



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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Training Course Notes

Next Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 7 September 2025

Basic Obedience - 7 week course - starting at 9.30 am

Puppy Preschool - 4 week course - starting at 10.00 am

Commencing 5 October 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.

Annual Membership Renewals are due 30 September

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:

Aug 16 Obedience
Aug 17 Rally

Sep 6-7 Track &
Search

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.

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



Welcome to our new June and July members

Puppies – June Class

Vanessa & Benji, Kellie & Dottie, Andrew/Jane & Tito, Sarah/Kaitlin & Otis, Bree/Daniel & Remi, Eric & Hazel, Kirsten & Lacey, James & Tash, Stephanie & Arthur

Puppies - July Class

Alice & Toby, Jonas/Kirsty & Scout, Amanda/John & Hazel, Rohan & Wilson, Melanie & Alfie, Danielle/Martin & Spud, Binca /Aimee & Hugo, Riley/Eva & Maple, Cindy & Sunny, John Walter & Sha

Basic – June Class,

Kathleen /George & Ned, Breanna & Murphy, Anna & Millie, Coleen/Tim/Grace/Finn & Kevin, Ian/Hannah/Kath/Jack & Maisie, Michelle/Angie & Raylan, Caroline & Bundy, Rosemary & Woody, Judith & Max, Marty/Kellie & Dusty, James & Goji, Rebecca/Craig/Flynn & Frank, Henry & Elkey, Sharon/Stephen & Charlie, Bob & Maude, Tamar-Lee/Aidan & Koji, Sarah & Nala, Kirsten/Gareth & Ruby, John/Sally & Monty

Basic - July Class

Holly/Aiden & Ellie, Vanessa & Benji, Kellie & Dottie, Sarah/Kaitlin & Otis, Eric & Hazel, Stephanie & Arthur, Linda & Tenille, Holly/Susan & Prada, Ken/Rachel & Fergus, Lily/Antoine & Roxy

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.

June Puppies



May/June
Gary's Basic



May/June
Kellie's Basic



July Puppies next issue

JUNE INTRO TO SCENTWORK COURSE

PRESENT:
Norma /Phil
& Gilbert,

Duncan &
Ale,

Jay & Titan,



MISSING:
Jessica &
Wally,

Mel &
Frankie,

Kerryn &
Thelma



GILBERT
Coolie



THELMA
Daschund



WALLY
Cavie



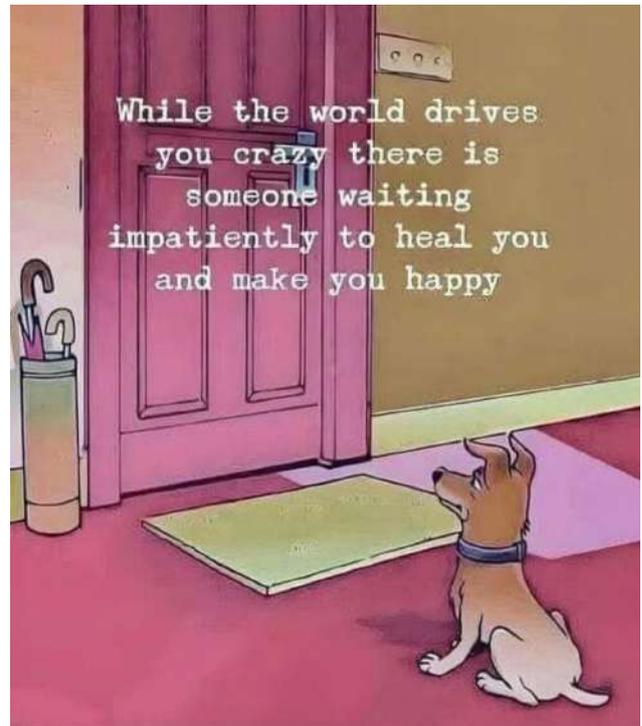
TITAN
Malimoise



ALE
Malimoise



FRANKIE
Cocker Spaniel



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 2025 or earlier then you will need to renew.

2026 membership badges are light blue. 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 (TCA) a discount of \$5 applies (off one membership fee only)

The membership renewal forms are available from the office or can be downloaded from the website, Please include your membership number (printed on your name badge)

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

Tracking Trials 2025

This year we had 3 tracking trials run by Hobart Dog Training Club, Tasmanian Dog Training Club and the Gundog Club of Tasmania respectively. Firstly, thank you to all the organisers and helpers, many of whom worked at all three trials. It is great that the clubs are able to cooperate to run these events which are quite demanding with regard to helpers.

To run a tracking trial, we need to obtain suitable properties, engage at least 2 judges per trial and then we need stewards, tracklayers, 'gofers', people to provide lunches for judges and stewards and a couple of cars with towbars to transport the trailer full of equipment (flags, gazebos etc) and the portaloos. It takes a day to set up the tracks and 2-3 days to test all the dogs.

We had the following judges from Victoria, Denise, Rob, Peter, Wendy and Kerryn and local judges Emily and Carol. We appreciate the advice provided by the judges who are all very experienced trackers.

Congratulations to our club members (apologies if I've missed anyone) who qualified for the following titles:

Tracking Dog: Melissa and Alexis (GSD)

Tracking Dog Excellent: Paula and Dino (Lagotto), Nicquel and Merlin (GSD)

Tracking Grand Champion:

Annette and Archie (Lagotto), Kelly and Trio (Weimeraner), Jen and Scally (Kelpie) Annette and Annie (Pug), Salina and Essie (Bulldog), Vanessa and Ross (Poodle) Simone and Neddy (Weimeraner).

The end of the rainbow.



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 website.

SNUFFLE MAT

Make one for your pup. Something useful and fun to do and keeps your pup occupied.

Materials:

- ◆ Rubber mat 40cm x 70cm – cut in half - from Bunnings about \$16
- ◆ Fleecy/tshirt type material – can use old fleecy jumpers/tshirts/pyjamas
Cut into strips approx. 25mm – 50mm wide x 30cm – 45cm long for each mat.
Poke material strips through holes from back, vertically & horizontally, double knot at front. See pics below.

When finished, drop in a handful of kibble/dry treats let the pup at it!



Let your dog sniff.

A **dog** navigates the world with his **nose**. Like **humans** do with their **eyes**.
 A dog's nose is **1000 -10,000** times **more powerful** than a human's nose.
 You smell spaghetti sauce. Your dog smells each ingredient.

Dogs can find by smell:

- missing people
- explosives
- drugs
- bedbugs
- cancer
- low blood sugar

**On walks let your dog explore his world.
Let him use his NOSE!**

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**Police came round last night
and told me my dogs were
chasing people on bikes.**

**My dogs don't even have
bikes.**

Doggy Dictionary

Obedience Trial, n

[oh-bee-dee-ens tri-a]

An event wherein a dog steps into a ring with its human handler and immediately forgets all previous training.

E.g. Sit? What is this word sit you speak of?

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