



# Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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## Training Course Notes

### Upcoming Sunday Courses:-

#### Commencing 3 November 2024

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

#### Commencing 5 January 2025

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am  
Rally Introduction - 5 week course - starting at 9.30 am  
Scent Work Introduction - 6 week course

#### Commencing 2 February 2025

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 - see page 7

### 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

### 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 5/6 Track & Search  
Oct 5/6 Agility/Jumping  
Oct 12 Obedience  
Oct 13 Rally  
Nov 30 Agility/Jumping  
Dec 1 Agility/Jumping

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

### Patron

**Rosemary Armitage MLC**

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.

## Presidents Waffle

As I think I say each year, where did this year go, 2024.

Thank you to all clubs dedicated instructors, committee, and executive, who are all volunteers giving up their time each Sunday, helping all our members to train their great dogs.

We are all very lucky that we love what we do...

This past year has been another great year for club, with many new members coming along, joining in classes, training their dogs, and making many new friends, furry friends are the best friends.

As this is our last newsletter for 2024, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their help and dedication throughout the year.

Club will be closed for classes from the end November 2024 and reopening on the 2 February 2025. We will be running Puppies, Rally and Scent Work classes at club during January.

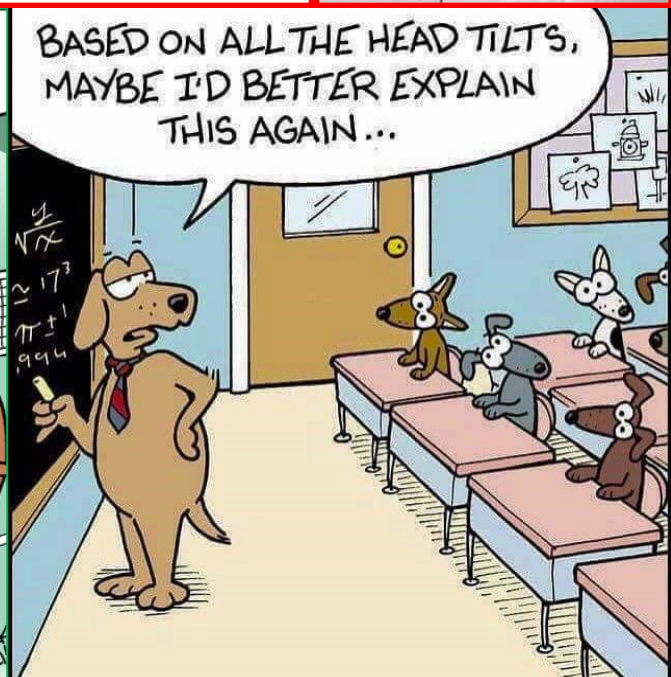
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, stay safe and look after your dogs I can't wait to see you all back at classes in 2025

Lyn

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024

The Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. AGM will be held on Sunday 20 October at Club Grounds Churchill Park, Invermay, commencing at 12.30 pm.

All members are encouraged to attend. Note: to be able to vote you must have been a member before 1st April 2024.



## Welcome to our new August and September members

### Puppies – August Class

Claire/Cheryl & Piper, Natasha & Roxy, Shane & Gus, Alex/Cassy & Roxy, Kate & Arnie, Clay/Linda & Shilo, Janet/Robert & Billy, Melanie & Luna, Annaliese/Jared & Cam, Kristy/Shaylon & Ashka, Peter/Shirley & Isabel, Janet/Marcus & Hugo

### Puppies - September Class

Kerry & Ella, Jane/Milly & Wombat, Amy & Ginny, Grace/Elliott & Betty, Sheridan & Jack, Claire/Tom & Rosie, Nicole & Ruby

