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Dog Tales



Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 5 March 2023

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am

Commencing 2 April 2023

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am

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.

WE WISH ALL OUR MEMBERS A SAFE & HAPPY 2023
Welcome back to training

COMMITTEE 2022-2023

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

Other:

Rally
Agility
Tracking
Scent Work

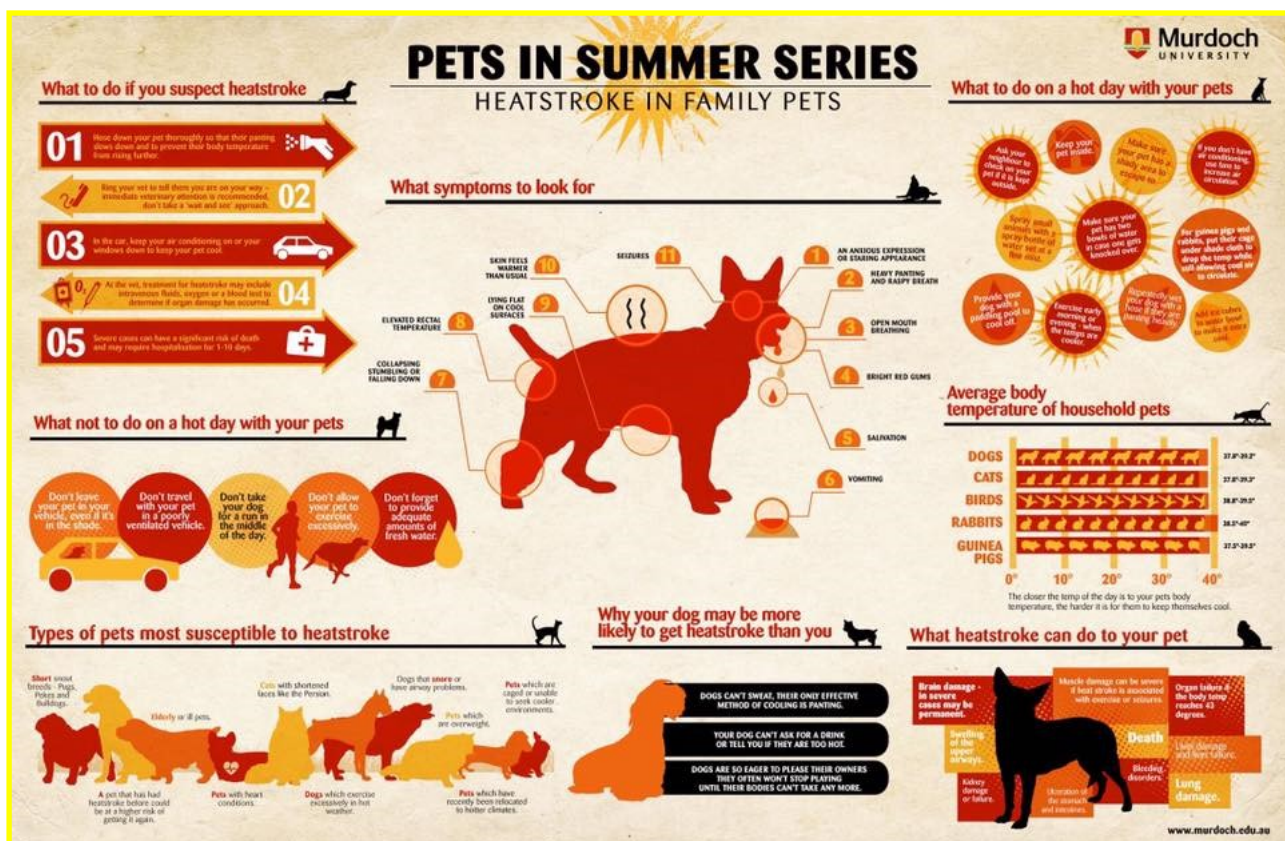
Enquire at office for times and dates

UPCOMING TRIALS

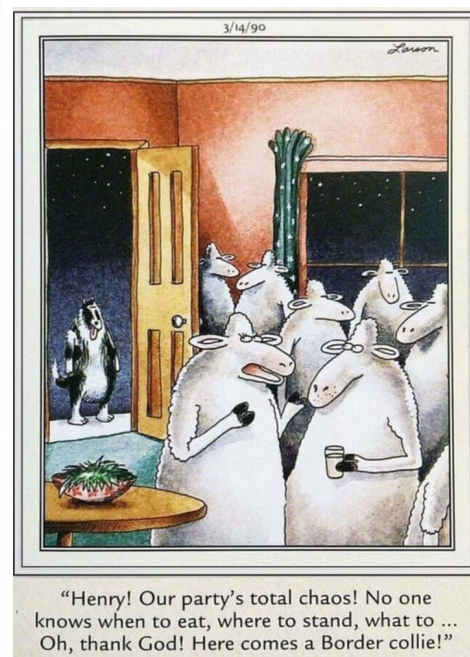
Mar 4 Obedience
Mar 5 Rally
**Mar 18/19 Agility/
Jumping**
Apr 1/2 Scent work
**Apr 29/30 Agility/
Jumping**

**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.



How hot is too hot?					KEY	OTHER FACTORS
°C	°F	Cat	Small Dog	Large Dog		
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+1 If obese +1 If brachycephalic breed
18°	65°	1	1	2		
21°	70°	2	2	3	2. Risk is unlikely: Have fun outside, but be careful!	+1 If less than 6 months old or elderly
23°	75°	3	3	3		
26°	80°	3	3	4	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	-1 If area is shaded from sun
29°	85°	4	4	5		
32°	90°	5	5	5	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	-1 If water is available
35°	95°	5	5	5		
37°	100°	5	5	5	5. Potentially life-threatening heat. Avoid prolonged outdoor activity.	
40°	105°	5	5	5		
43°	110°	5	5	5		



Welcome back to our wonderful volunteer instructors. We hope you had a good break and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Welcome to our new October, November and January members

