



Dog Tales



Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 3 March 2024

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

Commencing 7 April 2024

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 2024
Welcome back to training

COMMITTEE 2023-2024

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

Mar 2 Obedience
Mar 3 Rally
Mar 16/17 Scent Work
Mar 23/24 Agility/Jumping
Apr 27/28 Agility/Jumping
May 11 Obedience
May 12 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.

SUMMER PET SAFETY TIPS

Beat the heat and keep your pets safe this summer!



Source: <https://do.cfm?cid=34&tid=1&cid=34&tid=1&cid=34>
http://www.akc.org/public_education/summer_safety.cfm

Want more pet paw-some info? Visit BLOG.FURLOCITY.COM **FURLOCITY**

How hot is too hot?

°C	°F				KEY	OTHER FACTORS
15°	60°	1	1	1	1. No evidence of risk: Have fun outside!	+1 If obese
18°	65°	1	1	2		+1 If brachycephalic breed
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		-1 If area is shaded from sun
26°	80°	3	3	4	3. Unsafe potential, depending on breed. Keep an eye on your pet outdoors.	-1 If water is available
29°	85°	4	4	5		
32°	90°	5	5	5	4. Dangerous weather developing. Use caution.	
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		

Source: adapted from: The Tufts Animal Care and Condition (TACC) scales



COOKING SHOWS FOR DOGS



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

Karen & Marlie, Keryn/Chris & Thelma, Trudy/Jason & Monty, Courtney/Elisha & Maeve, Andrew & Lillie, Sarah & Gracie

Puppies - November Class

Vicki/Henry & Popeye, Sara & Lupa Bianca, Meredith & Stella, Narelle/Leigh/Ruby & Nala, Katherine/Ian & Penti, Tania/Brendan/Darcy/Micah & Chloe, Emma & Winky

Puppies - January Class

Katherine & Bertie, Lesley/Liam & Kentucky, Leigh/Jodie & Mabel, Lyn & Bosley, Dylan Jarrod & Dory, Tegan & Bruce, Ryan & Albert

Basic – October Classes

Sherridan & Wesley, Kate/John & Winston, Laurissa/Mitchell & Gilbert, Karen/Frederick & Ada, Amanda & Teddy, Robyn & Ziggy, Cate & Kitty, Jackie/David & Stella, Christopher/Oliver/Lillian & Koda, Sam/Kate & Parker, Merv & Levi, Lea-Anne & Franco, Marie/Skye & Poppie, Sivionne & Evie, Heather/Katrina & Lucy, Carlee Victoria & Harold, Hazel/Aaron & Oakley, Hazel/Aaron & West

Basic - November Classes

Mae/Louise & Rory, Melanie & Reuben, Moira & Charlie, Phillip & Leeroi, Carley & Maggie, Emily/Trent & Apollo, Courtney & Benji, Courtney/Elisha & Maeve, Sarah & Gracie, Courtney/Elisha & Esme, Emily/Trent & Gromit, Robert/Kristen & Daisy, Kirra & Tess, Chloe & Josie, Vicki J & Lotti, Madisson/Nathan & Marvel

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



January Rally Class



Daids Trialling class
Birthday Surprise

November Basic



President Waffle – February 2024

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all enjoyed a great break and a perfect time with friends and loved ones throughout the Christmas New Year period.

We are all looking forward to a great year ahead!

During the break many of us have still been hard at work at our club complex preparing, cleaning, and improving so as the year ahead will run with ease.

Thank you to all those involved.

Kendal and Wayne have given their time over the break improving the club grass area directly in front of club, to ensure that all training and trialling will have a much improved area to train and trial on. A huge thank you to Wayne and Kendal.

We also had a much needed clean up, during the break, thank you to those that did attend, a great effort!

Club did run throughout January with Puppy classes, Rally, and scent work, a huge thank you to Keryn, Sue, Pat, Chris, Nicquel, Trudie and Yvonne for volunteering and giving up their January break.

In March we will be holding a big “dog gear only” garage sale, anyone that has

anything doggy they would like to sell bring it in. Trudie and Jayne will be organising and running the garage sale on the day.

We are now having the toilets professionally cleaned once every month and topped up each week by our dedicated member Sue. The men’s urinal is permanently shut down, however there is a men’s toilet available.

We have also been able to purchase much needed Agility trialling equipment, and sold all our old, thank you to Kendal for organising this, another great effort.

As usual I look forward to another successful year ahead, I would like to thank

all our members, our committee and instructors for their tireless efforts each year. Without you club would not be able to run.

Lyn, “Bill” & “Hope”



Mother-in-law came for dinner and said, "Why does the dog keep looking at me?" I said, "Because you're using his plate!"



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 Tiger's 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.

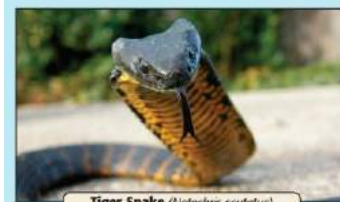
What to do if you suspect your pet has been bitten:

- 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.

Article reproduced courtesy of Animal Medical Centre, Charles St., Launceston



Tiger Snake (*Notechis scutatus*)



Copperhead (*Austrelaps superbus*)



White-lipped snake (*Drysdalia coronoides*)

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





2023 End of Year BBQ and Rosette Presentation Day



Annual membership was due for renewal on 30th September 2023

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 renew.

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

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

Greatest Doggie Garage Sale—Sunday 10th March

All members can sell their dog related gear
Crates, collars, leads, beds, coats etc

Drop at club house before 9.30am on the day
Payment to club to sell is by donation

Sale open to the public from 10am
Cash Only



THANK YOU

A big shout out to everyone that answered the call to attend clubs annual clean up day.

A mammoth effort in cleaning out the toilet block

Thank you Kendal, Wayne, Alan, Gary, Trudie, Yvonne, Nicquel, Chris, Lyn and Sue.



New Year's Resolutions:

Spend more time with my **DOG.**

~~Lose Weight~~
~~Stop drinking~~
~~Save more money~~
~~Get in shape~~
~~Eat healthier~~
~~Get organized~~
~~Watch less TV~~



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