



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

JUNE/JULY 2023

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 2 July 2023

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am

Commencing 6 August 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.

COMMITTEE 2022-2023

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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

Jun 10/11/12 Tracking Trial
Jun 17/18 Agility/Jumping
Aug 5/6 Agility/Jumping
Aug 19 Obedience
Aug 20 Rally

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.

Frankie & Jacquie

Frankie loves Tracking and will soon try for her Track 7. She also loves Scentwork and Rally. She's starring in Tracking and Scentwork but Rally is a bit more challenging for both of us.



Sally & Victoria

I've been wanting to compete in a dog sport for the last 30 years, and now circumstances have given me the opportunity, not to mention having an amazing little Swedish Vallhund called Sally. Sally absolutely loves Scentwork and qualified in all four elements in her first trial. Tried tracking, but she wasn't too keen, so we're now having a go at Rally-O, in which we've just earned our Novice Title. And, for a bit of fun, we're playing at Tricks, in which we've earned two quallies and now working towards our Novice Title. She has also managed to get her Champion Title in the show ring. "Sally the Valli" is my star!!!



Teddy & Kristy

Teddy started his fun at TDTC in puppy class and has had so much fun at the club since! He has progressed through the obedience classes, and trialed at this discipline, in addition to Scent Work and Rally O (with one title and two wins thus far). Wanting to experience all the fun, he's learning how to track and cant wait to trial in the bush soon! Teddy is the first dog I have ever trialed and its not as scary as I thought, it's fun and everyone is lovely!



Welcome to our new April and May members

Puppies – April Class

Douglas & Merlin, Lisa & Daisy, Paula & Arnie, Lisa & Buddy, Jacqui/Olivia & Hugo, Jenna/Aaron/Jaxon/Levi & Rocco, Christopher & Enzo, David Ross/Catherine & Emma, Danielle/Gordon/Emily & Archie, Ann/Brayden & Bindi

Puppies - May Class

Cynthy & Maxwell, Kate & Clancy, Stephanie/Rewi & Oban, Sue & Zip, Imogen & Nugget, Helen Mary/Chris & Eddie, Kelsey/Dale & Winter, Claudie & Elkie

Basic – April Classes

Ann & Katie, Kate & Tilly, Shane & Bella, Naomi & Marley, Fiona & Winston, Tayla/Alexander & Miles, Rod/Phillipa & Louie, Michael/Jeannette & Archie, Natasha/Tim & Loki, Michael/Jeannette & Teddy, Janine & Daisy, Joanne & Bailey, Vandana/Ritwik/Pragyna & Major, Sue & Remi, Jo/Jarom & Sadie

Basic - May Classes

Lisa & Daisy, Paula & Arnie, Lisa & Buddy, Jacqui/Olivia & Hugo, Jenna/Aaron/Jaxon/Levi & Rocco, Kylie & Lola, Julie/David & Teddy, Carol & Uki, Tom/Sarah & Daisy, Christopher/Louise & Juno, Christopher/Louise & Loki. Anna & Barney. Andrea/Mike & Frida, Stephanie Anne & Maya, Christopher & Enzo, David Ross/Catherine & Emma, Danielle/Gordon/Emily & Archie, Ann/Brayden & Bindi

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

March Basic



March Puppies

April Puppies



Presidents Waffle June 2023

Can you believe its June already, halfway through the year again hard to believe but here we go and winters upon us. let's keep our dogs warm throughout this cold season to keep their bones and joints healthy!

For those of you that don't know our club is made up of volunteers, and without all these dedicated volunteers we wouldn't have this great club.

Even though we try our hardest every week people are only human, and we do make mistakes from time to time, and sometimes small things get overlooked.

As well, many of us not only volunteer happily and are dedicated to our great club community, many of us also have full time jobs, have families and our own wonderful dogs to keep fit train and look after.

If you feel there is anything we can do to improve club, please come forward and have a chat we're always happy to take on any positive feedback regarding classes and training.

All income that club receives from events workshops or memberships go towards improvements where required.

Club has recently purchased new agility and obedience equipment which should be delivered very shortly. This will add to improve the training that you all love, and are dedicated to with your own wonderful dogs.

We are excited and delighted to be welcoming on board a new instructor Nicola; she will be buddy-ing with each of our experienced and knowledgeable volunteer instructors throughout the month of June and July so as she can learn all about training members to train their dogs.

We are always looking for dedicated fun-loving volunteers, that feel they would love to be an instructor and have what it takes to stand out in front of people projecting with a loud confident voice instructions and answering many queries on the training and husbandry of dogs.

We are also often looking for people with many varying skills such as builders, plumbers, carpenters, painters etc that would be willing to donate their skills to varying club projects.

Stay safe. happy and well and love your dogs and remember this is your club!!

Lyn - President



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

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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If you are cold, they are cold.



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!

