

# DOG TAILS



For dogs that dig the juiciest news

## October 08 Newsletter

### Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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#### 2008 Committee

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	Karen Winzar	Tanya Reichstein
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### Training Times

#### OBEDIENCE (Tuesdays)

<b>BEGINNERS</b>	<b>"Snoopy Class"</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>"Lady Class"</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>SOCIAL</b>	<b>"Tricks &amp; Games"</b>	<b>7.15pm</b>
<b>PRE TRIAL</b>		<b>7.00pm</b>
<b>TRIAL</b>		<b>8.00pm</b>

For more info please phone Sarah 0417 773 095

**TRAINING FEES** \$5 first dog  
\$2 subsequent dog

#### AGILITY (Thursdays)

<b>BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>TRIALERS</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

Our agility intake night for new dogs is the first Thursday of each month. Before attending please phone Fiona on 8983 2569.

**TRAINING FEES** \$5 per dog

#### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES**

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

### Presidents Welcome


Hi Everyone! Well, we are coming to the close of our training year and it really has gone by so quickly. We only have November left for Tuesday night Obedience training classes, including our Christmas party at the end of the month, and Thursday night Agility classes finish at the end of October....and fingers crossed the weather holds itself off for us until then!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has become a valued member of our club this year, both new and returning members. We appreciate your support and hope that you and your canine companion have benefited from our classes and advice....and of course we hope that you will return to train with us in 2009. Thanks to everyone who has attended our training classes, lent a hand at fundraising events, donated to our raffles, picked up after their dogs and generally supported the club in its most successful year.

We will be doing some more fundraising in the coming months so I really hope our efforts will be as successful and rewarding as they have in the past. If you are able to volunteer a few hours of your time to turn a snag or sell a raffle ticket, we always appreciate an extra pair of hands, and we are still working hard towards saving for our new club shed.

The change of season always brings out the latest outbreak of ticks and fleas so please make sure you protect your dog effectively and inspect both them and their bedding regularly for creepy crawlies, and see Cele's article later in the newsletter regarding Your Dogs Daily Health Check.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas party for lots of fun and games, and

don't forget the fancy dress competition!   
**Sarah & Cooper the Brittany**

## From the Trial Table

The final trials for the year were held at DODC in high humidity. The judge was Gloria Page, this time judging Agility. There was one qually given out all night which does not reflect the quality of runs that we saw. Inca had a night of one fault in each of her runs, Mac the same with time not a worry for either of them. Bonnie put in a gallant effort going clear but with time faults, the weather beat her. Jazz did brilliantly in novice agility, inexperience at the weaves costing him a qually but what a run! Congratulations to Ally and Boof taking away the only prize of the night.

Obedience was held on Friday night with local judge Rink van der Velde. I didn't attend but the results showed Lucy and Reggie notching up another pass for their CCD. I would suggest the weather had something to do with the other results. October was also the month that the Palmerston Gundog held their first ever obedience trial. A fantastic effort from such a small club. I hope we see this trial again – though earlier in the year and that we all continue to support it. There were no results and again I blame the weather – especially since I was in there twice and couldn't wait to get out!

Til next year when we do it all again have a safe and Merry Christmas and don't let Santa forget the furry footed ones! 🐾

**Fiona & Ellie the big GSP**



I LOVE  
AGILITY

## Christmas Hamper Raffle!!!

**AN AMAZING HAMPER TO  
BE WON!**

*This year's Xmas Hamper is Spectacular!!!  
A great big THANKYOU to all who have  
contributed!!!*

**Please help make it even better! 😊**

*Donations for the hamper can be given  
to your instructor or left at the table on  
Tuesday or Thursday nights.*

**Thank You and Good Luck!**



## Xmas Party Time!!

**Only 4 weeks to go**

**Have you got your outfit???**

**Have you trained your trick?**

**It's OK ... Don't Panic .... There's still time!**

**When: Tuesday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Starting at 7.00 pm with the.....**

**Best Fancy Dress Competition!!!**

**Followed by Games Galore Including:**

**🐾 Rover Says**

**🐾 Fastest Eater**

**🐾 Longest catcher**

**🐾 Best Trick (Props can be used)**

And more. *(Bribes will be considered)*

*please.. Bring a Plate*

*We supply Prizes & Drinks*

*Treats & Toys for sale*

# Rockin Recalls!!

Having a great recall is probably the single most important behaviour you can have. In some ways it's like the yard stick of your relationship, if your dog spins on a dime and races to you whenever you call their name – you know things are well and healthy. If however, you call your pooch and they simply look at you and then continue what they were doing or worse, they head the other way, then read on. There are a few reasons why recalls are rotten and some simple ways to make them Rockin!

