



# Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

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## Training Course Notes

### Next Sunday Courses:-

#### Commencing 3 September 2023

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

#### Commencing 1 October 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.

**Annual Membership Renewals are due 30 September see page 5**

### 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  
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

Aug 5/6 Agility/Jumping  
Aug 19 Obedience  
Aug 20 Rally  
Sep 9/10/11 Track & Search  
Sep 16/17 Agility/Jumping  
Oct 7/8/9 Track & Search  
Oct 7/8 Agility/Jumping  
Oct 14 Obedience  
Oct 15 Rally  
Oct 28/29 Scent Work

You are welcome to come and watch but please keep your dog away from the trial area.

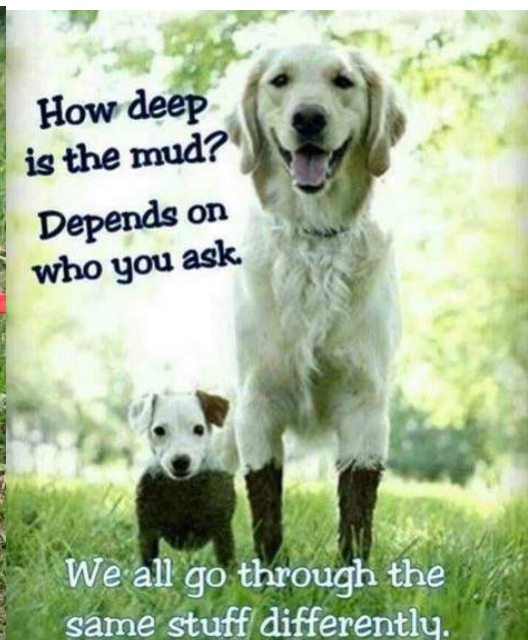
Suggestions and contributions to Dog Tales in any form are most welcome. Please see Nicquel, leave at the office or submit via the Facebook page. Views expressed and articles printed are not necessarily those of the TDTC Committee or its instructors - they are intended as information for reading and consideration should you feel they are appropriate to your situation.

# IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT

THE 3/3/3 RULE IS A GENERAL GUIDELINE FOR THE ADJUSTMENT PERIOD OF A DOG AFTER ADOPTION. EVERY DOG IS UNIQUE AND WILL ADJUST DIFFERENTLY.

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| <h2>3 DAYS</h2>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <h2>3 WEEKS</h2>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <h2>3 MONTHS</h2>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <h3>TO DECOMPRESS</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FEELING OVERWHELMED</li> <li>● MAY FEEL SCARED/UNSURE OF WHAT'S GOING ON</li> <li>● NOT COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE "HIMSELF"</li> <li>● MAY NOT WANT TO EAT OR DRINK</li> <li>● SHUTS DOWN AND/OR HIDES UNDER FURNITURE</li> <li>● TESTS THE BOUNDARIES</li> </ul> | <h3>TO LEARN YOUR ROUTINE</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● STARTS SETTLING IN</li> <li>● FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE</li> <li>● REALIZES THIS COULD BE HIS FOREVER HOME</li> <li>● FIGURES OUT HIS ENVIRONMENT</li> <li>● GETS INTO A ROUTINE</li> <li>● LETS HIS GUARD DOWN, MAY BEGIN TO SHOW HIS TRUE PERSONALITY</li> <li>● BEHAVIOR ISSUES MAY START TO APPEAR</li> </ul> | <h3>TO START TO FEEL AT HOME</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● FINALLY FEELS COMPLETELY COMFORTABLE IN HIS HOME</li> <li>● BEGINS TO BUILD TRUST AND A TRUE BOND</li> <li>● GAINS A COMPLETE SENSE OF SECURITY WITH HIS NEW FAMILY</li> <li>● SETS INTO A ROUTINE</li> </ul> |