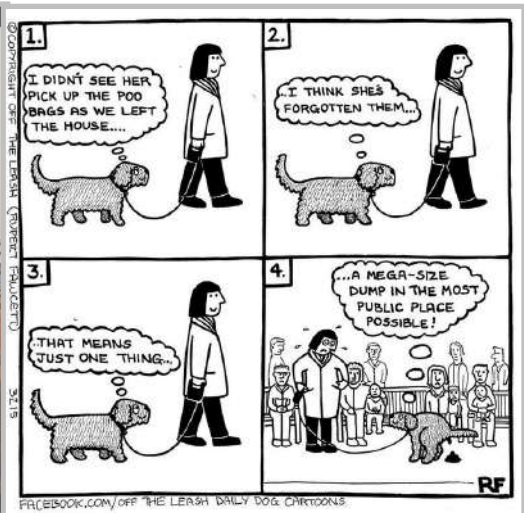
Senior care

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!

Borrowed from RSPCA Queensland website



Elke

What is reward-based dog training?



Reward-based training (also known as positive reinforcement) is considered the best approach to dog and puppy training. Why? Because it works! Reward-based training is all about rewarding desired behaviours and is great for building a loving bond between you and your dog.

This approach is simple: find something your dog loves (the reward) and give it to them when they behave how you want them to. Delicious snacks, such as cheese, cooked chicken meat (be sure to remove all bones), and other 'high value' treats work exceptionally well for most dogs.

For pups who aren't food motivated, a game of fetch or tug-of-war, a favourite toy, or cuddles and praise can work just as well. The important thing is to choose the reward that is most valuable to your dog.

With reward-based dog training it's important to ignore (not punish) unwanted behaviour. If you want to teach your dog to stop jumping, rather than yelling at them when they do jump up, ignore them. Wait until they have all four paws on the ground and then reward them.

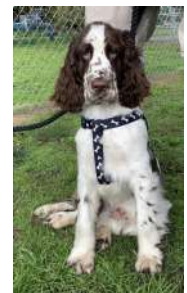
How to teach a puppy to sit

Before you start, make sure you have some delicious puppy training treats on hand. Rewarding the behaviour you want from your puppy is the key to positive reinforcement-based training.

With your dog in the standing position, hold one of your puppy training treats near their nose. Now, keeping the treat near your dog's nose, move your hand in an arc over their head. As your pup raises their head to follow the treat, their bottom will naturally fall to the floor.

As soon as your pup moves into the sit position, praise them and give them the treat. Once you and your pup have got the hang of it, practise a number of times in short but regular sessions (at this stage, you don't need to pair a verbal cue—just get your pup used to the sitting action and associating it with getting a treat.)

As your pup learns that they will get a treat for sitting, they will probably start to sit for longer. This is when you can add a cue into your puppy training. Say 'sit' as your pup starts to move into the right position—but be careful not to say it before they start to sit or they may associate the word with the wrong movement.



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Zip



Winter



Clancy



Maxwell

Tracking

Tracking aims to showcase a dog's ability to locate people lost in either paddocks or bush landscapes. All breeds of dogs can learn to track using their natural scenting instincts which is enjoyable and rewarding for them to use.

There are two types of scents, ground, and body scents.

Ground scent: is the scent of the ground disturbance left where the tracklayer has come into contact with. It contains odours coming from the bruising and damaging of grass and foliage, the crushing of roots and the scent of soil bacteria and moulds, released where surfaces of soil soil has been broken by the tracklayer. As a track ages, the scent of the decay organisms working on the damaged roots and plants is present.

Body Scent: is a personal scent left by the tracklayer coming from normal body odour left in the air. The tracklayer may have also touched a scrub or grass leaving their scent on it. Scent can also come from particles of skin, hair, clothing, fluff, or shoe leather shed on the track.

A trained tracking dog is expected to smell an article belonging to a tracklayer and find the track, following it until it finds the end of the track. A dog must also find and indicate any articles dropped along the track by its tracklayer. Under present rules, in a tracking trial, the track may be from twenty minutes up to three hours old depending on the level being undertaken.

Tracking involves training a dog to follow a ground scent trail and find any discarded articles of clothing along the track. Dogs need to wear a tracking harness and be at the end of a minimum 10-metre lead, but length can be shortened if the terrain requires it.

Tracking as a dog sport has been in Australia for over 40 years. Tracking satisfies a dog's basic need of hunting and using their highly developed ability to follow scents. Tracking provides a great enjoyment for owners watching their dogs perform a very natural behaviour, observing just how powerful a dog's sense of smell is. Tracking also provides both mental and physical stimulation for dogs.

Borrowed from <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/training-dog-sports/tracking>



Rebecca/Craig & Humphrey



Kathi/Ian & Rosfrith



Kylie
Daryl &
Obi



Some of our 2023 Tracking course graduates



Mandy/John & Ghillie



Kristy & Teddy



Amy/Adam & Sunshine

Congratulations to TDTC Tracking course Graduates at the first trial for 2023 who earned the following passes

Simone & Ned (Test 3 Tracking Dog title)
Barb & Dash (Test 7) and Quest (Test 4)
Jayne & Eucy (Test 4)
Jacqui & Frankie (Test 6 Tracking Dog Excellent title)
Georgie & Lotti (Test 7)
Jacinta & Ayla (Test 7)

And Best to luck to

Kathi & Rosfrith
Paula & Dino
Simone & Ned
Barb & Kellie & Dash & Quest
Jayne & Eucy
Debbie & Alice
Marj & Meg
Jacquie & Frankie
Georgie & Lotti
Annette & Archie
Jacinta & Ayla



Graduates competing in the TDTC Tracking Trial 10 - 12 June



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