

DOG TAILS



For dogs that nose good news

February 2008 Newsletter

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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2007 Committee

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	Chavonne Carroll	Tanya Reichstein

Training Times

OBEDIENCE (Tuesdays)

Classes for 2008 begin on 5th Feb

BEGINNERS	"Snoopy Class"	7.00pm
INTERMEDIATE	"Lady Class"	7.00pm
SOCIAL	"Tricks & Games"	7.15pm
PRE TRIAL		7.00pm
TRIAL		8.00pm

For more info please phone Jackie 8983 2561

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

AGILITY (Thursdays)

Classes for 2008 begin on 7th Feb

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE	6.30pm
TRIALERS	7.30pm

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

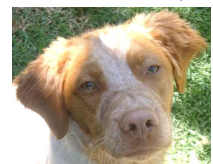
Hi Everyone! I can't believe we are half-way through February already and classes have begun for the year. Our first few weeks of training have been very successful already with lots of new members interested in the **positive training** method and I'm thrilled to see so many people taking responsibility for their pet ownership. It's great to see!

Our fundraising is off to a great kick-start for the year with a date secured at Bunnings Palmerston for a **Fundraising BBQ**. The date is Easter Monday, 24th March. We are required to be there between 8am and 4pm but we always prefer to roster the day into shifts if possible. If you are able to support us by giving up a few hours of your time we would greatly appreciate it, many hands make light work, and we always have a lot of laughs. If you are interested, please contact one of the committee members or your class instructor.

This month on the 26th February we will be holding our **Annual General Meeting**. Our agenda will be submission of accounts and report of the Committee, election of new Committee and discussion of fees. We want as many members to attend the meeting as we can, and even if you usually only attend training on Thursday nights, we'd like to see you there. The meeting will take place at 7pm and then training classes will resume as normal.

The **Pet Expo** is an upcoming event on 20th April and we will have a stand there as always, as well as obedience and agility displays during the day. It's now time to think about getting together a group of dogs for our "demo team", so if you are at all interested or just want to find out some further information, please contact me. 

Sarah & Cooper the Brittany



SPECIAL OFFER

Book in and pay for an 8-week entry level or intermediate class course and receive one week free!

That's 8 weeks for only \$35

Note: If training is cancelled due to rain that week will not be counted towards your 8 weeks

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 Chavonne on 0412 116 987.

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

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 either mail it to the post office box or email address, found on the Dog Tails letterhead and it should appear in next month's issue...

CASUARINA CLUB FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

We have been lucky enough to secure a month of selling raffle tickets at the Casuarina Club Trivia Night each Wednesday night in **March**. This is a very important fundraising opportunity for us and we are looking for volunteers to help out for 1-2 hours from roughly 7-8.30pm. If you can donate your time for a fun night please call Chavonne on 0412 116 987. Thanks!

GARRARD'S
HORSE AND HOUND

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

BUNNINGS Fundraiser

On 24th March 2008 (Easter Monday) we will be holding a fundraising BBQ outside Bunnings Palmerston store. This will be a great boost to our fundraising efforts early in the year and we would really like to recruit as many volunteers as we can to man the stall selling drinks and sausages, just for a couple of hours. If you can help us out please call Tanya on 0430 181 296

OK, now I've
seen everything...



Or even



Wigs for Dogs

Up and Coming Events

FEBRUARY 2008

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| 5 | Tuesday Night Obedience Training Begins |
| 7 | Thursday Night Agility Training Begins |
| 26 | Annual General Meeting
Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club |
| 28 | Agility Mock Trial |

MARCH 2008

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| 5 | Casuarina Club Fundraising Raffle |
| 12 | Casuarina Club Fundraising Raffle |
| 24 | Bunnings Fundraising BBQ |
| 19 | Casuarina Club Fundraising Raffle |
| 26 | Casuarina Club Fundraising Raffle |
| 27 | Agility Mock Trial |

APRIL 2008

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| 17 | Mock Agility Trial |
| 20 | Pet Expo - Marrara Indoor Stadium |
| 25 | Obedience Trial/Jumping Trial
Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club |
| 26 | Obedience Trial/Agility Trial
Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club |
| 27 | Agility Trial/Jumping Trial
Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club |

This month Garrard's Recommends....

MALASEB Medicated Shampoo

Malaseb is a antibacterial, antifungal shampoo, good for treatment of heat spots. When the dogs have a reaction to fleas and ticks it is excellent to restore the skin back to its natural state.

Available in 250ml (\$18.03), 500ml (\$31.33) and 1 Litre (\$60.05) at Garrard's Horse and Hound.

Barking Mad

Is your dogs barking sending you barking mad?

I am often asked for advice from owners of dogs that bark uncontrollably at the fence or gate but not at other times. These dogs bark in response to certain exciting stimuli, such as the postie or people walking past. This type of barking usually occurs whether the owner is present or not, and the barking stops when the stimulus is removed. This type of barking is also one of the most difficult to treat because it is self-reinforcing.

