

# DOG TAILS



For dogs that nose what's going on!

## January 09 Newsletter

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

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Karen Winzar	Tanya Reichstein	Cele Stone (ed)

### Training Times

New dog intake is always the first Tuesday  
and Thursday of each month

#### OBEDIENCE (Tuesdays)

BEGINNERS	7.00pm
INTERMEDIATE	7.00pm
SOCIAL "Tricks & Games"	7.15pm
PRE TRIAL & TRIALLERS	8.00pm

For more info please phone Sarah 0417 773 095

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

#### AGILITY (Thursdays)

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE	7.00pm
TRIALERS	8.00pm

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

It's that time again folks. Please remember to renew  
your membership (bring the fees to training) so you  
are eligible to participate in our AGM. Membership  
forms available on the website or at the table.

For those of you competing in events in 2009, don't  
forget to renew your NACA membership too.

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

★ ★ ★ **TRAINING FEE SPECIALS!!** ★ ★ ★  
Pay Up Front & Save

Tuesday	8 Week Course	\$ 35.00
Thursday	Yearly Fee	\$140.00

Some members of a positive dog club  
Were excessive with festive grub  
Then came the new year  
And they said with a cheer  
It's time to get rid of the blub (er)

But in January they didn't train  
And their belts were starting to strain  
Their dogs were asleep  
Because of the heat  
And obedience was starting to wane

But help would soon be on hand  
And Feb the Third would be grand  
Cause they'd resume all their training  
(Except if it's raining)  
With a new syllabus totally planned

# Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone!

Happy New Year!!!! I trust you have all arrived in 2009 recovered, recharged, radiant, and rearing to go. We have some wonderful plans for the year and hope you enjoy them.


Of course the first big thing on the agenda for 2009 is our annual AGM. Whilst this might sound dull (as meetings can be) it really is a quick painless process and should take no more than half an hour. Please make the effort to come along and we would **absolutely welcome** some new committee members.

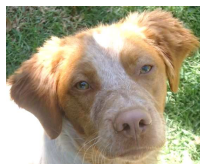
The committee meets once a month to discuss training, trials, fundraising and deal with correspondence. Your commitment to the committee can be as big or small as you like and the more of us there are, the merrier we shall be!

Over the break we have been meeting and planning our **new syllabus** for all classes in 2009. I'm very excited about our new plans and feel that we are moving forward and utilising all the latest positive training methods. We are always open to suggestions and if you think of anything you would like included in classes, then please send us an email.

In the coming months a group of members will be preparing for the **FPDTC demonstration** at the **2009 Pet Expo**. If you are interested in being part of this, then do let us know. There will be some tricks, obedience & agility. We also run a stall and if you would like to help out for a few hours that would be great.

On 7<sup>th</sup> of Feb we have a **Fundraising BBQ** at the Palmeston Bunnings. These are a huge help to the club and assistance is always welcome, even if it's just for a couple of hours.

With only a couple of weeks to go till our new training and trialling year starts; enjoy the rest but don't forget to play with your dog each day 



**Sarah & Cooper the Brittany**

# Reminders & Notices

Every dog that attends training must be fully **VACCINATED**. Please bring your vaccination certificates along with your 09 membership forms to training in 2009. Help us to help you – let's protect all our dogs from contagious diseases!

**2009** training resumes on the first Tuesday of February – that is the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February.

**AGM** the 2009 AGM will be held at 7pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. The meeting is fairly quick and we do ask that you try to make it. This is your club too.

**Agenda** items can be emailed to the club or any of the committee members.

**Committee** positions become vacant and are refilled at the AGM. Please let us know if you are interested in a position on the committee or would like to fill just one role for the year eg;

- picking up judges and getting them to trials
- buying the food for BBQ's
- collating catalogues
- getting raffle prizes together
- buying ribbons
- being trial manager
- time keeper at a trial
- post at an obedience trial
- stocking soft drink
- getting ice for the soft drink
- table person at training - either night (even if it's every second month)
- table person at a trial (easy & there's lollies)

Every little bit helps share the load and keeps our club going strong.



## Club Colours

As some of you may not know, the official colours for Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club are;



If you are able to assist in promoting us and our colours in any way, then please let us know.

## Health Report: Worms

There are 4 intestinal worms our dogs can get; Tapeworm, Hookworm, Roundworm and Whipworm.

Most of these are able to be transferred to people and care should be taken to keep your worming up to date and maintain good hygiene habits (washing hands etc). This is particularly important for children to learn as they tend to be more susceptible to contracting the worms.