Puppies – October Class

Luke & Shelby, Renae/Liam & Eddie, Sonya & George Montgomery, Alison & Evie, Karen/Adrian & Arlo, Bianca Louise/Joshua & Bowie, Will & Winkie, Emma Louise/Alex & Chippy

Puppies - November Class

Larissa & Bones, Stephen John & Mojo, Sallee & Delilah, Fraser/Lydia & Maggie, Olivia & Marley, Susan Anne/Adam & Merlin, Daniel/Sally & Indi, Kayla Anne & Moe, Kerri & Betty

Puppies - January Class

Phil/Di & Sailor

Craig/Anne/Bhriannon & Daisy, Amanda & Ollie, Nicolas/Monica/Angus/Isabel & Pippin, Adam/Elizabeth & Ruby, Sheryl Ann & Lola, Jack & Molly

Basic – October Classes

Annabel/Campbell & Lucy, Loren/Luke & Frank, Annie & Murphy, Ryan/Brittany & Stanley, Daniella/Adam/Isabelle/Charlotte & Macey, Carolyn & Pepper, Harrie/Melinda/Nicolai & Moss, Donna/Austin & Chester, Ashlee & George, Serena/Tristan & Toby, Susan/John & Luna, Kylie & Luna, Nicholas & Willow, Belinda/Annabelle & Gerald, Christine/Dean & Humphrey, Matthew/Nicole/Griffyn & Nala, Sarah/Robert & Jessie, Sinead & Buffy, Cassie/Hafwen & Jimmy, Deanne & Milo, Julie/Amanda & Ella, Haylee/Sam & Jett

Basic - November Classes

Kristy/Jamie & Bonnie, Luke & Shelby, Sonya & George Montgomery, Karen/Adrian & Arlo, Bianca Louise/Joshua & Bowie, Emma Louise/Alex & Chippy, Carolyn & Milo, Connie/Francesca & Pippin, Kirby/Connor & Arthur, Stephen/Joanne & Isabella, Elise & Gabriel, Teresa & Rocky, Michael & Paddy, Alexander/Pia & Skye, Darliah & Clover Louise

My apologies for any omissions or errors in this list, please let me know & I will fix in the next newsletter.

