action shots



### Scent Work Mock Trials

The Tasmanian Dog Training Club, Hobart Dog Training Club and Ulverstone Kennel Club will be hosting Scent Work Mock Trials in the coming months. These will be scheduled for September, October and November.

Definite dates, venues and entry costs will be advertised on the club's website and facebook page as soon as they are available.

The mock trials will be run strictly under ANKC Rules for the conduct of Scent Work Trials – Effective from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The rules are available from the ANKC website – [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au) under About Us, Rules (search for ANKC Rule). Anyone thinking of entering the mock trials should download and study the rules so you know exactly what is involved and what to expect at a trial.

## Annual membership is due for renewal on 30th September each year

Your membership expiry date is printed on your name badge. Please check and if it is 30th September 2020 or earlier then you will need to renew.

2021 membership badges are pale blue, if yours is any other colour you need to renew.

If you are unsure, there is a membership list in the clubhouse. Ask any of the committee members to check for you.

Due to the closure of the club this year and a shorter training season due to corona virus restrictions a \$5 discount has been applied to membership renewals.

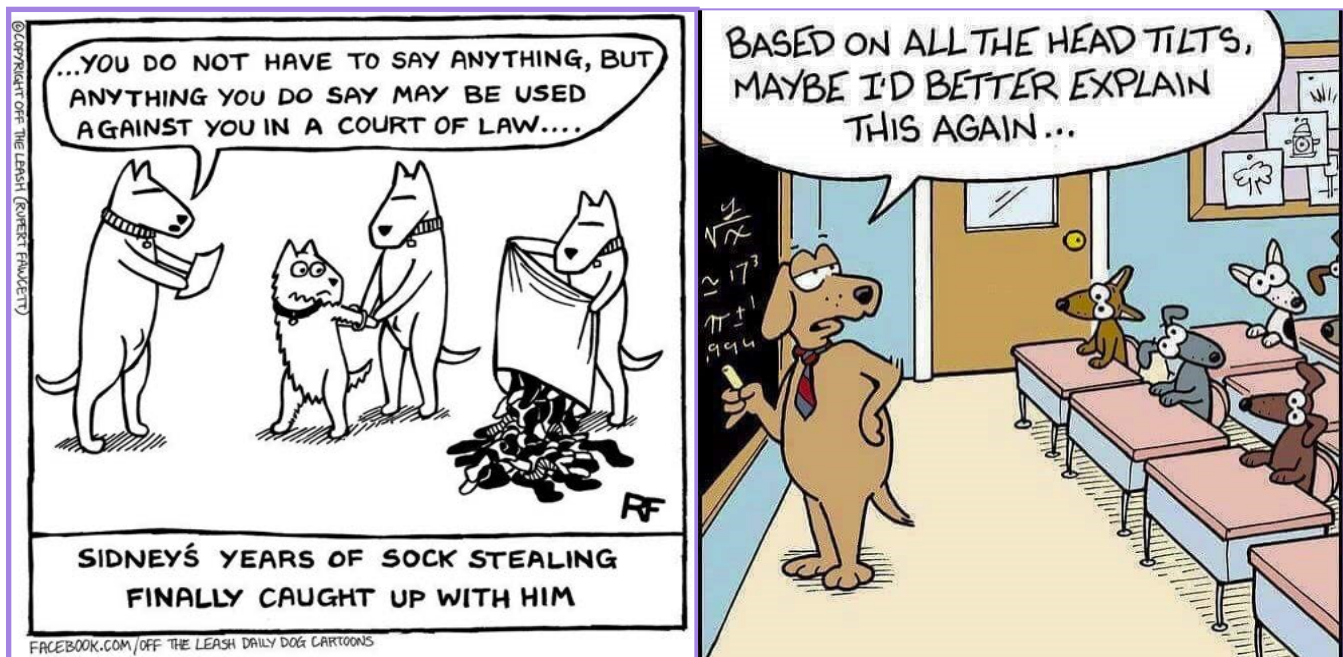
Membership Renewal Fees:	Incl. discount
Ordinary Membership (single)	\$15
Dual/Family Membership	\$25
Pensioner Membership	\$10
Upgrade from Single to Dual/Family	\$10

