



Dog Tales

Tasmanian Dog Training Club Inc. Newsletter

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Training Course Notes

Upcoming Sunday Courses:-

Commencing 1 June 2025

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

Commencing 6 July 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.

COMMITTEE 2024-2025

President: Lyn Deitch
Vice President: Chris Pontin
Secretary: Nicquel Walker
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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
Agility
Tracking
Scent Work

Enquire at office for times and dates

UPCOMING TRIALS

June

7/8/9 Tracking
14/15 Agility/Jumping

July

5/6/7 Tracking

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.

R.I.P.

Deitzrot Heart of Hope SWA

“Hope”

27th September, 2018 to 19th May, 2025

A True Friend

Devoted

Loyal

Intelligent

Protector of “Bill”

Loved her friends

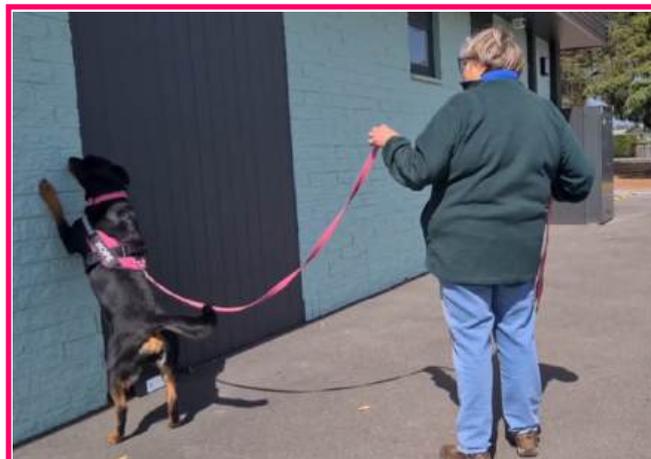
Loved Children

Loved to work

Always in our hearts



Lyn and Hope enjoying Scent Work Practice



Welcome to our new February, March, April and May members

Puppies – February Class

Andreina & Millie, Darren & Sailor, Steve/Mandy & Charlie, Danielle & Holly, Kara/Rohan/Elora/Zoey & Alby, Paul & Luna, Mellissa/Jason/George/Henry & Clover, Obinna/Katelyn & Hank, Lauren & Duncan, Ruth/David & Bertie

Puppies - March Class

Libby & Daphne, Anna/Tony & Monty, Pamela & Monty, Laura/Todd & Foxy, Jessica/Oscar & Rocco, Mark/Martine & George, Kristine & George, Ray & Randy, Hiraani/Lisa & Ollie

Puppies - April Class

Hayden & Lucy, Narelle/Geoff/Tom & Rani, Sheree/Mark & Murphy, Neil/Ash & Skye, Neil/Ash & Storm, Adele/Changhun & Walter, Lucy Elizabeth/Stephen & Rosie, Haylee/Matt & Maverick, Tanita & Moses, Burcu/Cormac/Ayla/Freya & Ciara

Puppies – May Class

Breanna & Murphy, Anna & Millie, Amy & Primrose, Coleen/Tim/Grace/Finn & Kevin, Ian/Hannah/Kath & Maisie, Sharon & Oakley, Michelle & Raylan, Caroline & Bundy, Aries & Pippo

Basic – February Classes

Philip & Chainsaw, Susan & Rusty, Melanie/Arron & Zephyr, Gemma & Milo, Belinda & Lily, Jess & Wally, Adrian & AJ, Leo & Shadow, Michael/Melanie/Isaac & Maverick, Susan/Steve & Pearl, Christine & Nova, Natasha & Beau, Kellie & Pepito, Shae/Adam & Frankie, Kitara & Kasha, Mark & Trigger, Fiona & Claudia, Kate & Beau

Basic - March Classes

Andreina & Millie, Darren & Sailor, Steve/Mandy & Charlie, Mellissa/Jason/George/Henry & Clover, Obinna/Katelyn & Hank, Lauren & Duncan, Ruth/David & Bertie, Tania & Boston, Vanessa/Craig/Josh & Olive, Vanessa/Craig/Josh & Ruby, Kim & Lizzie, Emily & Tamale, Dawn & Arnie, Stephen/Cindy & Nila, Sally/David & Maggi, Ashley & Kenzie

