



# Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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## Training Course Notes

### Next Sunday Courses:-

#### Commencing 5 November 2023

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

#### Commencing 7 January 2023

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 9.00 am

#### Commencing 4 February 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.

**End of Year Sausage Sizzle and Rosette presentation, Sunday 3 December, 12 noon.**

### 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      Jayne Stickler

### 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

Oct 7/8/9 Track & Search  
Oct 7/8 Agility/Jumping  
Oct 14 Obedience  
Oct 15 Rally  
Oct 28/29 Scent Work  
Dec 2/3 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.

## Track and Search 2023

So far this year we have had 3 Track and Search trials, 2 run by the Gundog Club of Tasmania and one by our club. TDTC and Gundog Club trials are based at Churchill Park, but street tracks may be anywhere in Launceston. The final trials for this year are at Ulverstone Kennel Club and at TDTC in October.

Thankyou to Trish Wileman (Tas), Keryn Buckley (Vic) and Christine Hayes (SA) for judging. This season we have had some outstanding results with 7 new Track and Search Grand Champions - Anne and Nero, Jacinta and Mabel, Kellie and Trio, Pat and Enzo, Chris and Annie, Salina and Billie Jean, Simone and Oskar.

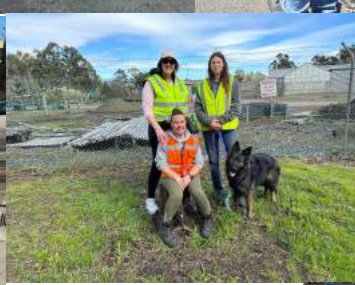
Congratulations also to the following TDTC club members who qualified for their Track & Search Dog titles: Jacinta and Ayla, Georgie and Lottie, Simone and Ned, Jenn and Scally. Salina and Essie qualified for their Tracking Dog Excellent title and our new Tracking Champions are: Vanessa and Ross, Nicquel and Jessie, Annette and Annie.

If you are interested in having a go at Track and Search with your dog, the club runs an introductory tracking training course early in the year to prepare for the winter Tracking/Track and Search Trials. Track and Search involves doing Tests 1 - 4 in the park and 5 - 10 in the streets, with tests 6, 8 and 10 being night tracks. For test 1 - 4 in the park you need a harness, a 10 m lead and it is recommended that you wear a fluoro safety vest. For the street tracks you can use the same harness with a 5 metre lead and safety vest. For the night tracks you must wear a safety vest and headlamp, for your safety a fluoro coat and flashing lights attached to your dog's lead are advised. A safety steward always accompanies the street tracks to warn the handler about any cars or other traffic in the vicinity of the track.

You don't need a specific breed of dog to be successful in this sport, this year dogs have been from the following breeds (in no particular order): Australian Shepherd, Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Rottweiler, Kelpie, Border Collie, Weimaraner, British Bulldog, Pug, Miniature Schnauzer, Poodle, Malinois, Labrador Retriever, Boxer, Hungarian Vizsla, Pointer, Lagotto Romagnolo, German Shepherd.



Clockwise from top:  
Ned, Lottie, Enzo,  
Annie, Ayla, Jessie,  
Oskar and Trio



Left to  
Right  
Frankie  
Archie  
Essie





## Welcome to our new June and July members

### Puppies – August Class

Jan/Jo & Eden, Brendon/Liam & Keaton, Dylan/Caitlin & Stanford, Monique & Gerald, Michelle/Connor/Jason & Winston, Michelle/Connor/Jason & Daisy, Toni & Honey, Thomas/Lisa & Jimmy, Stacey/Elena/Daniel & Bonnie, Courtney & Bella, Alan & Jessie

### Puppies - September Class

Kate/John & Zelnisky, Kate/John & Winston, Sherridan & Wesley. Laurissa/Mitchell & Gilbert, Karen/Frederick & Ada, Amanda & Teddy