Within the Tapeworm family there are 3 different worms but only 2 which affect us in the NT. Let's start with the least known of these;

### **Spirometra (Does Your Dog Chase Lizards or Frogs?)**

**Spirometra Erinacei** is a not so little worm who travels under many names. You may have heard it called Zipper worm, Lizard worm, Frog worm or reptile tapeworm.

The reason for the various names is that each one indicates a potential host for the worm in its larvae stage. These can be amphibians, reptiles or mammals. The most common intermediate host in the NT is the frog.

When a dog kills the host, the larvae moves into the dog and takes up residence, growing to adult stage. And boy, does it take up residence! These worms can grow up to 5 metres in length! They are from the tapeworm family so in they are flattish and have many segments.

These guys are not killed by the usual dog wormers so if your dog eats any of the hosts, talk to your vet about getting the right wormer. Twice a year usually does the trick. This worm is **zoonotic** which means it can be transferred to humans. *Spirometra erinacei* can cause an infection called sparganosis which causes an inflammation of the infected muscles in humans.

### **The Common Flea Tapeworm**

This tape worm grows to 50 cm in length, and infects dogs after they eat an infected flea. It can be found in large numbers within the dog.

There isn't a big health concern for dogs infected by this tapeworm but children can become infected from accidentally swallowing infected fleas.

### **Hydatid (Not in the NT)**

This worm uses sheep as the intermediate host and is zoonotic worm that can be life threatening to man. If you are travelling South with your dog, ensure you are protected from this worm. Speak to your vet about treatment.

### **Hookworm**

These worms are around 5-19 cm in length. Dog are infected by ingesting them or they penetrate the skin of paws and legs. They can also be transferred to pups through their mother's milk. These worms are zoonotic.

The signs of infection in your dog are weight loss, poor appetite, bloated abdomen, black tar-like diarrhoea, dehydration, enteritis and lethargy. Severe infections can be fatal.

### **Roundworm**

Infection to your dog is from ingestion, transferred from bitch to pup in utero and in their mother's milk. These worms are around 9-19 cm in length.

The symptoms include coughing, diarrhoea, vomiting, bowel obstruction, pneumonia, a dull coat and a swollen abdomen. Severe infections can be fatal.

### **Whipworm**

This worm is between 4-7 cm in length and can only infect dogs when worms are swallowed.

Signs of infection are abdominal pain, anorexia, pale eyelids and gums, dehydration, smelly bloody diarrhoea and weight loss. Infection in adult dogs is generally not as serious as infection in puppies, which can be fatal.

### **Heartworm**

Heartworm is prevalent in the Darwin region so prevention is essential. The intermediate host is the mosquito (and we've got plenty of those) and dogs need to be on continuous prevention as reinfestation is highly likely.

When the mosquito bites the dog it releases tiny larvae called microfilaria. These move into the dog and grow, eventually congregating in the heart and causing a blockage. Prevention should start as soon as a pup can eat solids.

If you travel to an area free of heartworm, it is advisable to continue treatment until your return.

### **Ringworm**

This isn't a worm it's a fungal infection of the skin. It is far more prevalent in hot humid areas like the NT. Humans can pick it up although this is more common from a cat rather than a dog.

It generally shows as a round, hairless area of dry crusty skin. The borders of the area may be slightly raised and irregular shaped areas are common. It is advisable to seek veterinary treatment to prevent cross infection.

*Cele, Bon and the Spotted ones*

# GARRARD'S HORSE AND HOUND

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

## This Month Garrard's Recommends....

### *Puffer Pad*

This month it's a saddle blanket! The Puffer Pad is a quilted 95cm x 65cm, 800gm polyfil inner and cotton outer that makes a wonderful dog bed.

As their name suggests these puffy beds are soft and most coveted by dogs. They are machine washable, come in 10 different colours and are a most durable dog bed at only \$35.25 a piece.



*"Where are you going this nice fine day?"  
(I said to the Puppy as he went by).  
'Up in the hills to roll and play.'  
'I'll come with you, Puppy,' said I."  
A.A. Milne*

Do you have a joke or article that you would like to see in Dog Tails? Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in Dog Tails? Or a topic you want to find out more about? You can email it to the Ed at [ctstone@bigpond.net.au](mailto:ctstone@bigpond.net.au) or the club email address [fpkoc.news@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fpkoc.news@yahoo.com.au)

Or post it (PO Box is found on the Dog Tails letterhead) and it should appear in next month's issue...

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  
Daphne Ph:8988 9078 (a/h) Fax:8988 9070  
daphnegwen@inet.net.au

## Bunnings BBQ

### Help Needed!

*On Feb 7<sup>th</sup> FPPDTC is running a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Palmerston.*

*If you are able to come and help, even just for an hour, we would greatly appreciate it.*

Fundraising such as this helps the club keep training prices down, build our long awaited shed (2009!!!), have a variety of judges during the year and keep our equipment current and safe.

