



# Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

JUNE/JULY 2022

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## Training Course Notes

### Next Sunday Courses:-

#### Commencing 3 July 2022

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am - **Fully Booked**

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am

#### Commencing 7 August 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.

## Obedience Mock Trial see page 2

### 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 30 Agility/Jumping**  
**Jun 11-13 Tracking**  
**Jun 18/19 Agility/  
Jumping**  
**Jul 23 Obedience**  
**Jul 24 Rally**  
**Jul 23-25 Tracking**

**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.

## Obedience Mock Trial

We are excited to advise that we will be running a mock obedience trial at club

Sunday 31st July

Starting at 9.30am

The trial is for any club member that is considering entering an obedience trial for the **first time**

**Only CCD class will be offered**

Cost is \$5

**Please come along and give it a go**

**All experience levels are welcome**

The mock trial will be replacing Grade classes for that day so please come along and see what is involved. You can enter even if you feel you are not at trialling level yet.

Please speak to your Grade Instructor for more information



## Welcome to our new April and May members

### Puppies – April Class

Carolyn & Loki, Elspeth/Sam/Ashley & Lili. Kirsten/Luke & Buddy. Debbie & Charlie, Angela/Dominic & Rosie, Katherine/Ian & Rosfrith

### Puppies - May Class

Daryl/Kylie & Obi, Natasha & Ralphy, Layne & Milton, Kate & Teddy, Rupert & Poppy. Helen/Sonia & Charlie, Suzanne/Amanda & Leo, Claire/John & Dottie, Claire/John & Maple, Maggie/Aidan & Bruyere, Jason & Charlie,  
Payton/Rachel/Craig & Lucy

### Basic – April Class,

Denise & Saoirse, Lisa & Archie, Elizabeth Anne & Layla, Amy/Tom & Cricket, Amy/Tom & Ernie. Robyn/Paul & Bart, Alicia & Nala, Tracy/Andrew/Lillian & Louie, Colleen & Tilly, Keith/Minseong & Pumba, Thomas & Bella, Lauren/Blake & Rocky, Lauren/Blake & Mickey

### Basic - May Class

Ross & Zelda, Sarah-Jane & Sylvie, Irene & Banjo, Carolyn & Loki, Elspeth/Sam/Ashley & Lili, Debbie & Charlie, Jayne/Phoebe & Addie, Jayne/Phoebe & Winston, Nicola & Malty, Mika/Gary & Rossi, Malcolm/Larnie & Tank, Hamish/Georgie & Merry, Paul & Lenny, Lesley & Bailey, Andrew/Karen & Charlie Brown, Katrina & Charlie

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



May Puppies



April Basic

## Presidents Waffle

Winter is upon us; I am thinking we may have a very cold winter. Please try to still attend classes even in the cold, your dogs do love getting out and doing some work. Club is open in all weather conditions; puppy classes will always go ahead on our enclosed weatherproof area, up on the club house veranda. Basic and all other classes will also go ahead unless the rain is too heavy, and we will decide that on the day, at the time. We are basically crazy dog people and train in all weather.

Club house was built for all members, we would like you all to feel you can come into club anytime, grab a warm drink, have a chat, or even just come out of the weather. We are always there to welcome you. Can't believe we are already nearly halfway through our club training year. I hope everyone is enjoying their training.

Should you ever have any queries or worries, please come, and see us in club. WE can't help or improve if we don't know if there are problems. It is also great to come and let us know you are having a great time.

To all clubs' competitors, you have all been working hard in Agility, Obedience, Rally, Scent work, with tracking and track and search soon to commence. Praise to us all for our dedication and love of whatever sport we choose.

Always looking for anyone who feels they would love to become an instructor, please come and see us in club-house.

Stay safe and well, love your dogs.

Lyn, Bill & Hope



*A big Thank You to Nicquel Walker for all her dedication and Professionalism in creating club Newsletter!!*

*Also thank you for securing venue at U7AS for our recent Scent Work trial a perfect venue.*



## Hobart Canine Obedience Club Scent Work Trial 7 - 8 May 2022

In early May a small group of dedicated scent work enthusiast headed down the highway to test their hard work and training at the Hobart Scentwork trial. We had outstanding results, etched out at times in horrendous conditions. Congratulations to the TDTC teams who competed Yvonne with Amber & Jacko, Lyn & Bill, Ann with Phoebe & Katie, Chris & Annie, Jayne & Portia, Nicquel & Jessie and Mel & Sage with Archer.



"Bill" never lets me down in any thing he does He obtained 2 great passes at the weekend in Hobart, one of only 6 dogs out of 32 that passed advanced containers he did a stella job Then went on to pass his advanced vehicle I sadly let him down in exterior and interior, he is so much better than me!! He also in absolute horrendous conditions found all 4 odours in Excellent Exterior but just got it seconds after time was called!! I could not have been prouder of My Boy Bill at that moment, not sure weather the rain was blinding me or the tears! He is a very very special little furry man!



Annie—Very proud of my special girl Annie. Hobart trial - Pass at advanced exterior, and her very first pass at excellent vehicle - even 2 hides on the same vehicle didn't faze her. She worked so well all weekend. Couldn't have done more



Archer did awesome at the Hobart Scent Work Trial considering we've only just started Advanced level! He got an Advanced Exterior pass on the Saturday in the pouring rain, and got an Advanced Interior pass this morning!

Jacko—First 2 passes at Advanced level. . He's so lovely to handle, and so very different from hooligan Annie He struts around like Hercule Poirot. I even trusted him off lead in the interior search - with all doors & windows locked & bolted!



Jessie—We earned 3 passes on the weekend. The interior search was beautiful, her exterior search was great. We nearly missed the Vehicle search, she was down to less then 30 seconds when she did a first tentative indication on the number plate and I called it, luckily it was correct.



Amber - 3rd in Advanced Exterior & Advanced Vehicle and a qualifying passes in Advanced Interior. Congratulations Amber.

### Getting Lumps on Your Dogs checked by a vet

The beautiful Archer pictured below with his fur sister Luna, gave his mum Mel as scare this week. Archer who has been bravely fighting seizures for the last few years developed a lump on the back of his leg right near the lymph node. Mel rushed him to the Vet in a panic, luckily it turned out to be a clump of collagen, fibres, and fat tissue. So nothing sinister and it will only need removing if it impedes his movement in the future. Its is a timely reminder though to make sure if you find a lump and you haven't previously had discussion with your vet, about lumps on your dogs skin, please make an appointment with the vet to have it investigated or make sure you mention it at your next visit.



### 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.



## **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



# Is it too cold for my dog?

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
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