

DOG TAILS



2011, the year of dog training heaven

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Training for 2011

New dog intake is **only** the first Tuesday of each month.

Our **Obedience / Pet Dog** classes are an 8 week course paid in full prior to the course. At the completion of a course you can either repeat the same course or if you are ready, move on to the next level.

All Tuesday classes can be pre-booked and pre-payment will ensure you a spot. Class numbers are limited, so please email the club or phone Sarah for more information and to book your class.

Agility training will not recommence until March. All Beginners Agility classes must be Pre-paid. To join beginners agility you must have a reliable recall.

Obedience (Tuesdays)

Beginners	7.00 pm
Intermediate	7.00 pm
Advanced	7.00 pm
Pre Trial & Trial	8.00 pm

Training Fees 8 Week Course \$60.00

For more information phone Sarah on 0417 773 095

Agility (Thursdays)

All participants in Agility are **expected to help** with either the setting up or putting away of equipment. Please arrive early enough to tend to your dog's needs and still have time to assist or have the time to help after class.

Pre Trial & Trial	6.45 pm
Beginners	8.00 pm
Intermediate	8.00 pm
Advanced	8.00 pm

Training Fees

Per dog	\$ 5.00
Beginners 4 Week Course	\$ 35.00
Yearly Fee	\$150.00

For more information phone Fiona on 8983 2569.

Reminders

Vaccinations

Every dog that attends training must be fully vaccinated. Please bring your vaccination certificates along with your 2011 membership forms to training. Help us to help you – let's protect all our dogs from contagious diseases!

Annual Membership Fees

\$10 Single, \$15 Double or \$20 Family per year

Please remember to renew your membership (bring the fees to training) so you are eligible to participate in training and at the AGM. Membership forms available on the website or at the table.

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc would like to thank Geoff & the team at **Area Steel** for their patience, assistance and generosity which has made our long awaited Club Shed a reality.



If you are thinking about a shed, then give Area Steel a call on 8988 4531 for a quote. You will find you've also called the most friendly and competitive service in sheds.

Thankyou Area Steel


Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone

Happy New Year to you and your canine friends! I hope your Christmas/New Year break was relaxing, happy, healthy and safe. If like me, your new year's resolution is to shed those extra Christmas kilos and get fit for the upcoming trialling season, don't forget to include your dog in your weight loss or fitness activities. If you like to jog, try a waist belt connected to your dog lead so you can jog hands-free; if you like to power-walk and your dog is a puller, then try the gentle-leader or halti head harness ; or if a good walk at the beach with the sand between your toes and your dog off-lead is your favourite activity, then make sure you always have two things with you – poo bags and an effective recall.

With the weather being so stormy at present, and the weather forecasters advising that Darwin is well overdue for a cyclone, I recommend that everyone give some thought to how they would keep their pets safe in a cyclone emergency situation. Do you have an action plan of where you would seek shelter and are pets allowed there? Do you have extra water and dog food in your cyclone kit for your pets? Our dogs are an important part of our family so make sure they are included in your evacuation/emergency plans this wet season.

We have our obedience classes starting up again on the first Tuesday in February at 7pm so if you graduated from beginners class last year and want to continue into our Intermediate class then come on down. If you have considered trialling in obedience or want to find out what obedience competition is all about, we have an advanced class starting you might like to try. If your new years resolution is to stop your dog from barking at the postman or jumping on your visitors, then come along and enrol in a class and our friendly instructors will be able to help you out with some advice. If it's raining, we won't be training but hopefully the weather will hold off and I'll see you there.

Until next time, may the hounds be with you, 



Sarah & Cooper the Brittany

Lost Dogs

Top End Lost & Found

<http://telaf.wordpress.com/>

TELAF – Reuniting pets &

TELAF is a volunteer run website reuniting pets and owners. Just in case you ever need to use this service there are some simple steps you can take now to make it easier if the need ever arises.

- Take some clear pictures of your dog. Have a few of each side and of their head. Save these in a folder with easy access.
- Write a list of any distinguishing features such as scars, dew claws (or not), tail (or not), teeth (gaps, full dentition, etc) and coat type, colouring and texture.
- Update your address with your dog's microchip company and have their chip number written where it is easily accessible.
- Check their collar and tags are in a good state of repair and replace them if necessary.

**If it's raining
There's no training**

Thanks to our Sponsor:

Top Trialling Dog Award

Daphne is the local supplier for Blackdog collars, leads and harnesses and she also runs Puppy Preschool for pups from 8 to 16 weeks of age on Wednesday evenings in Palmerston. Please contact her for further details.