The main reason why dogs learn to bark excessively at every person who passes their territory is the simple fact that most of those people go away again. The dog doesn't realise they didn't want to come in - it thinks it has successfully chased them off. For example, take the dog that barks at the kids walking home from school. They approach the property and keep walking past, but the dog believes his barking caused the kids to leave, thus emboldening him to do it again.


Unfortunately, owners often attempt to silence their dog by shouting at it, but as the dog's communication skills don't extend to understanding English, it simply assumes the owners are barking too, and continues undeterred, or even redoubles its effort. How many of us scream at our dogs to "SHUT UP!" over and over again, all the while our dogs are thinking, Great my owner is barking too, so this must be the right thing to do!

Of course, you want your dog to bark sometimes - to let you know if there's a burglar or to let you know that someone's at the door. But what about all that nuisance barking? What good is a "watchdog" who cries "wolf"?

The first thing to remember is BE A GOOD PACK LEADER for your dog. Your dog's job is to alert the leader (that's you!) - and then turn the responsibility over to you - quietly!

So when your dog barks, go and have a look. Then, in a matter of fact, no big deal tone, tell him, "Oh, it's just the neighbour! Never mind!" If he persists after you have checked it out, he's over-stepping his place in the pack. As pack leader, you have the right to tell him, "That's enough! Be quiet!"

Try to introduce the word, 'quiet!' or 'stop!' while your dog is barking, and give it a toy or food treat the instant your dog stops barking. If the exercise is repeated often enough, your dog will associate the signal to be quiet with the cessation of barking and a reward.

Reward is, of course, the best motivation of behaviour, so it's important to praise the dog at the time it's doing the right thing, not afterwards. This means rewarding it when it stops barking, and also when it doesn't bark in a situation which would normally set it off. When your dog is lying quietly and allowing you to chat to visitors unmolested, or when your neighbours come home and your dog doesn't bark, you can praise and reward it, which will encourage your dog to remain quiet the next time too. 

THE MIS-ADVENTURES OF MIDI



Unfortunately on the 15th November 07 Midi escaped the yard. We think she jumped the back fence which is 1.8m, some feat considering she is only 455mm high but it was during a storm and dogs can do amazing things when they are scared. Once on the loose she was hit by a car. We were lucky enough that some people witnessed the accident and called me from the tag she was wearing, after some drama's finding the street we got her to the vet.

Rebecca Burgess suspected she had a broken leg; she was in shock and had a lot of gashes and a lot of teeth missing. She underwent surgery the next day, she had 5 teeth removed, a big gash on her left side stitched. She hadn't broken her leg, but had a dislocated hip so they put that back in and bandaged her leg up to hold in place. After a week of bandaging unfortunately she developed a pressure sore, and her leg was deteriorating fast, I was told on 26th that she may lose her leg. The vet said we had a 50/50 chance to save her leg, I thought that was good enough odds to try.

Thanks to Cele Stone for being with me that day when I had to deal with the possibility of amputation. And with the help of many people we started natural remedies and herbal treatments, starting with Colloidal Silver internally and on other wounds. That turned to Silver Solutions from America courtesy of a greyhound trainer in QLD. With the help of Colleen Bates at Coolalinga and Robert McDowells Herbal Treatments in Sydney we got her on a variety of herbal mixes to help her body fight the infection that she had in

her leg. As well as Alexandria Bailey's flower remedies.

I saw her leg on the 27th and I thought the worst but the very next day we had granulation tissue starting to happen and the wound looked a lot cleaner, she was only on the colloidal silver and medi-honey at that stage. By the end of the following week we had the leg saved, unfortunately she lost the back 2 tendons below the knee/hock joint but they said she should be able to use it with a limp. We were unable to bandage the leg up to hold up the hip during this stage so it came out of place again. So once the leg had healed sufficiently for her to cope with hip surgery, they removed the ball joint, we did that surgery on the 27th December. She came through that surgery well, and we started swimming her on the 8th January but it soon became apparent she wasn't a good swimmer!! So I invested in a life jacket to keep her afloat and she is swimming so much better and using the leg more.



She started coming for walks with me and Echo about a week after that and she has been walking once a day and swimming twice a day since. She is getting stronger all the time; she doesn't think anything is wrong with her. Steve Cutter (vet) said it is very unlikely that she will ever compete in agility again but when he saw her on the 19th January he said he wouldn't be surprised if she could compete again!! He said all along that it would be a "good story" if she did compete again. It is sad that she may never compete again, but I am just glad to have my little girl with me. And I am now a big believer in herbal/natural treatments, it was amazing to see her heal so quickly once she began them. And Echo is getting the benefits too of herbal treatments, it just goes to show we need to think of all options when animals are sick or injured. I would like to thank everybody for their support throughout this hard time, Midi is happy again and enjoying being part of the family. 🐾

Tanya and Echo & Midi