



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

JULY/AUGUST 2021

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 1 August 2021

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

Commencing 5 September 2021

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

July 11 & 25; August 8 & 22

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.

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

Jul 3/4 Agility/Jumping
Jul 24/26 Tracking
Aug 7/8 Agility/Jumping
Aug 21 Obedience
Aug 22 Rally
Sep 11/13 TrackSearch
**Sep 18/19 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.

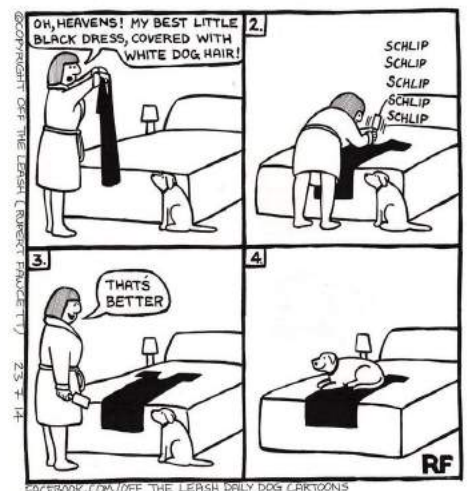
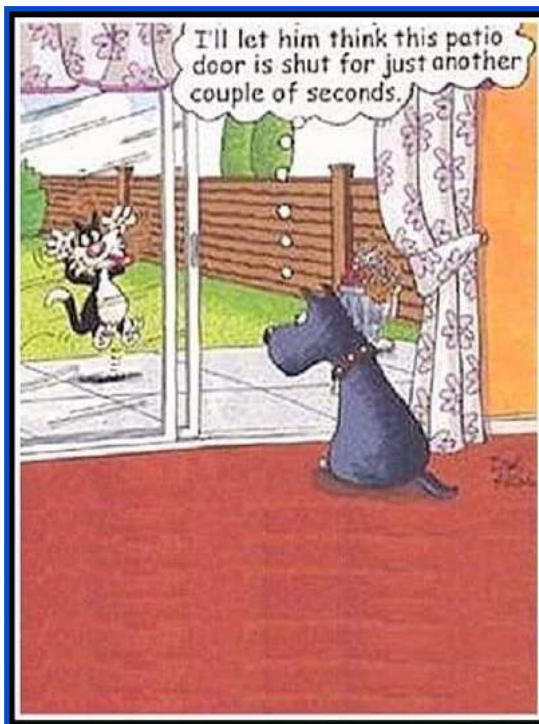
Volunteering is a very rewarding experience. You will meet lots of new friends, both human and four legged, and have lots of fun, while making a real difference to the lives of owners and their canine companions.

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,



Welcome to our new May & June members

Puppies – May Class

Lorraine & Ruby, Phillip & Colin, Rupen/Darsheni/Simran & Harvey, Michelle & Troy, Catherine Ann & Zara, Naomi/Jamie & Axel, Ria & Biggin, Kate/Ramahn & Buddy

Basic – May Class

Paula & Dice, Krishna/Mark/Piper/Lola & Winnie, Margaret & Echo, Matilda & Luna, Morgan & Jimmy, Stephen/Tyger/Rocco & Luna, Scott/Mel & Luna, Tony & Mister Max, Donna & Teddy, Brett/Fiona/Sarah & Mabel, Rose & Gracie, Sam & Sadie, Kathryn/Oliver/Piers & Max, Katie Anne & Moss, Vicki & Rocky, Katie/Leigh/Lenny/Bronte & Scooter

Puppies – June Class

Suzanne & Sadie, Angela & Winnie, Kendra/David & Bromley, Denise & Saoirse, Nikki/Nicholas & Tacco, Suzie & Spencer, Libby & Peggy

Basic – June Class

Phillip & Colin, Rupen/Darsheni/Simran & Harvey, Michelle & Troy, Naomi/Jamie & Axel, Ria & Biggin, Debbie & Yarga, Jane & Violet, Patricia & Thomas, Erin/Susan & Margo, Lyndsey & Dilara, Nigel/Kym & Luna, Josie & Frank, Rob/Jennifer & Barney, Belinda & Foxy

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.

