

DOG TAILS



The Chronicle for the Rural Dog

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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
	Yearly Fee	\$150.00

For more information phone Sarah on 0417 773 095

Annual Membership Fees

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

Agility (Thursdays) Starts March

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.

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!

Instructors Course starting April 11

Ever thought about becoming an Instructor??? *Now's your chance!!!*

An Instructors course for Tuesday nights will commence in April. Please register your interest with Sarah. We'd love to have you come along!

Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone

As we sit on the verge of our Annual General Meeting and look forward to an extremely exciting and promising 2011 for the club, I would like to reflect on the past year and spend some time patting ourselves on the back and wagging our tails.

The club's "All Positive Methods" philosophy, which was fully implemented in 2006, continues to be enormously successful both for the Club and beneficial to our members and their dogs. Giving a more personalised service to a wider group of dog owners using simpler, more effective and far less stressful techniques has also proven to be popular and brings us in line with successful, modern clubs Australia-wide. We love the fact that we have members who actively seek us out because they want to make the conscious decision to choose positive training methods and equally, we are thrilled when so-called "problem" dogs come out to class and graduate with a changed attitude and happy owner.


We have continued to actively promote dog sports, by running successful obedience and agility trials throughout 2010 with more novice dogs are starting to compete than ever before. The club has very well attended agility classes and we are naturally seeing more dogs flow through to competition level, which is fantastic and very encouraging to see. Remember the novice dogs of today are the masters dogs of the future! If you are interested in agility or just want to find out what it's all about, come along to one of our Beginner Classes which start on the first Thursday of each month and run for 4 weeks.

Fundraising to further the Club's objectives and activities again was hugely successful and built on earlier fund raising activities. Key fund raising initiatives include promotional chocolate sales, Bunnings Community BBQ, Casuarina Club and other raffles. Fundraising is centred on building a shed to house the Clubs training equipment at the Fred's Pass Reserve. The success of the Club has meant that it has outgrown its current storage facility and we are currently looking at having the shed built and complete in the next month or so. A big Thankyou goes out to all the members who have donated their time, donated goods for raffles or purchased raffle tickets to get us where we are today....the shed could not be a reality without your help and assistance.

Our Tuesday night obedience classes are still extremely popular and I continue to be impressed at the dedication of our members to help their canine companions become well adjusted members of the community. We strive to promote responsible dog ownership through education

and training and week after week we see the improved progress of both dog and handler as they build their relationship and bond through positive training. Well done to everyone!

Well that's all from me for now. If you are new to the club, Welcome and if you are a returning member, we are so glad to see you back. See you all at the AGM.

Until next time, may the hounds
be with you, 

**Sarah & Cooper the
Brittany**



Your Club Committee

AGM

The AGM will be at **7 pm** on the **8th March 2011**

We need a quorum (or we'll have to do it again) so come join us for a quick and painless AGM.

Vacancies

With **five positions vacant** on the Committee –

is it time for you to join us?

Positions that will become vacant, or are vacant are:

Vice President

Treasurer

3 x ordinary committee members

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.

Notices

Chocolates

Will you sell chocolates at your work???

Did you know we sell Cadbury snack size chocolates as fundraisers. A few boxes of these at your workplace is much easier than a day of BBQ'ing at a sausage sizzle! This fundraiser helps the club tremendously and the more we can sell, the better your club will be. Please Participate!

Thankyou

A big thank you to Jeff & the team at **Area Steel** for their patience, assistance and generosity which has made our long awaited Club Shed an any day now reality.



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PARENTING

Who Says It Has To Be Difficult?

Dogs feel very strongly that they should always go with you in the car, in case the need should arise for them to bark violently at nothing right in your ear. Dave Barry

Cele's High Pony (from the editor)

Hi all, anyone who knows me also knows that I have a whole stable of high horses that I often charge off on. This year I'm downsizing to ponies and airing my thoughts. These are my own opinions (not the clubs) and I'm more than happy to have letters to the editor to refute, opine and comment on my thoughts or anything else you would like to write about. Send all your letters to the ed to ctstone@bigpond.net.au

Puppies in Pet Shops

I have no tolerance for pet shops that sell puppies and would love to see the practice banned by law. The purchase of a dog should take more time and thought than the purchase of a new car. After all, you'll have your dog for up to 15 years but how many of us keep a car that long?

Far too often, that cute puppy in the window becomes an impulse buy without the thought needed about the future. Once the novelty wears off and the reality that the puppy needs time, attention, care and training sets in, these pups are often dumped at the RSPCA. This happens within a few months and so the terrible cycle of home, shelter, home, shelter set in for the dog who is the eventual loser and loses their life. The saying that 'a dog is for life, not just for Christmas' is easily converted to 'a dog is for life not just during puppy cuteness'.

In my experience many of these puppies have skeletal problems from the diet they are raised on, the environment and the poor genetics of their over bred parents. There are socialisation problems with excessive fear and at times aggression, again both from the environment and genetics. I've seen puppies with such weak immune systems that the local pet shop who sold her, preferred euthanasia to spending the money on trying to save her. That puppy was 5 weeks of age, flown up from a mill in Victoria and sold as a 9 week old – there is a happy ending for her, she's one of the lucky ones. There tend to be training issues, particularly with toilet training. The list goes on. All of these things can mean expensive vet and often training bills for the purchaser. Not to mention the possible heartbreak when you need to euthanise your 2 year old dog because they can no longer walk or stand or crawl.

Pet shops that sell puppies support an industry that uses dogs as commercial products, often neglecting their needs. The worst of these keep dogs like battery hens, the bitches are bred until they are unable to reproduce again and then they are discarded. While there are occasions where these puppy mills are shut down, the dogs rescued and the perpetrators arrested, it is still too far and few. Puppy mills are inhumane, money grabbing ventures; do you want your money going to support this industry?

There are lots of things you can do to help stop this terrible industry. For more information please visit the following websites:

<http://www.wheredopuppiescomefrom.com.au/>

<http://www.saynotoanimalsinpetshops.com/>

<http://www.thepupmymill.com.au/index.html>

This last link is for a documentary which I'm more than happy to loan or organise a group viewing for those interested.

Till next month, take care.

Cele

Youtube clips we like

Put the following headings into the search bar on youtube, sit back and enjoy.

Crufts Magazine - Return of the Sea Dog

A 5.30 min vid about water rescue dogs in Italy

Tani's Heeling Video

A 2.04 min vid about how to get a perfect heel position

The Trampoline Dog

1.09 mins of silliness that will make you laugh

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Pet dog class Instructor???

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2011 FPPDTC Trial & Event Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Trial	Judge
March	Thursday	31	Agility Equipment working Bee	At the NEW SHED
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!