



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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APRIL/MAY 2022



Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 1 May 2022

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am - **Fully Booked**
Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am



Commencing 5 June 2022

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - - starting at 9.30 am - **Limited Places left**
Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am

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.

Reminder: No Club Easter Sunday

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
10.00am Puppy Preschool
10.45am Intermediate / Advanced /
Trialing / Scent Work

Other:
Rally & Agility classes - refer to web-
site events calendar

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

UPCOMING TRIALS

Apr 2/3 Scent Work
Apr 30 Agility/Jumping
May 1 Agility/Jumping
May 14 Obedience
May 15 Rally
June 11-13 Tracking
June 18/19 Agility/
Jumping

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

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.

Don't share your Easter egg with your pet

Chocolate is toxic to dogs and other pets and ingestion often results in significant illness. Chocolate is toxic because it contains theobromine, a chemical similar to caffeine and used medicinally as a diuretic, heart stimulant, blood vessel dilator, and a smooth muscle relaxant. Theobromine can be poisonous and if eaten by our pets may result in severe clinical signs, especially if they do not receive early medical treatment.

How much chocolate can my dog have? The easy answer to this is none! The amount of toxic theobromine varies with the type of chocolate.

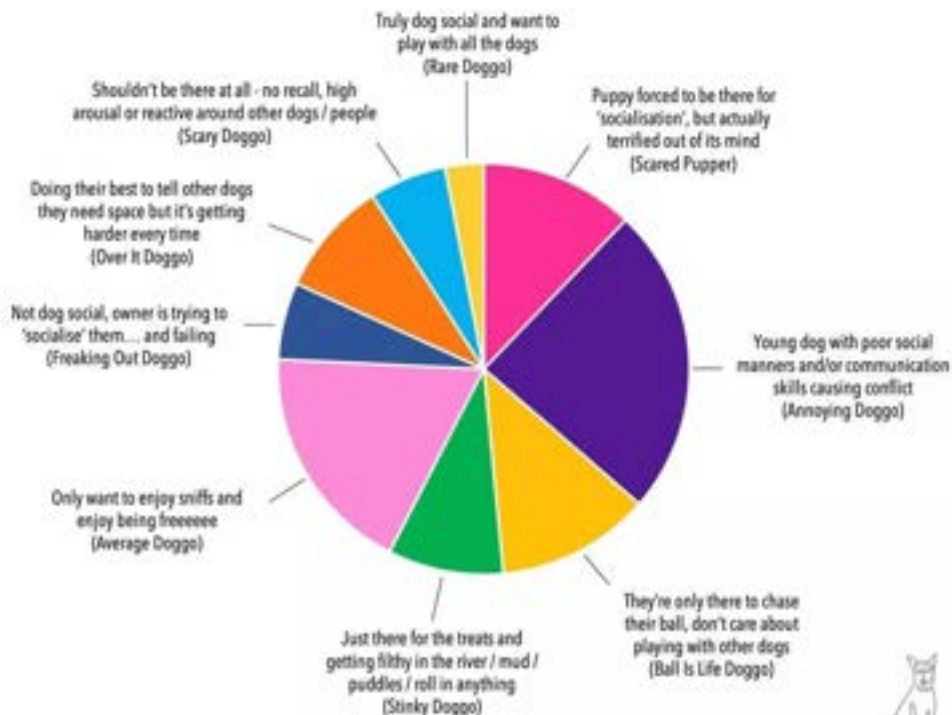
The darker and the more bitter the chocolate, the more dangerous it is to your pets. Cooking or baking chocolate and high quality dark chocolate contains higher amounts whilst, milk chocolate (commonly used in Easter eggs) has less and white chocolate barely poses any threat of chocolate poisoning. The amount of fat and sugar in white chocolate, however, can still make a dog very sick and result in conditions such as pancreatitis!

This means that for a medium size dog, weighing about 20kg it would take only 25grams of baker's or dark chocolate and 250grams of milk chocolate to potentially show signs of poisoning (Approximate figures only.)

Clinical signs of chocolate poisoning depend on the amount and type of chocolate ingested. For many dogs, the most common signs are vomiting and diarrhea, increased thirst, panting or restlessness, excessive urination, a racing heart rate, muscle spasms (tremors), and occasionally seizures. When in doubt, contact your vet to see if a poisonous amount of chocolate was ingested to begin with.



"But dogs LOVE going to the dog park!"



PLEASE NOTE: Chart is purely for humorous intent and splits aren't factual. Very few dogs are truly dog social, they don't need to go to the dog park, learn about dog body language and look again - are they really happy there?