## GIVE THEM A CHANCE



## Welcome to our new June and July members

### Puppies – June Class

Meryl/Izzy & Archie, Jemma & Queenie, Mark/Angela & Tilly, Haylee/Sam & Moki, Laura & Gigi, Lesley/Liam & Nash, Benn/Karen/Erin & Arlo, Harley/Natalie/Isabella/James & Keisha, Charlie/Ronnie & Mollie, Amelia & Missy

### Puppies - July Class

Susan Anne/Adam & Elsie, Colin/Rosie & Rory. Deb/Peter & Lenny, Peggy & Digger, Susan/Timothy & Sammy, Susan/Timothy & Daisy, Jason/Mel & Max, Dane/Sulina & Ruby, Skye/Mathew/Robbie & Wally, Frances & Timba, Kirsty & Harley

### Basic – June Classes

Nicquel/Erin/Douglas & Merlin, Kate & Clancy, Stephanie/Rewi & Oban, Imogen & Nugget, Helen Mary/Chris & Eddie, Kelsey/Dale & Winter, Claudie & Elkie, Kelsey/Dale & Billie, Melissa & Alexi, Jenny & Oshie, Scott/Margaret & Molly & Gemma, Josh & Parker, Jennifer & Clarence, Kim & Scout, Tristan & Ziggy, Suzi/Sarah & Oakley.

### Basic - July Classes

Emily & Tilly, Christopher/Louise & Juno, Joanne & Lana, Meryl/Izzy & Archie, Jemma & Queenie, Mark/Angela & Tilly, Haylee/Sam & Moki, Benn/Karen/Erin & Arlo, Harley/Natalie/Isabella/James & Keisha, Charlie/Ronnie & Mollie, Amelia & Missy, Meg/Katie & Henry, Meg/Katie & Toby, Gabriella & Kingsley, Terry & Bruce. C.Anne & Esta, Russell/Colleen & Winston, Janice & Timmy

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.**



May Puppies

June Puppies



May Basic



June Basic

## Editors Notes July 2023

*Hi everyone, I am filling in while Lyn is off recuperating, we all wish her well and hope to see her back at club ASAP. Today was a bit of a washout at club with rain falling and strong winds. So this is a reminder to club members that instructors are there to take classes, rain, hail or shine, so it's up to you if you wish to come and train.*

*Lyn wanted me to remind all club members that as TDTC is operated solely by volunteers and we are there for you 11 months of the year, we are always looking for members to come and help out and join the TDTC family. In addition to instructing there is a wide variety of activities that you can help out with and personally I always enjoy an opportunity to hang out with other dog people. We have a spring clean coming up soon, so if you can dust, vacuum, tidy, carry or wipe down shelves please come and join us as many hands make light work and you may have some fun along the way. We are also looking for someone to paint the inside of the club house and to mow the lawns on a regular basis (ride-on mower provided).*

*Editor*

**Eddie**



## **CLEANER WANTED**

We need to employ someone to assist with cleaning the clubs amenities.

It is expected to take around 1 hour every Sunday club is operating between 8am and 12pm. Usually from mid January to the last week in November. All equipment and cleaning products provided.

Payment negotiable depending on experience.



**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 2023 or earlier then you will need to re-new.

2024 membership badges are light mauve 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, Hobart (TCA) a discount of \$5 applies (off one membership fee only)

**Membership fees can be paid via bank transfer to the club's account. Please quote '(your surname) mship' as reference. Bendigo Bank BSB 633000 Account No 113017743 Acc Name Tasmanian Dog Training Club**

The membership renewal forms are available from the office or can be downloaded from the club's website. Please quote your membership number—printed on your name badge.

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

**Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc** AGM will be held on Sunday 17th of September 2023 at Club Grounds, Churchill Park, Launceston, commencing at 12 Noon.

Any member can attend but you must have been a member for at least 3 months of the previous financial year to vote (before 1st April 2023)

Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee for 2023/2024 Term of Office will open soon and will be advertised on the club's website and Facebook page.

