



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club
Inc. Newsletter

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APRIL/MAY 2025



Training Course Notes

Upcoming Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 6 April 2025

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

Commencing 4 May 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.

Club will not be open Easter Sunday 20 April 2025

COMMITTEE 2024-2025

President: Lyn Deitch
Vice President: Chris Pontin
Secretary: Nicquel Walker
Treasurer: Yvonne Tomkinson

Members:

Norm Deitch Victoria Barker
Nicola Kingdon Keryn Mahoney
Alan Payne 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
Tracking
Scent Work

Enquire at office for times and dates

UPCOMING TRIALS

Apr 26 Agility/Jumping
Apr 27 Agility/Jumping
May 10 Obedience
May 11 Rally

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 Victoria, 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 APRIL 2025

Can't believe where the past 3 months have gone, the year is just whizzing by.

Club has been in full swing since our instructors and many of our regular members returned in February,

It is great to see all the classes in action, tracking, scent work, puppies, basic and grades all because of our dedicated instructors and club committee organizers.

I also have returned to the field instructing grade 3 to 4 to trialing level this year. I look forward to instructing and helping with any problems you may have. There will be an odd Sunday when you will have another excellent instructor to fill my shoes when I have other duties to attend.

Club has also put together an easter raffle basket, tickets 3 for \$5 or \$2 each, come in and buy a ticket, you could be the lucky winner, imagine eating chocolate all through easter break.

Our club is a huge family, make yourself known, we are always looking for helpers and instructors, if you think you would love to learn how to educate people to train their own dog, come and see us in the clubhouse.

All in all it looks like another very successful year, with many trials, workshops and improvements in the pipeline.

Remember the clubhouse is your clubhouse make yourself known come in any time for a chat or a cuppa.

Till next time, stay safe and love your dog.

Lyn



Don't forget to enter the draw for this gorgeous Easter Hamper to be drawn on the 13th April @ 10am

\$2 ticket or 3 for \$5

Hi, I'm Victoria, and I would like to introduce myself as Nicquel's replacement in producing the club newsletter. Over the years, Nicquel has done an amazing job putting together the TDTC newsletter, and I can only hope I can follow in her pawprints and do it justice. Please bear with me as I learn, and if you have any titbits, interesting stories or fun photos, I would be excited to receive them...you can contact me through the club email.

There have been a couple of changes behind the scenes, Nicquel has moved up to fill the position of Club secretary, and I, along with Nicola Kingdon, who many of you will know as she is one of our amazing instructors, have joined the committee. We are excited to join the team of volunteers who make this a great club.



Nicquel and Jessie



Nicola and Malty



Sally and Min (my girls)

Autumn Safety Checklist

Part One

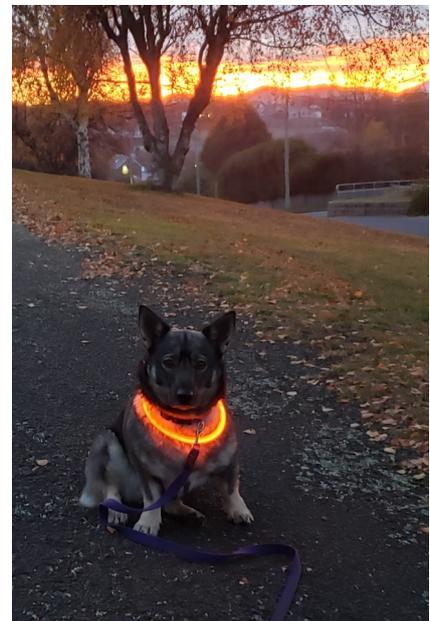
Shorter Days & Visibility

As summer winds down, the days are getting shorter, and it's getting dark earlier. When you head out with your doggo in the afternoon, don't forget to make sure they're visible in the dark! Keeping them safe and seen is a great way to enjoy those evening walks together.

Tips: Use reflective collars, harnesses, and LED lights on your dog's leash. Stick to well-lit paths to avoid accidents.

Daylight saving time can affect your dog's internal clock. While we might love the extra hour of sleep, your pup might be confused about why breakfast is suddenly an hour later or why their evening walk feels off. Dogs, like most pets, go by routine rather than the clock. So, that one-hour change could really shake up their normal schedule.

Tips: To help them adjust to the new schedule, gradually modify their routine. In the week before the time change, start shifting their feeding, walks, and play-times back by 10 to 15 minutes each day.



Mushroom & Fungi Awareness

The cooler, damp conditions of Australian parks and gardens encourage wild mushroom growth. Some, like the Death Cap and Fly Agaric, are highly toxic to dogs.

- Prevention: Keep your dog on a leash in high-risk areas. Assume all wild mushrooms are harmful until proven safe. Remove all mushrooms from your yard if your dog goes outside unsupervised and check regularly since they can grow quickly. If you can't eliminate them all, consult an expert.
- Symptoms of mushroom poisoning include vomiting, drooling, diarrhea, and seizures. Symptoms vary based on the mushroom species and the amount ingested. Please seek veterinary care immediately.
- Tips: To assist with identification, bring a mushroom specimen to the emergency hospital. To preserve its integrity, wrap it in a damp paper towel instead of a plastic bag. You can also take a photo of the mushroom, ensuring you capture the gills, cap, and stem.

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March Puppies



February Puppies

Rally Ring
Etiquette



February Basic

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 Tigers 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:

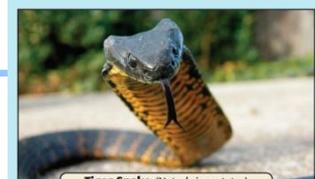
- Take your animal immediately to a veterinarian. Untreated snakebites are invariably terminal.
- Treatment for snake bite includes an intravenous drip (to help minimize shock and to maintain hydration throughout paralysis), administering antivenom and ventilatory support (life support machine) if the 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.

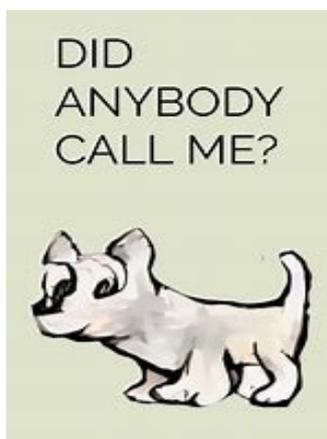
What not to do:

- 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.

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Veterinarians are currently seeing quite a number of snake bites, so although the weather is cooling and snakes tend to be less active, we still need to be aware of their potential threat to our animals. Late summer to mid-autumn is the time that snakes give birth, and though they are independent once born, they can stay close to their mothers. Snakes tend to retreat into rodent burrows, hollow logs and tree stumps, so while you're bushwalking or hiking, your awareness is important.





<p>No Chocolate For Dogs</p> <p>Keep the Easter stash hidden and away from your dog.</p>		<p>No Xylitol</p> <p>This sweetener is found in candy, gum and many baked goods and can be toxic to cats and dogs.</p>
	<p>Easter Pet Safety Tips</p>	
<p>No Easter Lillies for Cats</p> <p>Cats love to chew on them but if ingested they are toxic. Keep them out of cat's reach!</p>	<p>No Easter Grass in Baskets</p> <p>If ingested it can be dangerous. Instead use tissue paper.</p>	<p>No Table Scraps</p> <p>Remind your guests to not give any food to the dog as GI upset may occur if given food they are not used to eating.</p>



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