If you are a current financial member of Dogs Tasmania, Hobart (TCA) a further discount of \$5 applies (off one membership fee only)

Currently the club can not handle any cash/cheques so membership fees should be paid via bank transfer to the club's account. Please quote '(your surname) mship' as reference. Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No 113017743 Acc Name Tasmanian Dog Training Club

The membership renewal forms are available from the office or can be downloaded from the club's website. Please quote your membership number—printed on your name badge.

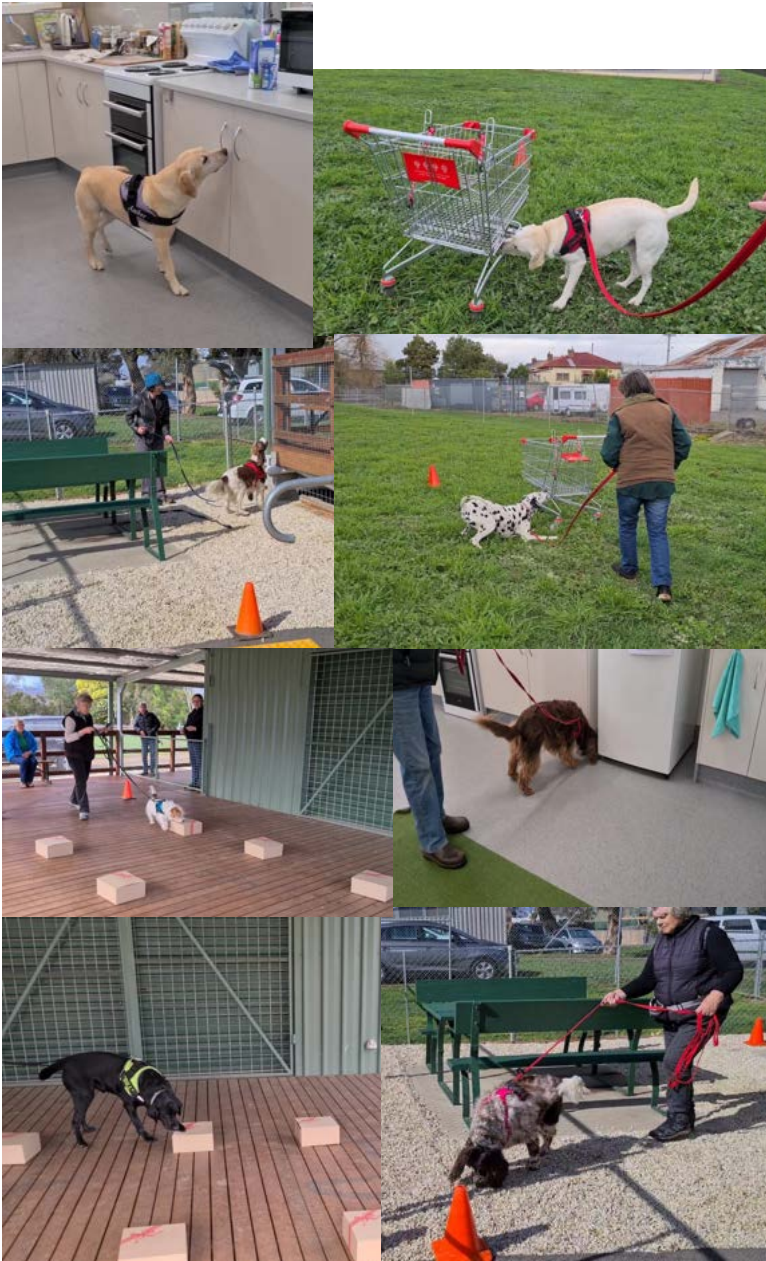
Note: You must be a current financial member to continue training with the club



## Scent Work Mock Trial Practice Day

The club held a successful scent work practice day for those dogs/handlers who are hoping to enter the mock trials. There were 8 dogs/handlers who came along to accept the challenge of the dogs finding odour hides under trial conditions. Everyone learnt a lot of what to expect from their dog, learnt lots of things to do and even more things not to do.