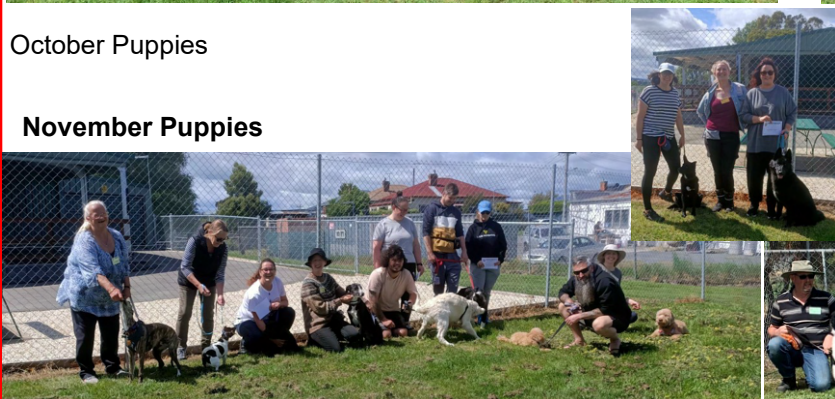
We hope you enjoyed your time in the various classes and we'll see you back soon for the next exciting step in your training in the coming months.



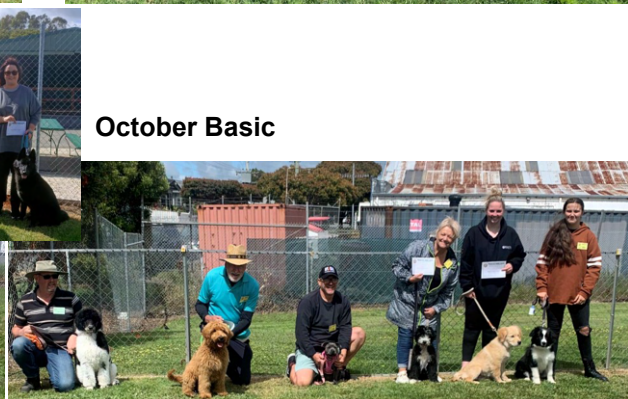
October Puppies



October Basic



November Puppies



Presidents Waffle

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you had a safe and happy Christmas, and are returning to club and training activities with gusto!

During our club break, there have been many of us planning and organising the year ahead's classes, activities, trials, workshops and more improvements and upgrades to our equipment and clubhouse.

Even though we are all volunteers, the work that everyone puts in on our Sundays and all throughout the year is just phenomenal.

As always, we are looking for passionate, dedicated people that feel they would like to join our team as an instructor! If you are one of those people, come and see us in clubhouse.

Stay safe everyone, I look forward to catching up with everyone.

Lyn

Snake Alert - It's that time of year again

If you need help relocating or capturing a snake please contact Reptile Rescue on 0499 116 690

In Tasmania there are three species of venomous snakes; the Tiger snake, Lowland Copperhead snake and the White-lipped snake.

The Tiger snake usually has banding resembling a Tigers stripe and live in coastal environments, wetlands and creeks. Tiger snakes may grow up to 2.1m long and are one of the deadliest snakes in the world despite being generally non-aggressive.

The Lowland Copperhead prefers areas of low vegetation near water bodies and can grow up to 1.8m long.

The White-lipped snake grows to only 40cm long and are identified by a white line on their upper lip. They live in heaths, grasslands and open woodlands. Due to their small fangs and venom glands they pose a far smaller threat. All three of these species are from the same family, which means that the treatment for snake bites is the same irrespective of which species bit an animal.