Basic – April Classes

Zoe/Isaac & Gertrude, Libby & Daphne, Anna/Tony & Monty, Laura/Todd & Foxy, Mark/Martine & George, Kristine & George, Kim Jane & Shep, Jessica/James & Obie, Brooklyn & Mae Mead, Roger/Elleni & Cheeky, Bronwyn & Dipper, Jessica Gail & Walter Wally, Grace & Coco, McKayla/Joe & Reggie, McKayla/Joe & Odie, Stuart/Melissa/Chloe & Ace, Jenn/Todd & Kkochi, Thomas Peter & Socks

Basic – May Classes

Jasmin & Alex, Therese & Koda, Hiraani/Lisa & Ollie, Sheree/Mark & Murphy, Neil/Ash & Skye, Adele/Changhun & Walter, Haylee/Matt & Maverick, Aleena/Leanne & Shadow, Holly/Susan & Riot, Holly/Susan & Laker, Megan/Andrew/Lachlan/Millie & Rufus, Natasha & Neville, Krishna/Emma & Pip, Holly/Aiden & Ellie, Amanda & Merlin, Tanita & Moses

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.

April Puppies



April Basics



Some of our Intermediate Scent Work dogs practicing a container search.

Taj, Milo, Kitty, Humphrey and Gordon.

Ask at the club if you're interested in learning scent work with your dog. We run two Introductory courses each year.



PLANTS TOXIC TO OUR BELOVED PETS

Did you know that there's a range of plants which thrive in Australia, which are extremely poisonous and toxic to dogs? If your pet ingests plants containing dangerous poisons or toxins, it could make them sick or even suffer significantly dire consequences.

Almost all plants that arise from bulbs or corms have the potential to be poisonous if ingested by your pet. These include daffodils, tulips, hyacinths, iris, bluebells, crocus, amaryllis, gladiola, alliums and lilies.

All parts of these plants contain toxic substances, such as alkaloids and terpenoids, which irritate the gastrointestinal tract causing drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal cramps. These signs can lead to secondary complications such as lethargy and dehydration.

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Rhododendrons/Azaleas: Rhododendrons are known for their beautiful bright purple and pink colours, and grow in a range of sizes, from miniature to tree sized. Highly prevalent on the east coast of Australia, Rhododendrons/Azaleas are often spotted in backyards. All parts of this plant are poisonous for dogs to ingest, and is considered an extremely toxic plant.

Cyclamen: Commonly sold even by supermarkets, Cyclamens are both an indoor and outdoor plant and are seen often across Sydney due to the coastal climate. Known to brighten up gardens with beautiful flowers, Spring and Summer is the time that these plants are most widely available. The most toxins are often located in the roots of the Cyclamen, although all is considered to be toxic.

Autumn Crocus: Known for thriving in shadier regions, the Autumn Crocus is a white flower which is often used as a bordering plant in backyards. A mild to severe toxins for dogs, veterinary attention should be sought if any of this plant is ingested by your pet.

Hyacinths (Hyacinthus): Similar to tulips, hyacinth bulbs are toxic and can cause vomiting, diarrhea, and other digestive issues if ingested. The bulbs are particularly dangerous due to their concentrated toxins.

Tulip/Narcissus Bulbs: A popular flower in many backyards, Tulips are a bright and colourful addition to the garden. But did you know that these are highly poisonous if ingested by your dog – and could have possibly fatal consequences. Although the most toxic part of the Tulip is the bulb, ingesting any part of this plant can be extremely dangerous for your dog. It's best to think twice before planting tulips in the same backyard where your dog will play.

TOXIC PLANTS ... CONT

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Dogs and cats tend not to chew the leaves, stems or flowers when planted outside. If they do, only very mild signs of poisoning would be expected unless large quantities are ingested. However, if your pet chews on or eats a bulb, signs could be much more severe. This is especially true of daffodils which have the potential to cause an irregular heartbeat, low blood pressure and seizures.

Special mention must be made of lilies of the Liliaceae or Hemerocallis varieties. All parts of these plants, even the pollen, are highly poisonous to cats. Kidney failure can result from merely biting into a leaf or flower.

Be mindful of the following:

1. If your dog is a digger cordon off bulbs or plant them in an area your pet can not access
2. If digging up bulbs or storing them keep your pet away until they have been replanted or stored securely
3. Do not allow pets to drink water from vases that have contained these plants
4. It is safest to never have Liliaceae or Hemerocallis lilies in a home with cats
5. If your cat is solely an indoor cat, any greenery introduced might get a nibble. Ensure alternative safe greens are available at all times, such as pet grass, to reduce the temptation.

Watch out for:

drooling, vomiting, diarrhoea and abdominal cramps, lethargy and dehydration, irregular/ rapid heartbeat, low blood pressure, seizures, loss of appetite and/or convulsions.

