



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2022

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 4 September 2022

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

Commencing 2 October 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.

Annual Membership Renewals are due 30 September see page 5

COMMITTEE 2021-2022

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

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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

Other:

Rally
Agility
Tracking
Scent Work

Enquire at office for times and dates

UPCOMING TRIALS

Aug 6/7 Agility/Jumping
Aug 20 Obedience
Aug 21 Rally
Sep 10-12 Track & Search
Sep 17/18 Agility/Jumping
Oct 8/9 Agility/Jumping
Oct 8-10 Track & Search
Oct 15 Obedience
Oct 16 Rally
Oct 22/23 Scent work

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.

Some Thoughts on the 2022 Tracking Season – Pat Hallam

So far this year we have had 4 tracking trials (only 1 to go now), congratulations to those who got passes and titles and if you didn't, keep trying as you will have learned a lot. The judges we get from Victoria and the wonderful Trish Wileman are very experienced as they have all tracked their own dogs to titles and many judge almost every weekend throughout the winter. Please show them respect if they suggest changes to your handling or approach to tracking, they are trying to help you. If you decide that their suggestions are not appropriate for you or your dog you don't have to follow them.

On a lighter note – while waiting in the carpark I overheard this conversation between the dogs:

Frankie "I love these days out in the bush but I find it all a bit puzzling"

Archie "Why is that?"

Frankie "Well, they all sit around for ages and then someone wanders off and gets lost. Then they expect us to go out and find them"

Archie "Yes it is strange, and they take their socks off and leave them lying around."

Lottie "I'm a bit worried that they'll take off all their clothes. Can you imagine how awful they'd look with only that bit of hair on their heads?"

Neddie "I think its great fun, I like rushing along pulling Mum as fast I can, then I find a yummie treat when I get to the lost person who is usually Auntie Kellie. I don't know why she keeps getting lost though."

Dash "Don't go too fast Ned, I tried that and now I track with Auntie Kellie instead of Mum, which is still fun but it would be nice to be with Mum."

Pyess "I've been doing this for a couple of years and instead of learning that they shouldn't wander off without us, each time they seem to go further and take a more complicated path."

Lottie "Although it's all rather strange, it's a great day out and we can catch up with our friends from all over the state.



Annette & Archie
Danielle & Pyess



Vanessa & Ross



Simone & Ned



Veronica & Shae



Jacque & Frankie

Annette & Thunder



A big Thank You to Clover Ward for organising the Agility Fundraiser to raise money to purchase new tunnel bags

Welcome to our new June and July members

Puppies – June Class

Kristy/Jamie & Bonnie, Keryn & Winnie, Wayne/Jemmasen/Rachel & Maizey, Robert Andres & Ario, Helen/Josh & Darcy, Adam/Emma & Lilly, Jillian & Brooklyn. Genevieve & Trixie, Sarah & Oak

Puppies - July Class

Kim/Richard & Sydney, Brian/Isabele & Sunni, Lana/Heath & Neo, Natasha & Jaeger, Alex/David & Luna, Simon/Kim & Ernie, Nik & Charlie, Anita Jean & Ted, Loren/Luke & Luna, Karly & Eddie, Katie & Freddie, David/Leona & Susie

Basic – June Class.

Maggie/Aidan & Bruyere, Daryl/Kylie & Obi, Katherine/Ian & Rosfrith, Debbie/Chris & Frankie, Danica & Ivy, Layne & Milton, Kate & Teddy, Rupert & Poppy, Helen/Sonia & Charlie, Claire/John & Maple, Claire/John & Dottie, Payton/Rachel/Craig & Lucy, Kerrie & Loki, Hazel & Spot, Lynn & Jock, Troy/Hannah & Kea, Lynne & Georgia, Alistair/Zara & Rosie, Alistair/Zara & Winnie

Basic - July Class

Kaylene/Leon & Bentley, Kylie & Cosmo, Phillip Lindsay & Ghost, Wayne/Jemmasen/Rachel & Maizey, Abbie/Tim & Daisy, Helen/Josh & Darcy, Adam/Emma & Lilly. Kristy/Jamie & Bonnie, Clement/Nguyen & Tony, Peter & Billy, Hannah & Mila, Emma & Tonks, Racheal Leigh/Craig & Amy Blossom, Di-
anne & Rubi, Kaye & Billy, Daniel & Biscuit, Nigel/Kym & Sunny, Jason & Charlie,
Sarah & Oak

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 Puppies

June Basic



July Puppies



Editors Comments

What a crazy couple of months we have had a club. We have held Agility and Jumping trials, Obedience and Rally trials, Tracking trials, Track & Search trials, an Agility workshop and an Obedience mock trial, with more trials to come before the end of the year. This has all been against the background of classes and trials being postponed and even cancelled due to Covid. Thank you to all our the wonderful club members who keep stepping to cover classes at short notice and those that are always willing to help out where they can.