Snake bites occur most frequently in warmer months with long hot days and warm nights. Tiger and Copperhead snakes possess a potent neurotoxin - the primary cause of death is respiratory collapse due to paralysis. A snake bite is therefore a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment.

Symptoms of a snake bite include: Localised pain, numbness, ataxia (wobbliness), vomiting, salivation, inability to swallow, inability to vocalise and rapid onset of breathing difficulties and paralysis which is fatal if treatment is not prompt.

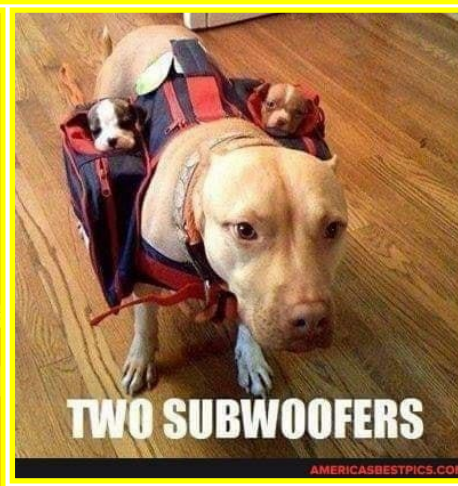
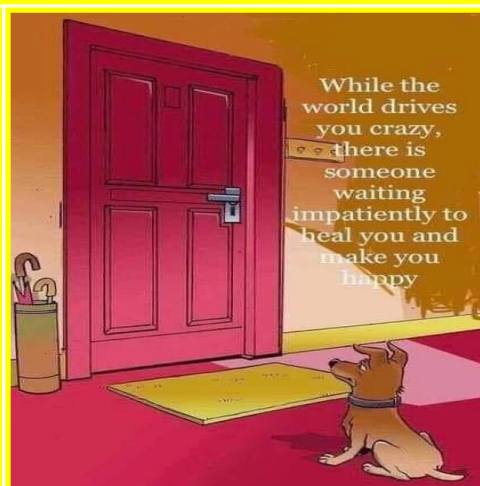
What to do if you suspect your pet has been bitten:

- Take your animal immediately to a veterinarian. Untreated snakebites are invariably terminal.
- Treatment for snake bite includes an intravenous drip (to help minimize shock and to maintain hydration throughout paralysis), administering antivenom and ventilatory support (life support machine) if the animal is unable to breathe adequately for themselves.
- Wrap a bandage around the affected area, limb, if possible, and try to carry dog as walking will cause the venom to spread via the dog's lymph system.
- Clinical signs may last up to 1.5 weeks and so an extended hospital stay of at least two days is required. In fact, it may take months for an animal to make a full recovery from a snake bite as their nerve receptors take time to regenerate.

What not to do:

- Do not attempt first aid.
- Do not wait for clinical signs to develop.
- Do not attempt to identify the snake, it is not required and you are only endangering yourself.
- Do not attempt to handle, move or kill the snake.
- All snakes in Tasmania are protected by law, fines of up to \$1000 exist for harming or killing a snake.

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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 re-new.

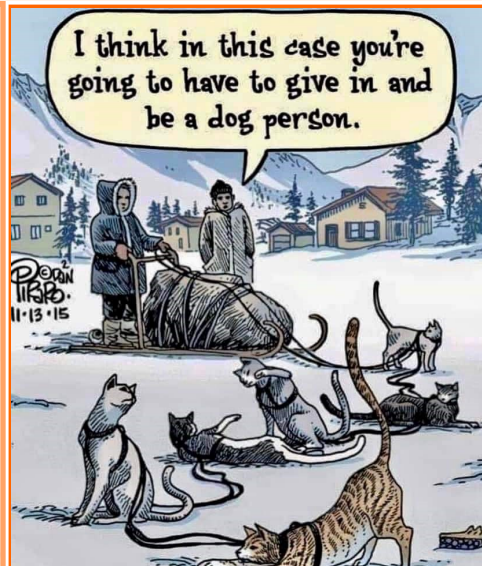
If you are unsure, there is a membership list in the clubhouse. Ask any of the committee members to check for you.