If you think your dog or pet has been exposed to, or has ingested any of these bulbs/plants, it is crucial to contact your veterinarian or an emergency animal poison control centre immediately. Do not attempt to induce vomiting without professional guidance, as this can sometimes worsen the situation.

By being aware of these toxic bulbs, you can help keep your dog safe and prevent potential poisoning incidents in your home and garden.

Information provided by
dogtech.com, Petbarn and
Australian Pet Poisons Information.

2025 EASTER RAFFLE

April 13th saw the Easter Raffle drawn by our President Lyn Deitch and Vice President Chris Pontin. Thank-you to everyone who supported us, we raised a whopping \$200 for the club.



Lyn and Chris drawing the winning tickets



First Prize: A Basketful of yummy choccies, treats and goodies.
Second Prize: Water bowl and Chocolate Bunnies



....and, the winning ticket goes to Marion Welch.

Second prize won by one of our fantastic instructors, Kellie Innes.



Brrr it's cold outside! Top tips for pet owners this winter.

The wind is picking up, the rain is setting in and temperatures are starting to drop as winter fast approaches. It's nearly time for woolly socks, hot drinks and warm coats.

Winter Coats

Although many cat and dog breeds have luxurious thick fur to keep them warm, when they are outside or on walks in the cold, they will still likely benefit from an additional winter coat. This is especially important if you have a thin, older or short haired breed.

A good pet-coat or jumper will give coverage from the neck to the base of the tail while also giving protection to their belly. Make sure your pet's coat is the right fit and isn't restricting movement.

Remember, don't leave your pet's coat on once they are in a heated indoor environment as they may over-heat under all those layers!

Better bedding

As the weather gets cooler, you might notice your pet is spending more time snuggled up in their bed. You can make a few simple adjustments to their bedding to ensure they are properly protected from the cold.

Make sure your pet's bed is away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. You should raise the bed off the ground and add an extra blanket for warmth and comfort. Try not to place the bed too high though, as cold temperatures are especially tough on older dogs or cats with stiff joints who may have difficulty in movement after long periods of rest.

You can place a heating pad or disc in their bed (avoid hot water bottles as there may be the temptation to chew!) to gently warm up the bedding and create a cosy, warm and safe sleeping environment.

The great indoors

If your pet spends a lot of time outside, then appropriate shelter is essential. Pet stores have a great range of kennels for dogs and enclosures for cats, that will give protection from rain, frost and wind.

Choose a spot for your pet's housing that is protected from the elements in a warm elevated position. Fill your pet's shelter with dry blankets that are washed regularly.

If your dog is usually kept outside, you could bring them indoors to sleep at night, somewhere warm and dry, away from cold drafts and damp.

Keep on moving

The temptation in winter is to stay indoors, safely snuggled under a warm blanket. But your dog or cat still needs exercise and boredom busting stimulation. Keep playing indoors with soft toys or a ball to get the blood moving.

Or, brave the cold, grab the lead, put on both your winter coats, and head out for a brisk walk together!

Your dog will still love the joy of their walk even if it's a bit colder, and you will feel better for the exercise too.

Heat seekers

Cats are notorious for finding warm spots around the house, like the afternoon sun through a window, or sitting close to heaters. Dogs too will seek out sources of heat during colder weather. Be wary of your pet sitting too close to heaters or fires as they can fall asleep and end up with dried out skin or worse, burns.

Pet heating pads and disks are a safe alternative that can be placed in their bedding or on a favourite chair. This will become your pet's favourite warm spot this winter!

Senior care

Cold weather can be harder on our older cats and dogs as, just like with people, the drop in temperature can aggravate joints stiff with arthritis. Make sure your pet has a warm, comfortable rest area away from drafts and elevated off cold, hard surfaces. If you notice your pet is showing signs of discomfort associated with arthritis, you should take them to their vet for a check-up. Signs of pain or discomfort include stiffness, chewing or licking certain joints, difficulty walking up or down stairs, eating slowly and noticeable behavioural changes.

Heart warmers

Pets are wonderful companions and loving members of the family. Snuggle up and stay warm together this winter, and remember, there's nothing like lots of cuddles to keep the winter blues at bay!

Copied from RSPCA Queensland website

FLOWERS/BULBS TOXIC TO PETS



LILLIUM



HYACINTH



CYCLAMEN



TULIP



AZALEA



DAFFODIL



CROCUS

WET WEATHER POLICY

Please be advised that classes will continue during wet weather, unless the Tasmanian Dog Training Club posts on the Facebook page and the TDTC website or, the Launceston City Council closes Churchill Park.



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