

# DOG TAILS



The less you speak, the more your dog listens

## June 2013 Newsletter

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

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#### 2013 Committee Members

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Treasurer	Kellie O'Dea	
Secretary	Tanya Reichstein	
Members	Reg Dwyer, Sue Dwyer, Kiya Gill	

### Training for 2013

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.

### Obedience (Tuesdays)

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

<b>Training Fees</b>	8 Week Course	\$ 60.00
	Yearly Fee	\$150.00

For more information phone Sarah on 0417 773 095

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

### Agility (Thursdays)

**Beginners Agility training** All Beginners Agility classes must be Pre-paid. To join beginner's agility you must have a reliable recall.

**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	\$ 20.00
Yearly Fee		\$150.00

For more information phone Sarah on 0417 773 095

### Reminders

#### Vaccinations

Every dog that attends training must be fully vaccinated. Please bring your vaccination certificates along with your 2013 membership forms to training. Help us to help you – let's protect all our dogs from contagious diseases!

#### Annual Membership Fees

\$20 Single, \$30 Double or \$40 Family per year  
Please remember to renew your membership (bring the fees to training) so you are eligible to participate in training. Membership forms available on the website or at the table.

## Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone

With the cooler weather upon us you might find yourself wanting to get out and about more with your dog, so if you are allowing your dog some off leash exercise time, please make sure that your dog is under effective control and has a reliable recall. Here are my top tips for a reliable recall:

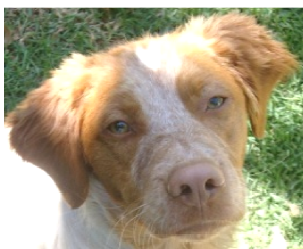
- Use a command for come (like Come or Here) rather than using the dogs name
- Never call the dog if something bad is about to happen (ie clip their nails or give them a bath)
- Always make sure something good happens every time your dog comes to you
- Try a back and forth recall between two people – this can be lots of fun for everyone!
- Don't call your dog if you already know there is no chance of it coming to you

Remember, the average owner who attends a training class with his or her dog practices the exercises at home on the average of 5 minutes a day. An exceptional owner practices perhaps 15 minutes a day. What happens with the dog the other 23 hours 45 minutes each day? Every time the dog and owner interact, the dog is learning something even though the owner may not be intentionally trying to teach the dog anything. Dogs are always learning.

And don't forget...as if you could... the 1<sup>st</sup> of July is Territory Day and that means CRACKER NIGHT! If you have a young dog who has never been through Cracker Night before then do yourself and your dog a favour, stay home with them this year and make sure they are OK. If you must go out, then make sure your dog is 100% secure either inside the house or in your yard, give them a meaty bone to chew on to take their mind off all the loud noises. If you are staying home with your dog, set them up a little den inside, somewhere they can hide and snuggle and feel safe while the crackers are going off outside.

Until next time, may the hounds be with you,

**Sarah with Cooper the Brittany & Milly the Cavalier** 🐾



## FIRECRACKER NIGHT

**Please protect your dogs tonight!!!**

Many dogs get **seriously frightened** by the loud & random explosions of cracker night. Dogs that have never escaped a yard do so on cracker night, driven by fear.

FEAR causes behaviours you may not expect, so **BE PREPARED**.

1. Stay at home with them.
2. Provide bones or stuffed Kongs for them to chew (chewing relieves stress in dogs)
3. Keep them inside with you and prepare a crate or 'den' for them to feel safe in.
4. Put on the radio or other audio that will block out some of the noise.
5. Limit their access to outside where the noise is scarier.

### IF YOU MUST GO OUT . . . . .

1. Absolutely make sure your dog is in a **safe contained area**.
2. Crate them if they are crate trained and have the crate mostly covered over and around the sides, so they feel more secure.
3. Provide them with bones or stuffed Kongs to chew.
4. Leave the radio on for them.
5. Don't stay out too late and leave them stressing alone.