## **Rotten Recall Reasons n Reasonings**

- 🐾 Your dog doesn't know their name! We funny humans assume that just because we call them a name it has some meaning – it doesn't until we give it meaning.
- 🐾 Your dog doesn't know what you are "talking" about meaning you never taught, so he never learnt, what a recall is.
- 🐾 Your dog finds the environment much more interesting than you ☺ Find your happy voice and smile, skip, play – whatever it takes!
- 🐾 Your dog has been in trouble for returning to you (being scolded for destruction or not coming when you first called).
- 🐾 Your dog thinks "come" is a game of chase because you stomp to get him & he can run, then you chase, & he can run some more .....
- 🐾 Finally, he believes that "come" is big trouble! He only ever gets called when in he's in trouble.

Now some simple Do's and Don'ts

## **DO**

- 🐾 Choose your word for recall and only ever use this word when you KNOW Spot will come - we want 100%!
- 🐾 Use a high pitch happy voice (or a special whistle might be easier for the guys).
- 🐾 Always REWARD, REWARD, REWARD for coming to you. Use the highest value rewards you have. Lavish praise, play games, scratch, pat, treat, laugh – just make it good & Happy.
- 🐾 Call Spot when he is already on the way to you – then you get to REWARD.
- 🐾 Be more interesting and FUN than other things around Spot, so if it takes you rolling on the ground to get his attention or doing a little "look what I've got" dance – then do!
- 🐾 Use feeding time to practice and reinforce recalls. Prepare his meal and wait till you get the chance to use your recall before giving it to him.
- 🐾 Train your recalls in a boring quiet place to begin with and slowly add things they find distracting

eg: start in the bathroom, then the deck, the back yard, front yard, street, etc.

- 🐾 Do lots of these short distance recalls. These teach your dog better and you get to do more of them in the same amount of time.
- 🐾 Set your dog and yourself up to succeed by setting up recall practices every day – the more the better. 1 recall a day is better than none!

## **DON'TS**

- 🐾 Don't call Spot if you have **any** doubt he will come. You go to him instead.
- 🐾 Don't ask for a sit when he gets to you or that will be what you are rewarding. Get your recall right for now and you can add the sit later.
- 🐾 Don't use your recall before doing things they don't like such as baths, pills, ear cleans, etc.
- 🐾 Never punish, yell, scold or similar when your dog has just come to you. It will make coming to you 'good only some of the time' and you want it to be '**good all of the time**'. Even if he is doing something you don't want him to, don't call and scold – go to him and lead him away.
- 🐾 Don't play chase games where you chase him.

## **Games for recall**

- 🐾 A great recall game is Hide and Seek - have someone hold your dog while you hide in a very easy place (like just around the corner with your leg showing). When you call their name, the person lets him go. You then play, praise and reward him for finding you. As he learns the game you can make it increasingly difficult. Once they get the hang of this, it will become a favourite game and each session reinforces your recall. (A great game for a rainy day!)
- 🐾 When your dog is several feet away, call him and then begin running backwards away from him. Reward and praise when he catches up. This uses his natural desire to chase so should be a rewarding game in itself.
- 🐾 "Come" and "Get It!" Throw a treat down the floor and encourage your dog to "get it!" As he picks up the treat and looks back at you, call "Come!" and toss a treat the other direction, again encouraging him to "get it!". This works best in long hallways or even ground where the dog can see the treat easily as it rolls.
- 🐾 Play collar grab games where you touch or hold his collar and it always means a reward. This teaches them not to back away from having their collar touched. 🐾

**Cele, Bon and the Spotted ones**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

30<sup>th</sup> October 08

Last night of Agility Training

18<sup>th</sup> November 08

Last night of Obedience Training

25<sup>th</sup> November 08

End of year Christmas Party

## FUNDRAISING

### Cadbury Chocolates

Do you or your work-mates enjoy a little pick-me-up when three-thirty-itis comes calling? Well, now you can get through the afternoon and help the club at the same time! Selling a box of delicious Cadbury Chocolates at your workplace is easy and provides vital fundraising dollars for the club. If you would like to help us out please contact Tanya on 0430 181 926.

NOTE Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club takes no responsibility for any weight gain experienced during this fundraising activity.

**off the mark** by Mark Parisi  
www.offthemark.com



Don't Forget . . .  
If it's raining,  
There's no training!

## GARRARD'S HORSE AND HOUND

Unit 2, 17 Benison Road, Winnellie  
Phone Tanya on 8947 2856

This month Garrard's  
recommends. . . .

### Energy Gold

This Omega 3, 6 and 9 oil is full of health benefits for your dog. By supplementing their diet with this product it may reduce the incidents of heat rash and assist in recovery from dermatitis & allergy problems. It also helps their coat to have a glossy beautiful shine!! So good, we always stock it!