### Basic – August Classes

Colin/Rosie & Rory, Susan Anne/Adam & Elsie, Laura & Gigi, Susan/Timothy/Michael & Sammy, Jason/Mel & Max. Dane/Sulina & Ruby, Skye/Mathew/Robbie & Wally, Frances & Timba, Kirsty & Harley, Brendon/Liam & Buster, Melanie/James & Archie, Aneita/Peter & Toffee, Danielle & Euca, Steph & Lucy, Shaun/Tracey & Paulie, Sally & Clancy. Rohan/Tash & Duncan

### Basic - September Classes

Jan/Jo & Eden, Deb/Peter & Lenny, Craig/Melissa & Sadie, Amelia & Missy, Toni & Honey, Thomas/Lisa & Jimmy, Stacey/Elena/Daniel & Bonnie, Sarah & Bibi, Marianne/Martin & Marley, Sachin & Bee, Samina/Faruq & Milo, Vivien & Crippa, Allison/Janine & Charlie, Allison/Janine & Gracie, Rose & Beau, Paige/Cody & Rosie, Courtney & Bella

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.**



July Basic



August Basic



July Puppies

August Puppies



## Presidents Report 17th September 2023

Initially only accepting to fill a vacant position and help keep club running, my journey

as President first began some 12 years ago. At the time, I would never have envisaged that I would still be in this role so many years on.

Along the way, I have learnt much, mostly that dogs are just remarkable animals, and you never stop learning from them. I have also been extremely privileged throughout this journey to make some exceptional friends that have become such a huge and important part of mine, my partners, and my dogs' lives.

Throughout this journey, the job as president has sometimes been a thankless one, particularly with criticism of some decisions made.

Please believe me, when I say that all the decisions I have made and contributed to have always been for the absolute improvement, betterment, and growth of our wonderful club community.

We have come a long way from a small tin demountable to what you see here today.

We are growing and improving each and every year.

We have so many exceptional, talented, and steadfast people involved in club, endowing their valuable time each and every week, not only as dedicated passionate

instructors, but also as 'hands on' working executive and committee. All these people

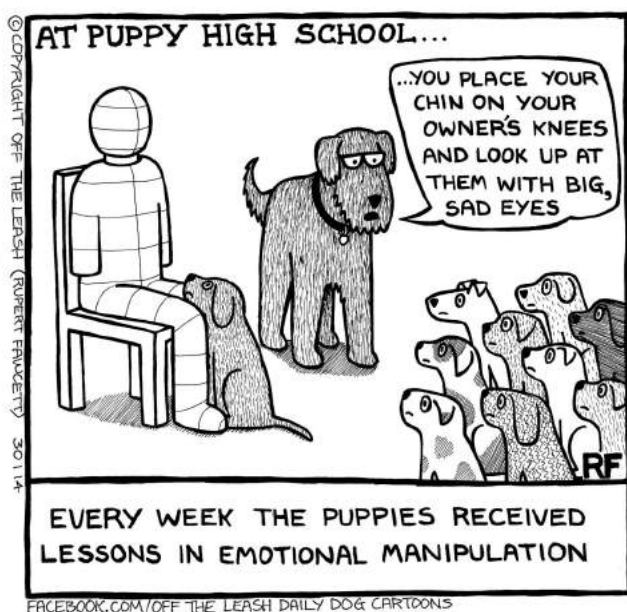
have contributed in so many ways towards making our extraordinary club what it is today. I truly am so thankful to you all.

Last but never least a huge thankyou to our exceptional friend and patron Rosemary Armitage, her behind the scenes work, expertise and commitment to club each and every year is never accepted lightly. We thank you and truly cherish and appreciate all you do.

Should I be elected president for another term, I promise to continue my passion for constant improvement.

We are a family, we care, we are not just mere dog trainers !!!