## Who are the Committee and what are we up to?

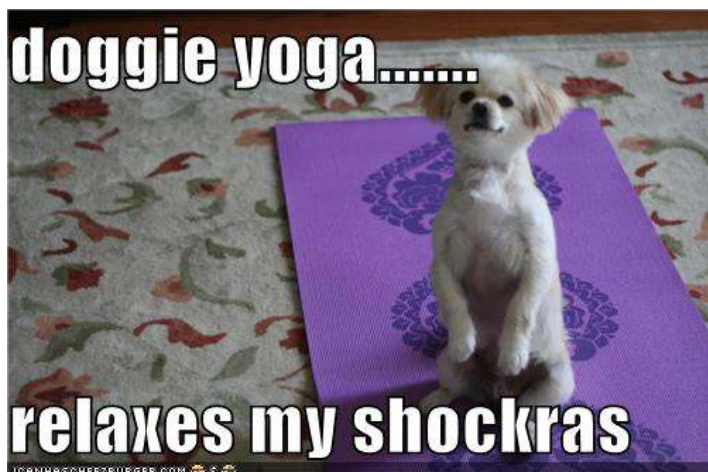
The 2013 Committee is made up of Sarah Baker (President), Chavonne Carroll (Vice President), Tanya Reichstein (Secretary), Kellie O'Dea (Treasurer) and Reg Dwyer, Sue Dwyer and Kiya Gill.

We meet about once a month for a couple of hours to discuss club business, and you may ask yourself, what are they talking about and how does it affect me as a club member?

Well, here are some of the topics that are currently being discussed and actioned by the committee.

- 🐾 Stacy Peardot Seminar
- 🐾 Purchase of Chute Tunnel
- 🐾 Unacceptable Dog Behaviour Policy
- 🐾 Agility Trailer Jockey Wheel Modification (Thanks Stuart!)
- 🐾 Dates and judges for trials in 2014
- 🐾 User group rate rise and electricity charges by Freds Pass Reserve Board
- 🐾 Sale of surplus shed equipment

If you would like to be a part of the committee, have ideas for discussion at committee meetings or would just like to discuss issues that may affect you, please see one of our committee members out at training and they will be more than happy to talk to you.



## World Class Dog Trainer Stacy Peardot-Goudy

National US agility finalist 15 years in a row with multiple dogs

World renowned agility trainer Stacy Peardot-Goudy is coming to Darwin and you have the opportunity to join her seminars to learn valuable skills to build a better relationship with your dog and handling techniques for competition agility.



**Three types of participants are encouraged:**

**Auditors: For all trainers (no dogs).** You will benefit from Stacy's skills working with all participants, demonstrations of a wide variety of (handler's) training methods, skills, common errors and solutions.

**Beginners: For pre-trial dogs that are familiar with the sport and Novice.** You will be guided through common handling techniques, be guided to resolve errors and gain valuable skills for motivating and training in the sport of Agility.

**Advanced: For Trialling dogs.** You will benefit from the highly developed skill of a world class trainer and competitor who provides many of the skills for successful competition and motivating dogs to work at a high drive level. If you want to be the best, then you need to train with the best.

**Places are limited so for further information about reserving your place, go to [www.fppdt.org.au](http://www.fppdt.org.au) or for more information about Stacy, go to [www.cspotwin.com](http://www.cspotwin.com)**

## Sponsor of the Top Trialling Dog Award

Daphne sells Blackdog collars, leads and harnesses & runs Puppy Preschool for pups from 8 to 16 weeks of age on Wednesday evenings in Palmerston. Please contact her for further details.



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## 2013 FPPDTC Trial Calendar

### July

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Obedience & Rally-O  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Jumping, Gamblers & Snooker  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> - Agility & Strategic Pairs

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Obedience & Rally-O  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> - Agility, Gamblers & Snooker  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> - Jumping & Strategic Pairs

### August

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – Double Jumping  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> – Double Agility

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Jumping & Strategic Pairs  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> - Agility, Gamblers & Snooker

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – Obedience and Double Rally-O  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> – Agility & Jumping

### September

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> - Obedience  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - Agility & Jumping

For further information regarding our trials and trial schedules, please see our website

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