April Basic



May Puppies



June Puppies

May Basic



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 11 & 25 July; 8 & 22 August
10.45am-\$5 per session.**





Rally Mock Trial!

Sunday 26th September 2021

Commencing at 9:30am with Novice and continuing through with Advanced, Excellent & Masters.
Other class approximate start times will be advised once numbers are finalized

Cost \$5 per run (for club members)

Non-members are free to attend, you just need to become a club member

Can be paid on the day, you don't need to pre-pay, you just need to book in.

Contact Kendal to book you place: kendal1983@icloud.com, or 0417 374 184

This is for anyone wanting to:

- Fine tune their skills ready for the upcoming trial on 17th October 2021
 - Anyone not intending to enter the trial, to see where they are at
 - Even for the new novice people learning, this is a great opportunity to see a course on the ground, and have fun putting your training into practice
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Bookings essential!

You need to book in by midnight Sunday 12th September 2021

Late bookings will not be accepted! No exceptions!
This will enable us to plan for the day based on numbers booked for each class

Don't miss this opportunity!

It will be a fun morning learning and progressing yourselves in the sport

This will be a COVID safe event. Please follow all club and government requirements

Note: There won't be a trial ring rope set up, however, the event will be run on the normal trial grounds

Club News

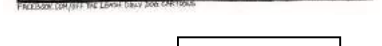
Scheduling and running trials is causing our amazing Trial Secretar-ys quite a few headaches at the moment. With borders closure, flight cancellations and snap lockdowns seemingly the new normal, trying to fly in interstate judges is an ongoing issue. The club appreciates everyone's patience and flexibility, we are always attempting to make the best decision for our members, dedicated volunteers and the judges themselves.

Please be aware that advertised trials may continue to be postponed and even cancelled at very short notice due to the ever changing Covid landscape. Similarly the availability of instructors to provide the full spectrum of classes every Sunday may also be impacted, so we do ask that everyone checks 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 or email tasdogclub@gmail.com

Look forward to see you soon,

Nicquel



Brrr it's cold outside! Top tips for pet owners this winter.

The wind is picking up, the rain is setting in and temperatures are starting to drop as winter fast approaches. It's nearly time for woolly socks, hot drinks and warm coats.

Winter Coats

Although many cat and dog breeds have luxurious thick fur to keep them warm, when they are outside or on walks in the cold, they will still likely benefit from an additional winter coat. This is especially important if you have a thin, older or short haired breed.

A good pet-coat or jumper will give coverage from the neck to the base of the tail while also giving protection to their belly. Make sure your pet's coat is the right fit and isn't restricting movement.

Remember, don't leave your pet's coat on once they are in a heated indoor environment as they may over-heat under all those layers!

Better bedding

As the weather gets cooler, you might notice your pet is spending more time snuggled up in their bed. You can make a few simple adjustments to their bedding to ensure they are properly protected from the cold.

Make sure your pet's bed is away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. You should raise the bed off the ground and add an extra blanket for warmth and comfort. Try not to place the bed too high though, as cold temperatures are especially tough on older dogs or cats with stiff joints who may have difficulty in movement after long periods of rest.

You can place a heating pad or disc in their bed (avoid hot water bottles as there may be the temptation to chew!) to gently warm up the bedding and create a cosy, warm and safe sleeping environment.

The great indoors

If your pet spends a lot of time outside, then appropriate shelter is essential. Pet stores have a great range of kennels for dogs and enclosures for cats, that will give protection from rain, frost and wind. Choose a spot for your pet's housing that is protected from the elements in a warm elevated position. Fill your pet's shelter with dry blankets that are washed regularly.

If your dog is usually kept outside, you could bring them indoors to sleep at night, somewhere warm and dry, away from cold drafts and damp.

Keep on moving

The temptation in winter is to stay indoors, safely snuggled under a warm blanket. But your dog or cat still needs exercise and boredom busting stimulation. Keep playing indoors with soft toys or a ball to get the blood moving.

Or, brave the cold, grab the lead, put on both your winter coats, and head out for a brisk walk together! Your dog will still love the joy of their walk even if it's a bit colder, and you will feel better for the exercise too.