### Basic – August Classes

Myfanwy & Ghost, Fiona & Pearl, Clare & Lilo, Trudy & Tilly, Leah & Sunny, Yoav & Bamba, Sue/Ian & Lily, Karen & Lucy, Annie/Trevor & Leo, Kirsti/David & Indigo, Michael & Piper, Cara/Isobelle & Ace, Robert/Jennifer & Hannah, Debbie & Harper, Carolyn/Ian & Ted, Carolyn/Ian & Ned, Neil & Sinead, Lachlan & Tex, Patrick & Ramsey

### Basic - September Classes

Loren & Frank, Claire/Cheryl & Piper, Shane & Gus, Alex/Cassy & Roxy, Clay/Linda & Shilo, Annaliese/Jared & Cam, Kristy/Shaylon & Ashka, Peter/Shirley & Isabel, Janet/Marcus & Hugo, Kitty/Tim & Frankie, Luke/Taihlaura & Ted, Katja/Max & Lana, Andrew/Alena & Rocket, Bulbin & Leila, Sarah & Buddy, Carol & Duke, Adam/Susan & Boston, Carmen & Jasper

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 Puppies



August Basic

## Competing in Official Trials – Getting Started

TDTC offers training in a number of performance disciplines including Obedience, Rally, Agility/Jumping, Tracking, Track and Search and Scentwork. Perhaps you've been coming to classes for a while now and are thinking about entering a trial. At these trials you can achieve titles for your dogs which are recognised Australia wide and are celebrated with a rosette at our end-of-year club presentations.

The first thing you need to do, if you haven't already, is to join Dogs Tasmania and register your dog with them. Try to get your application to Dogs Tasmania submitted at least 3 – 4 weeks before the trial you wish to enter to give them time to process it. Information and costs are available on the Dogs Tasmania website. If you got your dog from a registered breeder it should already be registered, other dogs can be put on the Associate Register. Your membership has an annual fee but your dog is registered for its lifetime. Your dog must be neutered and microchipped to be put on the Associate Register. You will then be eligible to enter most of the performance disciplines. You will be sent a Dogs Tasmania gazette every 2 months which advertises all the events and tells you the location of the trial, entry fee, check-in and starting times, judges' names and other relevant information. Most trials have a closing date for entries of 2 to 4 weeks before the trial date. TDTC prefers online entry using K9 Entries, if you need help with this ask a committee member.

Once you have decided which discipline you wish to enter eg Obedience, you need to go to the Dogs Australia website and download the rules for your chosen discipline so that you have a clear idea of what skills you need to compete at the first level, in Obedience that is the CCD class, in Rally and Agility it is the Novice Class, in Tracking it is a Test 1. It is advisable to consult with club instructors/experienced triallers to help you to decide when you and your dog are ready to enter.

Each discipline has entry level tests with harder ones leading up to Masters or Champion Titles. For most disciplines you need to apply to Dogs Tasmania for a title before you can enter at the next level, eg you must apply for your Tracking Dog (TD) Title before you can compete for your Tracking Dog Excellent (TDX) Title. In tracking, for example there are 3 tests you must pass to qualify for the TD Title, then another 3 (tests 4,5 and 6) to qualify for TDX. The number of passes required for a title is specific to each discipline eg to qualify for Grand Champion in Tracking you need to pass 10 tests.

When you are ready to apply for a title, you need to download the following form from the Dogs Tasmania website. Fill in the 'Table of Certificates Won' by copying the appropriate information from your pass certificates. You do not need to send these certificates in unless you have qualified at a trial in another state. You do need to send your pedigree certificate as you will be issued with a new certificate with your dog's new title added. There is a fee for this.

Trialling can be a lot of fun as other competitors are generally supportive and happy to see you do well. It is a good opportunity to show off just how clever your dog is and even if it doesn't go so well it can be a great learning opportunity, as most judges will give you good advice to help you with your training. You will be expected to stay for the presentations even if you haven't passed, if you have a good reason for leaving early you should obtain permission from the event manager.