2 litres for \$19.05, 5 Litres for \$39.92

### POSITIVE K-9 TRAINING

GENTLE MODERN DOG TRAINING  
Basic, puppy and advanced classes



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.

## REMINDERS & NOTICES

Every dog, training with us, must be fully **VACCINATED**. Bring your vaccination papers to training and have it recorded. Help us to help you, protect your dog from nasty diseases.

**Keep your dog restrained**, on a lead and collar unless otherwise instructed. Thanks.

# Your Dog's Daily Health Check (In under 2 minutes)

Knowing your dog is a key to early detection of many health problems and can help you know when to seek veterinary help. What is normal for your dog? When you know that, you will quickly see if there is something wrong or a problem that might need treatment.

You'll need to train your dog to accept the following handling. Remember to reward them as they are learning to be handled, be patient, gentle and never force them. Most dogs will love the attention of a daily health check.

**Nose** - should be cold and wet but all dogs vary. Get to know by touching the back of your hand gently to their nose.

**Mouth** - You will need to get your dog accustomed to having their mouth opened on cue. Start with one finger just under their upper lip, reward. Next time move that finger slightly, reward. Build on this so your dog is comfortable having their teeth and mouth looked at. Aim to have them comfortable when one hand is on their upper jaw and the other on their lower.

Teeth should be white, clean and gums firm and pink. In some illnesses gums become pale. What is the normal colour of your dog's gums? How many teeth do they have? If there are gaps, where are they? Do they have any broken teeth? If you find teeth are yellow with plaque and tartar build up, bad breath, inflamed, receding or red gums then you may need to seek veterinary advice.

**Eyes** - should be clear, bright and free of discharge. How do their eyelashes sit? If you notice any redness, irritation and scratching, discharge, growths or any changes to your dog's eyes, seek veterinary advice.

**Ears** - The inside should be pink and clean. Get them used to having their ears looked at and handled, as you will need to clean them from time to time. What do their ears look and feel like on the inside and out? How often do they get dirty? What do they smell like? A bad or unusual smell may indicate infection. (nb: let ear cleaners/drops come to room temp before using – cold ear drops are mean)

**Legs and feet** - Run your hands firmly over your dog's legs from the shoulder to paw then hip to paw. What does it feel like? Where are the protrusions


and hollows? What do their feet look like on top and below? How do their pads feel? Are they soft and clean? Is their hair that needs trimming between toes in coated breeds? Is it smooth between the toes or are their lumps and injuries? How long are their nails? Do they have their dewclaws? Do they need trimming? It is best to get a qualified professional to show you how to trim your dog's nails before trying this yourself.

**Body** – run your hands over their body and know the feel. You should be able to feel ribs not a layer of fat. Can you see your dog's waist? Does your dog need to lose some weight?

**Tail** - again what feels normal, are there lumps or bumps? Where do they carry their tail?

**Coat** - a skin or coat disease may show as any of the following: a flat dull coat, a rough coat (breed dependant), excessive shedding, dandruff, abnormal odour, hot spots, patches of hair loss, red inflamed areas, excessive scratching and rubbing, excessive chewing or licking of feet, the genital area and face rubbing.

A dog's coat should be shiny and healthy. Groom them regularly to remove dead hair. Coated breeds will need special grooming – ask a professional groomer to show you how to care for the coat between visits.

When bathing your dog only use good dog shampoos as human shampoo has much lower pH levels and are too harsh for the dogs more sensitive skin. Try not to wash your dog more than once a month as they do need those natural oils to keep their coat lovely. 

***Cele, Bon and the Spotted ones***

## Storm Season

If you have a dog with an existing phobia or a puppy that is yet to experience the wet, then now is the time to act.

Sounds Scary is a CD full of noises which you can play to get your puppy acclimatised to these noises. These are available through many internet companies.

Another particularly helpful item is a DAP infuser. DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) can be purchased through your veterinarian or perhaps on line. The infuser releases a pheromone identical to that of a lactating bitch. The smell calms dogs and can aide in removing stress.

# TITLES GAINED 2008

## Companion Dog Excellent

Lorraine & Mia

## Companion Dog

Fiona & Ellie  
Nikki & Twicky

## Community Companion Dog

Ally & Boof  
Andy & Harvey  
Janet & Sheba  
Lucy & Reggie  
Marion & Frigga  
Michelle & Max  
Natasha & Sharni  
Sarah & Cooper  
Sue & Freya