We do extend to every club member that is currently suffering from ill health our best wishes and we hope you make a complete recovery.

With the success of our website, Club's messaging around the need to have well mannered companions is getting out to the general public and bookings for our Puppies and Basic classes are filling at a super fast pace. Anyone who wants to take part in our popular classes needs to book in as soon as they can and make sure they pay as soon as they are asked to, so we do not need to pass their place onto the next person on our waiting list.

Agility Fund Raising Day - Clover Ward

We had a nice early start for our Tunnel Bag fundraiser Agility seminar where we started off with our Foundation group. The participants learnt some of the vital flatwork skills needed before adding in handling and obstacles. We worked on relationship building, self control, forward drive, shaping, engagement and body awareness. All the dogs and handlers worked very hard and achieved some awesome results while working through multiple distractions. In the afternoon we had our handling group, this was for dogs that already understood how to read our handling cues and do the obstacles. We worked on course walking, timing of our cues, and connection on course as well as some technical skills such as serpentine, extension to collection and double blind crosses. The group broke the full course down to make sure the dogs and handlers were confident and worked up to running the full course which everyone did very well at. It was a fun day for everyone and hopefully sparked some interest for some people to consider competing in the sport of dog agility. Thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success as we now have raised over \$600 to purchase some new tunnel bags for the club which will help ensure we are up to standard with the level of safety which is a very important aspect for our dogs who do agility.

Thank you to Mel & Archer and Andrea & Emmy for the action shots.



Scent Work Introduction Course July 2022



Clockwise from left:
Kristy & Teddy -
Jack Russell,
Diane & Tilly -
Lagotto,
Zoe & Jemima -
Setter, Rivka &
Rusty—Staffyx
Hannah & Mila -
Malinois, Katie &
Jemma - Labrador



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 2022 or earlier then you will need to renew.

2023 membership badges are lemon, if yours is any other colour you need to renew.

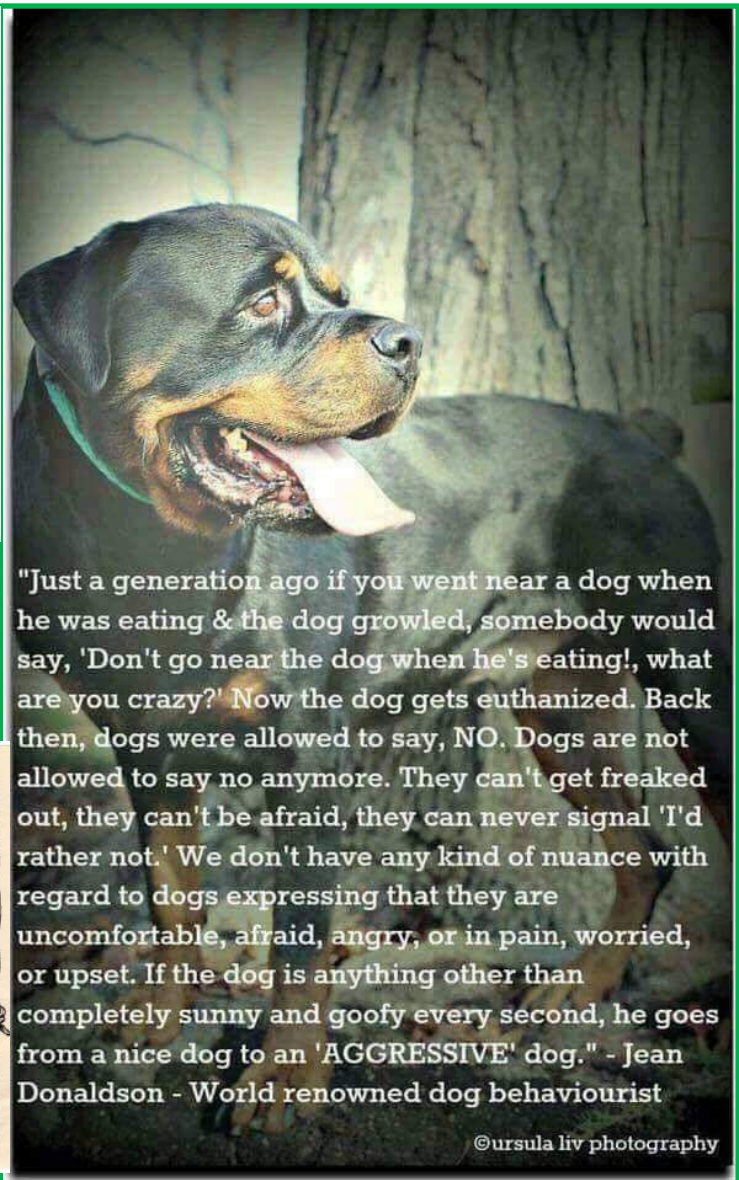
If you are unsure, there is a membership list in the clubhouse. Ask any of the committee members to check for you.