We did an exterior search in the gravel area in front of the clubhouse, an interior search in the clubhouse, a vehicle search and a container (boxes) search.



### on Lead / off Lead Etiquette

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**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- NEVER LET YOUR DOG RUN UP TO A DOG THAT'S ON LEAD - THIS CAN MAKE THE DOG ON LEAD FRIGHTENED & THEY COULD BECOME REACTIVE.
- NOT ALL DOGS ARE FRIENDLY AND CONFIDENT.
- ALWAYS RESPECT OTHER DOG OWNERS SPACE AND ASK THEM IF IT'S OKAY TO APPROACH THEM.
- PENALTIES APPLY TO DOG OWNERS WHO HAVE THEIR DOGS OFF LEAD IN PUBLIC PLACES. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL TO FIND OUT WHERE YOUR CLOSEST DESIGNATED OFF LEAD AREA'S ARE.

### Does Your Dog Want To Be Here? YES!

City of Christchurch

**Great! Stay A While!**

Appropriate and polite dog play includes lots of short breaks for sniffs, drinks or laying down so dogs don't become overly boisterous or hyper-stimulated. Ensure your dog gets a chance to relax in good company too! If you're not sure whether your dog is enjoying himself here, or you're worried about the behaviour of another dog, take your dog out of the dog park to give him a break. Not all dogs are social butterflies, some prefer the company of a few good friends instead.

### Does Your Dog Want To Be Here? NO!

City of Christchurch

**Why Not Try Some Different Activities?**

Long explorative walks along a trail or outside of the dog park  
Attend the park at a time where there are less dogs, or where the other dogs' play styles match your dog's  
How about a bit of training?  
Stuffy walks along the beach or linear park

## What spring bulbs or flowers are poisonous to dogs?

Daffodils are poisonous to dogs if they eat the bulbs or flowers, or drink water from a vase with daffodils in. They can give your dog an upset stomach, make them vomit, and make them very sleepy and wobbly. A dog that's been poisoned by daffodils might also have fits.

Tulips can irritate your dog's mouth and gastrointestinal tract. Normally they will only experience drooling, being sick and diarrhea, but heart problems and difficulty breathing are also signs of tulip poisoning.

Other plants, flowers, fruit and vegetables listed below are poisonous to dogs. Those in bold are potentially fatal, so please take care to avoid these:

Apples (pips)

Apricots (kernel)

**Azalea**

**Bluebells**

Buttercups

**Cyclamen (root)**

**Daffodils bulbs or any bulbs**

Elderberry

**Foxglove (leaves and seeds)**

Apple wood

Ivy (whole plant)

Lupin (leaves, seeds)

**Onion (causes anemia)**

Peach (stones and leaves)

**Rhododendron**

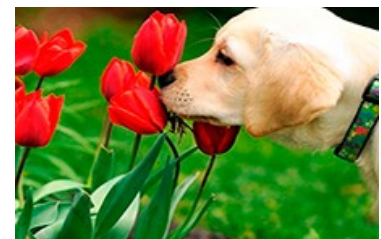
**Rhubarb (leaves)**

Sweetpea (stem)

Tulips

Wild cherry tree (twigs and foliage)

**Yew (berries and foliage)**



## What should I do if I think my dog has been poisoned?

If you think your dog has been poisoned by anything, you need to act quickly. Contact your vet as soon as your pet shows signs of being ill.

It's a good idea to write down the details of anything you think your dog has ingested, when they ate/drank it, how much they have swallowed, and what symptoms they have been experiencing.

If you have seen your dog eat something that they shouldn't, don't wait for symptoms to appear. Call your vet immediately and ask for their advice.

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