Pat Hallam

<b>THE TASMANIAN CANINE ASSOCIATION INC</b>			
<b>APPLICATION FOR TITLE</b>			
<b>OBEDIENCE:</b> CCD - CD - CDX - UD - UDX - OC		<b>RALLY OBEDIENCE:</b> RN- RA- RE- RAE 1 2 3 4- RM -RO CH	
<b>AGILITY:</b> AD - ADO ( ) ADX ( ) - ADM ( ) - AG.CH (200,300,400,500,600)			
<b>JUMPING:</b> JD - JDO ( ) - JDX ( ) - JDM ( )			
<b>AGILITY GAMES:</b> SD- SDX- SDM- GD- GD- GDM -SPD--SPE SPM			
<b>TRACKING:</b> TD- TDX- TCH TGRCH		<b>TRACK &amp; SEARCH:</b> TSD - TSDX TS CH TS GR CH	
<b>ENDURANCE</b>			
<b>DANCES WITH DOGS:</b> DWDF.S- FS.N - DWDF.I- DWDF.A- DWDF.CH			
DWD HTM.S - DWD.HTM.N -DWD.HTM.I- DWD.HTM.A - DWD.HTM.CH			
<b>TRICK DOG: TK.S TK.N TK.I TK.A</b>			
<small>( PLEASE CIRCLE THE TITLE BEING APPLIED FOR)</small>			
I/we hereby make application for the Australian National Kennel Council title indicated above for the dog, the particulars of which are as follows:			
NAME OF DOG: _____		REG.NO: _____	
BREED: _____		SEX: _____	
BREEDER: _____		OWNER: _____	
OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____			
<b>CERTIFICATES WON</b>			
CLUB/SOCIETY	DATE	JUDGE	PTS. / PLACING



## Annual membership was due for renewal on 30th September 2024

Your membership expiry date is printed on your name badge. Please check and if it is 30th September 2024 or earlier then you will need to renew.

2025 membership badges are **deep pink** 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

### Does Your Dog Want To Be Here?

**YES!**

City of Charles Sturt

**Great! Stay A While!**

Appropriate and polite dog play includes lots of short breaks for sniffs, drinks or laying down so dogs don't become overly boisterous or hyper-stimulated. Ensure your dog gets a chance to relax in good company too!  
If you're not sure whether your dog is enjoying himself here, or you're worried about the behaviour of another dog, take your dog out of the dog park to give him a break. Not all dogs are social butterflies, some prefer the company of a few good friends instead.

### Does Your Dog Want To Be Here?

**NO!**

City of Charles Sturt

**Why Not Try Some Different Activities?**

Long explorative walks along a trail or outside of the dog park  
Attend the park at a time where there are less dogs, or where the other dogs' play styles match your dog's  
How about a bit of training?  
Sniffy walks along the beach or linear park

# Teach Your Dog A New Behavior

IN 3 SIMPLE STEPS

STEP 1

## Elicit the Behavior

### Lure

Encouraging the dog to follow a treat to get into the correct position.

### Shape

The process of building a new behavior by gradually rewarding approximations of the final behavior.

### Capture

Waiting for the dog to offer the behavior unprovoked, and then rewarding that behavior.

### Mimic

The tendency of a dog to do what another dog or the trainer is doing.

STEP 2

## Mark the Behavior

### What is a Mark?

A mark is a distinct signal that lets your dog know that they have performed the correct action. A mark is always paired with an immediate reward. It is also known as a bridge or a secondary reinforcer. Common marks include a clicker, the word "yes," or a specific hand gesture.

### How to use a Mark

When your dog performs the desired behavior, immediately mark it with your chosen signal.

STEP 3

## Reward the Behavior

### What is a Reward?

A reward is something that your dog enjoys. Give your dog the reward immediately following your mark. Make sure the reward you use is something your dog really likes.