Membership Renewal Fees:	Ordinary Membership (single)	\$20
	Dual/Family Membership	\$30
	Pensioner Membership	\$15
	Upgrade from Single to Dual/Family	\$10

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

The membership renewal forms are available from the office or can be downloaded from the website, Please include your membership number (printed on your name badge)

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



"Just a generation ago if you went near a dog when he was eating & the dog growled, somebody would say, 'Don't go near the dog when he's eating!, what are you crazy?' Now the dog gets euthanized. Back then, dogs were allowed to say, NO. Dogs are not allowed to say no anymore. They can't get freaked out, they can't be afraid, they can never signal 'I'd rather not.' We don't have any kind of nuance with regard to dogs expressing that they are uncomfortable, afraid, angry, or in pain, worried, or upset. If the dog is anything other than completely sunny and goofy every second, he goes from a nice dog to an 'AGGRESSIVE' dog." - Jean Donaldson - World renowned dog behaviourist

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Congratulations to Mel & Luna

July 24th was a Momentous and emotional day for Luna and I! On that day Luna achieved her Rally Champion title making her the first Australian Keeshond Rally Champion. She will now be R.Ch TICOL Luna Raven Wolf CCD RM ADX JDX And our final run was a 99/100 to boot!! Thank you so much to everyone who has been on this journey with us over the years (since 2016) and supported us, guided us, and helped pick us back up when we stumbled. It has been a long journey over the years and I'm so happy to finally have achieved this goal with my first ever dog and in the sport that triggered my love of dog activities all those years ago. To think that someone who never had a dog before, paired with a highly intelligent and wilful pup would have achieved so much! I encourage anyone to have a go and try dog sports with your dog. The bond you build is absolutely irreplaceable! It can be daunting taking your first steps into the dog trial world but reach out to club people or Rally/other sport Facebook pages for advice and to link you in with the sport you are curious about. There are many who will help you as we all remember what it was like at the start and how scary it can be. It is so worth it in the end! And the dogs love it! Rally, and dogs sports is very addictive once you get started!!

Mel Ell



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/narcissus (bulbs)

Elderberry

Foxglove (leaves and seeds)

Hyacinth (bulbs)

Ivy (whole plant)

Lupin (leaves, seeds)

Onion (causes anaemia)

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.

Taken from www.bluecross.org.uk website.

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!**

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**A German Shepherd, Doberman and a Poodle have died.
All three are faced with God who wants to know what they believe in.**

The German shepherd says: "I believe in discipline training and loyalty to my master."

"Good," says God. "Then sit down on my right side. Doberman, what do you believe in?"

The Doberman answers: "I believe in the love, care and protection of my master."

Ah," said God. "You may sit to my left."

Then he looks at the Poodle and asks, "And what do you believe in?"

The Poodle answers: "I believe you're sitting in my seat."

Doggy Dictionary

Obedience Trial, n

[oh-bee-dee-ens tri-a]

An event wherein a dog steps into a ring with its human handler and immediately forgets all previous training.

E.g. Sit? What is this word sit you speak of?

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