## 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.



## Training Time - Which Hand

Show all your friends how clever your dog is!

In this trick, you put a treat in one hand, put both hands in front of your dog and he shows which hand has the treat by tapping it with his paw.

To start with you will need to get some really tasty treats like some steak off-cuts, roast chicken or hot dog and cut them up into bits about the size of a 5 cent piece. Pop them in a container to use for training.

Begin by putting 3 treats in your right hand. Ask your dog to sit in front of you and you sit on the ground in front of your dog. Put your right hand closed in a fist, half way between your dog's nose and the ground.

Wait a little while and your dog will push your fist with his nose and then he should tap your hand with his paw. As soon as he puts his paw on your fist, say "YES" and open it to give him the treats.

Now do the same again with just one treat in your fist. When you have done 10 with your right fist and your dog taps it quickly, switch to your left. Start with your left as you did with your right – 3 treats, left fist, between his nose and the ground.

When he can do both sides, start putting both fists out in front (only ever put a treat in one though!) and only give him the treat when he gets the right paw (your right, his left and your left, his right).

Now you can add the cue "Which Hand?" just as you put your hands out in front of him. When he gets that, you can start to mix up which hand you put the treat in.

*Cele, Bon and the Spotted ones*



## Storm Season

Remember that chewing is a stress relieving activity for your dog – if they do get frightened by the storms and you can't be with them, make sure they are in a secure area and leave them plenty of things to chew.

- Kongs with frozen mince
- Frozen raw meaty bones
- Kibbled filled plastic bottle (ring & lid removed)
- Decreasing sized cardboard boxes & bone inside
- Frozen block of mince

You can also try rescue remedy in their water, feed turkey bones for their calming effect, supplement with a vitamin B paste (found at Garrards) and leave some music or radio playing for them.

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.

*Dogs needed for holistic remedy testing*

***Sydney Animal Behavioural Services (SABS)***

***Investigation into Pets Fear of Thunderstorms***

Is your dog scared of Thunderstorms? SABS, in conjunction with the Charles Sturt University Veterinary School and HomeoPet, is running a trial investigating fear of thunderstorms in pets. We are assessing the effectiveness of a homeopathic remedy at relieving distress caused by storms in dogs and cats. This remedy is currently available from veterinarians for relieving anxiety in animals. To be included in the trial, animals must be older than 6 months and in good general health and live in Australia. Participants in the trial are asked to give their pet the drops we provide and to fill in a questionnaire about their pets' behaviour during a period of up to three (3) thunderstorms. If you would like more information about the trial or think your pet may be suitable, please contact Dr. Jacqui Ley at SABS on 02 9949 8511 or [email sabs@sabs.com.au](mailto:sabs@sabs.com.au). Please leave a contact phone number so she can contact you directly.

## 2009 FPPDTC Trial Calendar

Are you able to **help us at one** of these **trials** doing any of the following jobs? As everything we do is on a volunteer basis, the more people we have to help, even if only doing 1 thing all year, the better it is for everyone.

<i>Picking up judges and getting them to trials</i>	<i>Billeting Judges – usually 2 nights, sometimes 3.</i>
<i>Buying the food for the trial BBQ</i>	<i>Buying the trial raffle prize</i>
<i>Re-stocking soft drinks for trials or training</i>	<i>Getting ice for the soft drink before training or trials</i>
<i>Being a post in an obedience trial – very easy but so important</i>	<i>Table person at training on either night. Collect fees and record names.</i>
<i>Time keeper at a trial – time agility runs</i>	<i>Change courses &amp; jump heights in Agility</i>
<i>Table person at a trial (easy &amp; there's lollies)</i>	<i>Check in Clerk at Trials (easy &amp; there's lollies)</i>

<b>April</b>	24	Obedience	
	25	Agility / Jumping	
	26	Obedience	
<b>May</b>	8	Obedience	
	9	Agility / Games	
	10	Jumping / Games	
<b>June</b>	13	Agility / Games	
	14	Jumping / Games	
	27	Agility / Agility	
	28	Jumping / Jumping	
<b>July</b>	11	Obedience	
	12	Games	
	14	Obedience	
	18	Agility / Agility	
	19	Jumping / Jumping	
	23/24/25	OT / JG / AD	Royal Darwin Show
<b>August</b>	7	Obedience	
	8	Obedience	
	21	Obedience	
	22	Agility / Games	
	23	Jumping / Games	
<b>September</b>	19	Agility / Jumping	
	20	Obedience	

**Remember to play with your dog today!**