Thank you, Lyn





## APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL TITLE ROSETTE

Applications are now open for a title rosette for any dog which has attained a title in Obedience, Rally, Agility/Games/Jumping, Tracking, Track & Search, Scentwork in the period from 1 Nov 2022 to 31 Oct 2023.

To apply you must be a current financial member of the club (note: membership expires 30th Sept) and must have been a current member when the title was gained and is only for titles gained in Tasmania.

One rosette per dog showing all titles

Please email the club on [tasdogclub@gmail.com](mailto:tasdogclub@gmail.com) to apply for a rosette.

Please include

1. your name & TDTC Membership number
2. Full name of the dog, including titles - (e.g. T.Ch. Nativerun Annie SWN TSDX) check this carefully as this is what will be printed on the rosette
3. Date title(s) was achieved
4. Date title was approved by Dogs Tasmania.
5. Copy of the dog's ANKC Certified Pedigree (either scan or photo) which shows dog's name and all its titles. Note: NOT the title certificate

Applications close on Friday 3rd November. Late applications will not be accepted.

Presentations and a sausage sizzle will be held at the club on Sunday 3rd December 2023 at 12 noon. All current members are welcome to attend.

**Hope to see you all there.**





# Your dog is not "being a pill"

## **Dogs do not:**

- Show defiance on purpose
- Act stubborn just because
- Feel guilt for past actions
- Refuse to perform known behaviors to "show you up"



## **Dogs do**

- Feel confused
- Behave differently based on the situation they're in
- Show calming signals when they sense human anger
- Sometimes just not perform as well - just like people!

*Don't attribute spiteful notions to your dog. Try to see the world from his point of view and give him credit for trying his best!*

**A Training Class is not the place for your dog to learn, a Training Class is a place for people to learn. A good dog Trainer doesn't train dogs, a good Trainer teaches people how to help their dogs.**

**Your dog will only improve if you do the work in the environments your dog will experience, no dog will improve if you only practice in class.**

**Go to a good class, ask the Trainer questions, so you are clear on what you need to do. Listen to the Trainer fully, the snippets of information they give are important. Practise in class, so your Trainer can see you have a good understanding on how to help your dog's learning.**

**Then go and practise these skills every day in the real world.**

**Your dog learns best in the home, garden, car and streets, beaches and fields, they learn in real life, not just in a classroom. YOU learn in class, this is YOUR education session**



## **Scent Work is a sport based on dogs locating an odour and communicating to the handler that the odour has been found.**

Scent work involves training dogs to search for specific odours from certain essential oils in several situations called 'elements', in containers such as boxes, on the outside of vehicles, inside buildings and in the outside environment.

Dogs need to find the source of the odour and communicate its exact location to their owner.

Dog and owner teams compete to locate the source of the odour within a set time given by the judge to determine which teams are the fastest and most accurate in their searches.

Why get into Scent Work?

This is a sport for any fitness level for any dog and the dogs don't need to be specialised dogs, as anything from Chihuahuas to Great Danes can be very successful at this sport. Any energy level dog can be successful from couch potatoes to those bouncing from the ceiling!

Dogs can learn this sport from any age and it's a behaviour they have practised since they were tiny puppies. Even quite older dogs can participate, many at 12 years old have recently earned their first title in this sport.

Training and giving dogs extended periods using their noses releases chemicals in their brains that give them feelings of pleasure. It helps reduce stress in dogs and can help in working through anxiety. Many people train in Scent Work simply to improve their dog's well-being.

Scent Work doesn't require the levels of physical fitness for both owner and dog required for other sports, ideal for those retired from other performance sports due to decreasing mobility as well as young and inexperienced owners.

Some of our TDTC Scent Work Trainers - Vanessa & Ross, Victoria & Min, Shona & Chester, Frankie, Lyn & Bill, Chris & Jacko, Chris & Annie, Georgie & Lottie, Lyn & Hope, Nicquel & Jessie, Shannon & Chester, Pat & Enzo, Victoria & Sally, Nicquel & Merlin, Zoe & Finley







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