Heat seekers

Cats are notorious for finding warm spots around the house, like the afternoon sun through a window, or sitting close to heaters. Dogs too will seek out sources of heat during colder weather. Be wary of your pet sitting too close to heaters or fires as they can fall asleep and end up with dried out skin or worse, burns. Pet heating pads and disks are a safe alternative that can be placed in their bedding or on a favourite chair. This will become your pet's favourite warm spot this winter!

Senior care

Cold weather can be harder on our older cats and dogs as, just like with people, the drop in temperature can aggravate joints stiff with arthritis. Make sure your pet has a warm, comfortable rest area away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. If you notice your pet is showing signs of discomfort associated with arthritis, you should take them to their vet for a check-up. Signs of pain or discomfort include stiffness, chewing or licking certain joints, difficulty walking up or down stairs, eating slowly and noticeable behavioural changes.

Heart warmers

Pets are wonderful companions and loving members of the family. Snuggle up and stay warm together this winter, and remember, there's nothing like lots of cuddles to keep the winter blues at bay!

Copied from RSPCA Queensland website



Rally & Agility Roster

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

15th August

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; Jump skills. Speed circles

26th September

Rally Novice 9:30am - 10:00am; Mock trial - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL- see flyer for details

Rally Advanced 10:10am - 10:40am; Mock trial - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - see flyer for details

Rally Excellent 10:50am - 11:20am; Mock trial - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - see flyer for details

Rally Masters 11:30am - 12:00pm; Mock trial- BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL-see flyer for details

Agility Novice 9:45am - 10:30am; Jumps & tunnels. Combining jumps & tunnels in sequence

Rally Thank-you

Thank-you to everyone who attended the combined class on 6th June 2021, which focused on making yourself fun for you and your dog, engagement and problem solving.

I hope everyone is keeping up their training and applying what they learnt.

Remember this is always going to be an ongoing issue with most teams (you and your dog), so don't ever become complacent and neglect this area of your training.

Keep up the good work and remember to always make training nice and fun.

Wayne Walker

Dog under effective control

A dog is under the effective control of a person in a public place if the dog is in an area where a dog must be on a lead and the dog is secured and restrained by means of a lead not more than 2 metres long held by hand by a person able to control the dog

In an area where a dog is not required to be on a lead a dog, is under the effective control of a person if it is in close proximity to the person and it is in sight of the person and the person is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of an authorised person that the dog is immediately responsive to the person's commands. A person, at any one time, must not have in his or her charge more than 2 dogs on a lead on a footpath or 4 dogs in a public place.





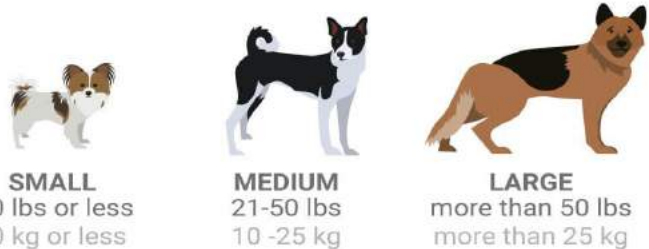
Is it too cold for my dog?



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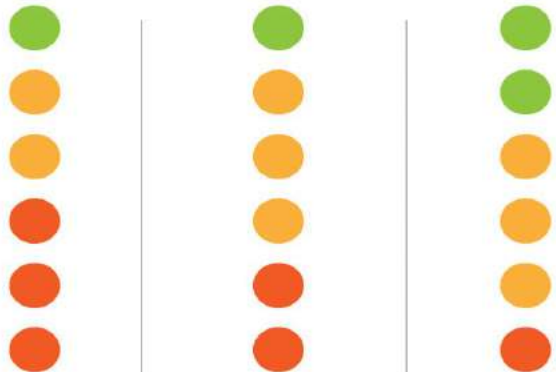


SMALL
20 lbs or less
10 kg or less

MEDIUM
21-50 lbs
10 -25 kg

LARGE
more than 50 lbs
more than 25 kg

50°F / 10°C
41°F / 5°C
32°F / 0°C
23°F / -5°C
14°F / -10°C
5°F / -15°C



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