## Agility Dog Excellent

Cele & Bonnie  
Lucy & Shady

## Agility Dog

Ally & Boof  
Fiona & Ellie  
Ray & Inca  
Sarah & Cooper

## Jumping Dog Excellent

Cele & Bonnie  
Kellie & Drew  
Ray & Inca  
Trevor & Mac

## Jumping Dog

Daphne & Star  
Fiona & Ellie

## Snooker Dog

Sarah & Cooper SD

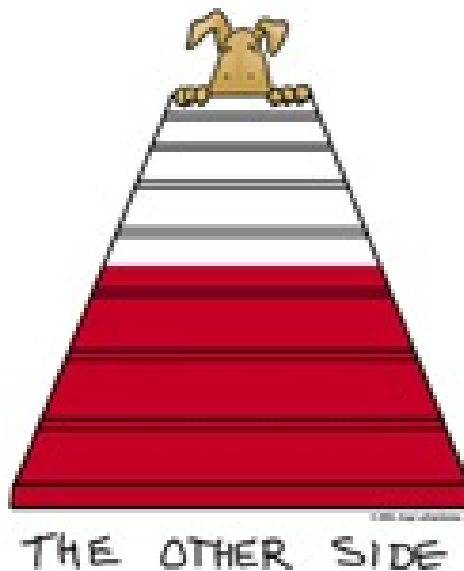
## Strategic Pairs Dog

Fiona & Ellie SPD

A **big congratulations** to all those who have gained titles – there it is again . . . .

Playing with your dog really does pay off!

Just as much **Congratulations** and **Thanks** goes to all those who played a part in making trials happen in 2008. That is our Trial Managers, Catalogue Creators, Ring Set Up'ers (and downers ☺), the Billets, the Judges, the Drivers, the Table Keepers, the Time Keepers, the Caterers, the Entrants, the Visitors, the Report Writers, the Dogs, all those who changed heights (of jumps not personally) and moved equipment, the Other Halves, the Posts, those who made and maintained equipment and mostly the Hard Working Committee who plan ahead, arrive early, stay late and do all this so we can trial with our best friends.



## Title Sashes

Once again we will be doing title sashes for those who wish to purchase them. Please let Fiona know ASAP.

# For the Record 2008

## Obedience

### OPEN OBEDIENCE

#### NOVICE OBEDIENCE

Ray & Inca	2
Natasha & Sharni	1

#### COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

Alexandria & Keter	1
Sarah & Jett	1
Annie and Clancy	2

## Agility

### OPEN AGILITY

Heather & Ty	1
Sarah & Cooper	2
Kellie & Drew	1

### MASTERS AGILITY

Tanya & Midi	2
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### EXCELLENT AGILITY

Trevor & Mac	1
Ray & Inca	2
Ally & Boof	3

### NOVICE AGILITY

Kellie & Drew	1
Heather & Shaba	2
Ally & Keter	1
Marion & Frigga	1
Kirsten & Lucy	1

## Jumping

### OPEN JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	4
Trevor & Mac	2
Ray & Inca	1
Lucy & Shady	1

### MASTERS JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	1
Sarah & Cooper	1

### EXCELLENT JUMPING

Heather & Ty	3
Heather & Shaba	1
Ally & Boof	1
Lucy & Shady	1

### NOVICE JUMPING

Sarah & Milly	1
Kirsten & Lucy	1
Marion & Frigga	1

## Games

### NOVICE GAMBLERS

Heather & Ty	1
Lucy & Shady	1
Cele & Bonnie	1
Fiona & Ellie	2

### EXCELLENT GAMBLERS

Tanya & Midi	2
Ray & Inca	2
Sarah & Cooper	3

### NOVICE SNOOKER

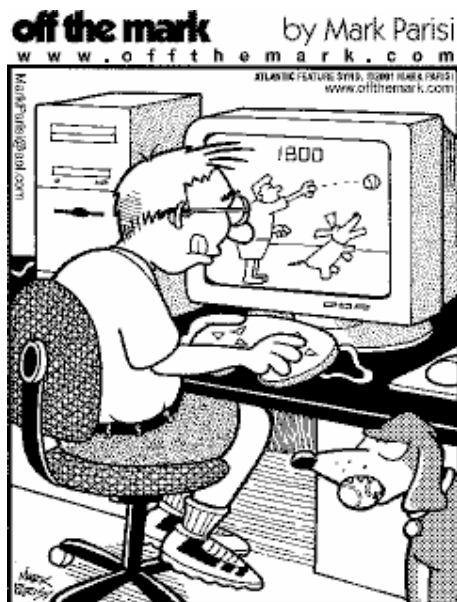
Kellie & Drew	2
Daphne & Star	1
Cele & Bonnie	1
Fiona & Ellie	1

### EXCELLENT SNOOKER

Tanya & Midi	1
Lucy & Shady	1
Ray & Inca	2

### NOVICE STRATEGIC PAIRS

Heather & Ty	2
Heather & Shaba	1
Fiona & Boris	2
Cele & Bonnie	1



Remember ..... Play with your Dog TODAY!