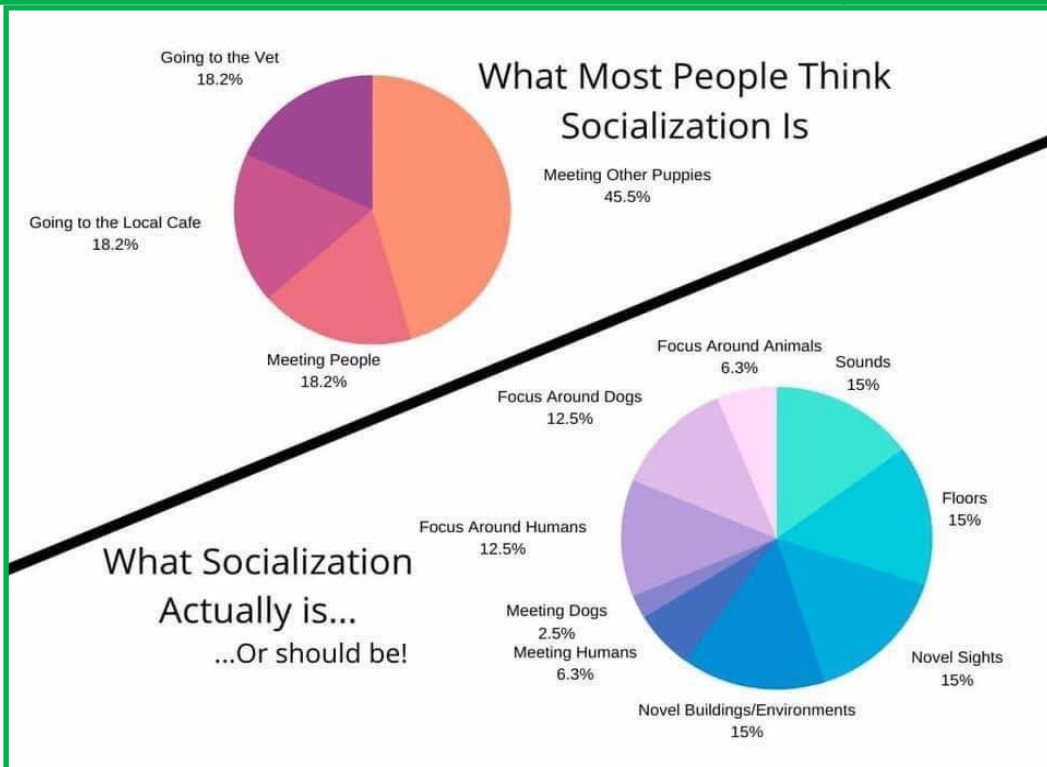
### Examples of Rewards

Hot dogs	Dog biscuits
Boiled chicken	Sniffing a favorite spot
Liver	Ball throw
Carrots	Frisbee toss
Soft dog treats	Tug



**“Before you get a dog, you can’t quite imagine what living with one might be like; afterward, you can’t imagine living any other way.” – Caroline Knapp**

**“When we adopt a dog or any pet, we know it is going to end with us having to say goodbye, but we still do it. And we do it for a very good reason: They bring so much joy and optimism and happiness. They attack every moment of every day with that attitude.” – Bruce Cameron**



## 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 and Jumping, Tracking, Track & Search, Scent Work in the period from 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Oct 2024.

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.

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 showing the dog's full registered name including titles (either scan or photo)  
(note: not the title certificate)

Applications close on Friday 1st November. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Presentations will be held at the club on Sunday 24th November at 12 noon, followed by a sausage sizzle.**