POSITIVE K-9 TRAINING
GENTLE MODERN DOG TRAINING
Basic, puppy and advanced classes

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Daphne Ph:8988 9078 (a/h) Fax:8988 9070

Yellow Bandanas

Just a reminder to everyone about the yellow bandanas. The bandanas are for dogs who require some space around them. Everyone needs to be aware of this and not let your dog greet a dog wearing a bandana.



Wearing a Yellow Bandanna doesn't necessarily mean the dog is aggressive, it simply means it needs some space.

Some reasons people might like to put a Bandana on their dogs are;

- The dog is nervous or fearful. A dog will gain their confidence a lot quicker if they do not feel threatened or have any 'in your face' greetings from other dogs.
- Owners might be working on a specific training exercise with their dog and want to let others know not to come too close.
- The dog may be reactive (growl, lunge or snap) at dogs it does not know. This can be worked through if the dog has lots of positive experiences and no repeated bad ones.



Now is a great time to remind you all that just because your dog is friendly, the other dog may not be. Just because a dog doesn't have a Yellow bandana on doesn't mean it won't react.



Dog to Dog Greetings

Always ask if your dog may approach another dog.

When your dog is meeting another dog, let it last 3 seconds or less. Call them back, reward them for coming and then let them know they can say hello again – if it went well the first time. You might like to put this short greeting on cue – “friend”, “say hi”, “greetings”, etc.

Keeping dog to dog greetings short and sweet avoids conflict. Dog's don't feel threatened, it boosts confidence and will in the long term, create a dog that doesn't feel it needs to react.

Prevention is always easier than the work required to cure a reactive behaviour. Please ensure your dog feels safe and you are the protective leader they are relying on you to be.

Your Club Committee

Farewell & Thankyou

The end of 2010 saw two of our valued Committee members depart the Committee.



A fond farewell to Maike and Gizzy who have headed off to a new life in Perth. Maike has been our Vice President, Class Instructor, Competitor and a wonderful friend. Good Luck Maike, all the best and enjoy the splendid training opportunities you'll find in Perth.

Tanya has left the Committee after many years of dedication & hard work. She has been a huge impetus behind the scenes in running our trials. Tanya is hoping to spend more time training Schooner for his climb up the Obedience and Agility ladder. Good luck Tanya and thanks for all your help.

Vacancies

With **four positions vacant** on the Committee – is it time for you to join us?

The committee meets once a month for nibbles and business. Meetings are relaxed and friendly, we're open to new ideas and would love to have some new faces and enthusiasm join us.

All Committee positions become vacant at the AGM. If you wish to come on board the team, please let Sarah know so she can supply you with a nomination form prior to the AGM.

AGM

The AGM will be held on the **22nd February 2011**

We need a quorum so come join us for a quick and painless AGM.

THE
AGILITY
CLASS



No, I haven't seen your lipstick.



"The 4 basic food groups are stuff in your dish, stuff on the counter, stuff in the trash, and stuff in the laundry."



2011 FPPDTC Trial & Event Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Trial	Judge
April	Saturday	9	Agility & Jumping	Daphne Sellwood
	Friday	22	Obedience	Brian Fielder
	Saturday	23	Agility & Snooker	Brian Fielder
	Sunday	24	Jumping, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs	Brian Fielder
May	Friday	20	Obedience	Kyle Charnock
	Saturday	21	Obedience	Kyle Charnock
June	Saturday	11	Agility & Snooker	Keith Edwards
	Sunday	12	Jumping, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs	Keith Edwards
	Friday	24	Agility & Jumping	Vicki Nementh
	Saturday	25	Agility & Jumping	Vicki Nementh
July	Friday	8	Agility & Snooker	Neville Cox
	Saturday	9	Jumping, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs	Neville Cox
	Friday	15	Agility & Jumping	Jenny Marshall
	Saturday	16	Agility & Jumping	Jenny Marshall
August	Saturday	6	Obedience	Kelsey Court
	Sunday	7	Obedience	Kelsey Court
	Saturday	13	Agility & Snooker	Eddy Szmelter
	Sunday	14	Jumping, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs	Eddy Szmelter
	Saturday	20	Agility & Jumping	Mel Rhoden
	Sunday	21	Agility & Jumping	Mel Rhoden
September	Friday	16	Obedience	Jill Kaldor
	Saturday	17	Agility & Jumping	Jill Kaldor
November	Tuesday	8	Xmas Party & Handler Awards	
	Thursday	10	Triallers Awards	

Remember to play with your dog today!