## SENIOR DOGS

As our dogs age, their bodies change and their needs will start to differ. While they'll always be our baby puppies, our senior dogs are going to have some special needs. They become more sensitive physically and mentally, their bodies and minds start to change, and they will need some extra help living out their golden years in happiness and health. If you're wondering how you can make life better for your aging pup, consider these tips.

### **#1 – More Beds**

Senior dogs generally spend more time sleeping than their younger selves, so giving them some extra beds and blankets to lie on will be much appreciated. The softer the better, because as our dogs age, their bodies become stiffer with arthritis and hard surfaces will be painful to lie on.

### **#2 – Stairs & Ramps**

Just like people, age brings stiff joints and decreased mobility. Our dogs still want to be by our sides wherever we go, so helping them get up and down stairs, in and out of the car and more can really make life easier for them. Using a ramp or steps to help your dog get around will save their bodies and make being near you an easy task.

### **#3 – Diet Change**

Just like people, a dog's nutritional needs will change over time. Older dogs need different amounts of certain nutrients than young dogs and puppies, and they need less of others. Work with your veterinarian to decide which diet is best for your senior dog. You might not need to change your dog's food, but you'll likely change the amount and any supplements you're giving them. At this age, proper dental health is vital, as your senior may already be suffering silently from periodontal disease.

### **#4 – Keep Active**

Just because your dog is old in body doesn't mean they are in mind! Your senior dog will still want to spend time with you. You might not go on backpacking trips or play frisbee as long as you used to, but keep tossing your pup's favorite toy and going on walks as long as your dog can do so without pain. Being active will also help keep your dog's body and mind functioning well. The more active they are, the healthier they'll be.

### **#5 – Extra Comfort**

As our dogs age and their bodies change, these changes will bring about more sensitivity. Your dog will be more susceptible to hot and cold weather, so make sure you're able to keep them cool during summer and warm during winter. Fans will help with heat while coats will help with cold. Your dog will need a little extra help staying comfortable, but it's an easy task.

### **#6 – Mobility Assistance**

As mentioned earlier, age often brings arthritis and other ailments. Keeping your dog active will help maintain their mobility throughout their old age. This keeps their muscles and joints used to moving and prevents atrophy and muscle fatigue. Canine joint supplements might also be recommended by your veterinarian to help with any pain your pup might be experiencing.

### **#7 – Increased Veterinary Care**

As your dog ages, you're likely going to be visiting your veterinarian more often. This is because so many ailments come with age. Joint pain and mobility issues, weakened immune systems and other age-related illnesses often set in during your dog's senior years. You'll also want to switch to regular check-ups more often if your veterinarian recommends it, as certain ailments such as cancers and organ diseases should be detected as early as possible.

### **#8 – Weight Control**

In the same way your dog will need different nutrients in their senior years, they're going to need different amounts of calories as well. Weight change is very common in senior dogs. They are either getting too many nutrients and calories and become overweight or are struggling to maintain a healthy weight because their muscles are weakening and they are becoming thinner. Work with your veterinarian to make sure your dog maintains the appropriate weight.

Article from Iheartdogs website

## 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](http://www.bluecross.org.uk) website.**



## on Lead / off Lead Etiquette

DOGS WHO'S MUM!

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PLEASE REMEMBER:

NOT ALL DOGS ARE FRIENDLY AND CONFIDENT.

NEVER LET YOUR DOG RUN UP TO A DOG THAT'S ON LEAD - THIS CAN MAKE THE DOG ON LEAD FRIGHTENED & THEY COULD BECOME REACTIVE.

ALWAYS RESPECT OTHER DOG OWNERS SPACE AND ASK THEM IF IT'S OKAY TO APPROACH THEM.

PENALTIES APPLY TO DOG OWNERS WHO HAVE THEIR DOGS OFF LEAD IN PUBLIC PLACES. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL TO FIND OUT WHERE YOUR CLOSEST DESIGNATED OFF LEAD AREA'S ARE.



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