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



NEVER BUY A DOG WHEN YOU'RE DRUNK





Our wireless doorbells
sitting on their chargers....



Grass Seeds, a Problem for Dogs

Summer is the time to be keeping an eye out for grass seeds. They can cause problems for dogs, most commonly longer haired active dogs that are exercised in reserves or long grassed areas.

A grass seed can get caught in the coat and work its way down through the skin. Once it is under the skin the body tries to eliminate it and pus is formed that can swell into an abscess. These infections are commonly life-threatening if not treated.

Sometimes the entry hole can heal over leaving no clue to the source of the problem. Areas to particularly check for seeds are ears, between toes, armpits and eyes. It is best to have long coated dogs trimmed, at least the feet and belly, to reduce the chance of grass seed penetration of skin.

Check your dogs thoroughly for seeds after each walk. A good rule of thumb is, if you have grass seeds in your socks after a walk your dog is likely to have seeds in his/her coat. Also if sudden sneezing or shaking of the head occur or the eyes suddenly appear red after a walk, this could indicate a grass seed problem.

Check your dog's paws regularly for signs of lesions or infection and if you do notice a swelling or lump on the paws or body, seek veterinary advice.

Article: Dogs' Homes of Tasmania



Welcome to our new Scent Work teams.



Elizabeth with Layla



Mark and Angela with Maisy



Rebecca and India with Humphrey



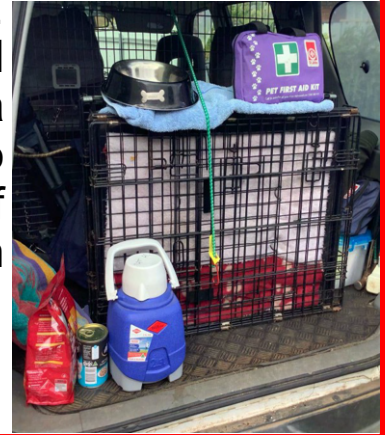
Kristina & Andrew
with Hamish

Barb with Quest

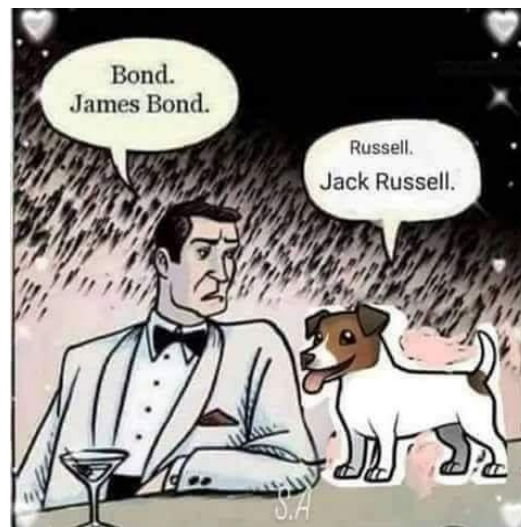


Bushfire Evacuation Plan

Now that we are well into the bushfire season, it is worth considering what we might need for our dogs if we suddenly had to leave our properties. They could be stored in the car if there's room or all together in a place where we could quickly load them into the car. Things that I thought of were crates, bedding, crate covers, cool coats, at least 2 litres of water, bowls, food that doesn't need refrigeration, a few toys. Thanks to the people who also suggested medications, vaccination certificates and a first aid kit. A gazebo for shade would also be useful if you have room. The photo is of my car with most of these things stacked in ready to go.



By Pat Hallam



One of our
Volunteer
Instructors
Keryn
with
Maggie
and
Winnie

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