**Hope to see you all there.**

**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.**

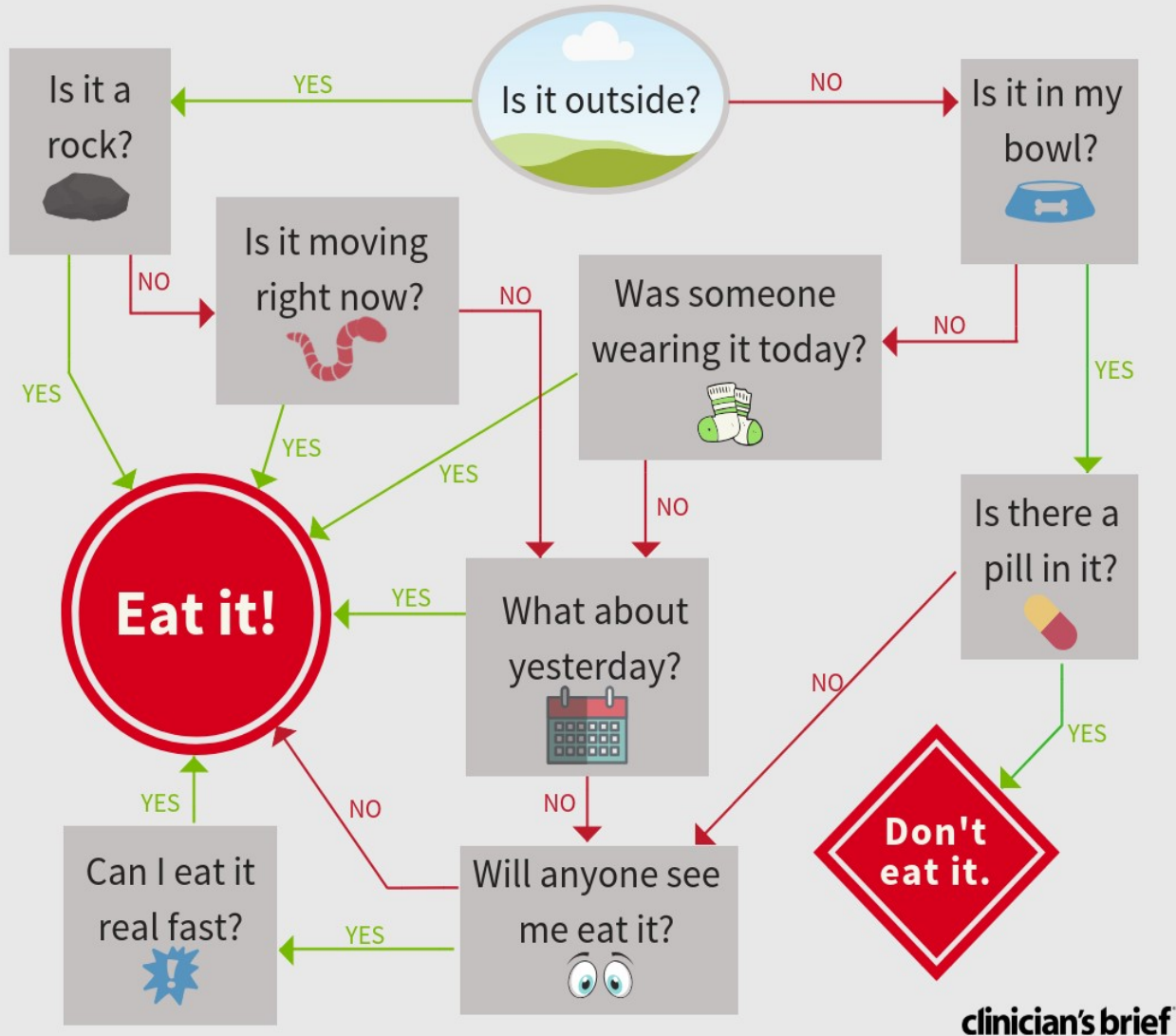
**Go to a good class, ask the Trainer questions, so you are clear on what you need to do. Listen to the Trainer fully, the snippets of information they give are important. Practise in class, so your Trainer can see you have a good understanding on how to help your dog's learning.**

**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**

# Should I Eat This?

A Flow Chart for Labradors, by Labradors



clinician's brief

Oh Great You're Here!



The Tree Just Fainted!

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