Welcome to our new February and March members

Puppies – February Class

Jackie/Ross & Mack, Peter/Kyan & Keanu, Lael/Peter & Bronte, Lou & Roly, Rebecca & Franklin, Travis/Megan & Leo, Ross & Zelda, Abbie/Tim & Daisy, Katie/Luke & Jemma

Puppies - March Class

Lisa & Archie, Elizabeth Anne & Layla, Michelle & Charlie, Shiona/Damien/Austin & Daisy, Amy/Tom & Cricket, Robyn/Paul & Bart, Norelle/Jordyn & Pearl, Rebecca & Chloe

Basic – February Class,

Katie/Leigh/Lenny/Bronte & Moose, Reg/Karen & Tessa, Elaine & Loki, Paul & Jade, Joel/Lisa & Elsa, Brenda/Joshua & Stella, Brenda/Joshua & Bear, Amanda/Dmitri & Dolly, Jane & Misty, Lisa/Matt & Ziggy, Jim/Melanie & Ringo, Silke & John & Charlie, Hayley & Pepper, Liarna/Donna & Rossi, Nicole/Shawn & Zeus, Rebecca & Ned, Roni/Mitchell & Thunder, Brittany & Sampson, Carol & Lao Tzo

Basic - March Class

Peter/Kyan & Keanu, Lael/Peter & Bronte, Rebecca & Franklin, Travis/Megan & Leo, Ross & Zelda, Katie/Luke & Jemma, Jayne & Eucy, Zoe & Jemima, Sarah-Jane & Sylvie, Irene & Banjo, Lenore/Orion & Penny, Lenore/Orion & Jemima, Jennifer/Matthew & Albus, Jessica & Ted, Ning/Noi/Yasmin/Nahtee & Watson, Kathy/Allison & Pepper, Lou & Roly

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.



PRESIDENTS WAFFLE

Hello to you all!

We have some great plans and exciting things happening this year, which we feel will only add a benefit to our already great club

With this in mind, we are looking within our members anyone that feels they would like to be a volunteer at club. Our class numbers are increasing monthly, and for this to be successful, we need to have some new instructors on board to add to our already great team. Club is offering mentoring and training in this area, from two of our highly experience trainers Wayne and Kendal. If you feel you are passionate about training and have the personality and confidence to join our great team of volunteers, please come into the clubhouse and have a chat to one of our team. It is a personally rewarding experience, and we give a great service to our local community. Apart from instructing, if you think you have another role you could add to our club, come and see us.

Fortunately to date we haven't had any COVID transmission at club, to ensure this continues we all need to stay vigilant with our sanitising, social distancing and mask wearing and not become complacent.

Did you know that zucchini is one of the best vegetables to feed your dogs, just grate raw and mix with their meal? If you have any ripe bananas, don't throw them out give them to your dog, a great source of potassium.

You have probably noticed the work at the entrance to club. This is the Launceston City Council contractors working to extend the existing carpark. Club is continuously working with the Council to ensure that any disruption to our training grounds is kept to a minimum. It is hoped that the works will be completed by the end of April, the carpark will be separated from the training grounds by trees and bollards to keep our dogs safe.

Everyone!! keep your eyes on the club Website and Facebook pages for upcoming 2022 events. Trials, workshops and classes will be all be scheduled.

That's all folks,

Lyn, Bill & Hope

*Life without a dog is
like an unsharpened
pencil.*

It has no point.



Aspiring Judges Practical Examinations 2022

For those who may not know, aspiring judges must first pass a theory exam and then a practical exam to qualify for a licence to judge. Recently our club provided resources and volunteers to assist in the assessments of an aspiring Rally judge and two Scent Work judges. On behalf of the OTEC and Scent Work committees of Dogs Tasmania I would like to thank the following club members who acted as stewards or provided dogs for judging at these exams.

Rally – Yvonne Tomkinson, Chris Pontin and Kendal Olsen. Mel Ell and Rachel McDonald with two dogs each.

Scent Work - Ann Peters, Chris Pontin and Nicquel Walker and their dogs.

I am pleased to report that we now have a new Rally judge, Rosanne McDade, and two new Scent Work judges, Emma Smythe and Emily Drysdale. It will be a great benefit to Tassie to have more local judges especially if we are unfortunate enough to have any more travel restrictions due to Covid.

Pat Hallam

Club photos and memorabilia

A call out to current and former club members to have a look in their cupboards and see if they have any old TDTC catalogues, flyers or uniforms or photos taken at club functions. We are trying to put together a photographic record of the clubs history. If you have anything that you think might be suitable please let us know.



Training me is not an option, it is an obligation. It is not something to be done once I start causing problems, it is how to prevent problems from starting.

Teach me how to be the dog you want me to be.



Capturing a behavior is a simple and effective way for Dogs to learn.

What it takes is being prepared to mark a behavior when it is freely given or naturally occurring.

When your Dog does a behavior you want to shape, on their own, mark and reward.

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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.



YOUR DOG'S CALENDAR @SEMI.RAD

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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

The real meaning of Facebook emojis 🤪



I like dogs



I LOVE dogs



Dogs are funny



What? You don't have a dog?



I can't afford more dogs



What do you mean I can't have more dogs?

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This is why dogs are happier



Thank you

Marj Midson for hosting the judge, Ross Carlson. We really appreciated it.

From TDTC



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