

DOG TAILS



For dogs that nose good news

March 2008 Newsletter

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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2008 Committee

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<u>Committee Members:</u>		
	Karen Winzar	Tanya Reichstein
	Alexandria Bailey	

Training Times

OBEDIENCE (Tuesdays)

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)

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE	6.30pm
TRIALLERS	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! We've had a very wet start to the training year so far with the last few **Tuesday night training** classes being cancelled due to rain; however I'm hoping that we'll get some grace soon and you'll all be raring to go and get back out there with your pups for some fun, motivated learning sessions.

On the 26th February we held our **Annual General Meeting**. Again it was a wet night, but we had enough brave souls (and their canine companions) turn up for a quorum along with our Returning Officer, Peter Maley. The meeting went smoothly and a new/old committee was elected. You can see from the list on the left, our executive has remained the same; however we have two new general committee members, Ally Bailey and Karen Winzar. I would like to send a warm welcome to both these lovely ladies and we look forward to their input into the club over 2008.

We still have great aspirations of building a new shed/clubhouse sometime in 2008 and to further this aim I submitted an application for the **Community Benefits Grant** at the end of February for a contribution towards a new shed. We submitted a convincing application (if I do say so myself) and had many letters of strong community support to go with it, so I'm crossing my fingers for success. We should be notified either way by the end of May.

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

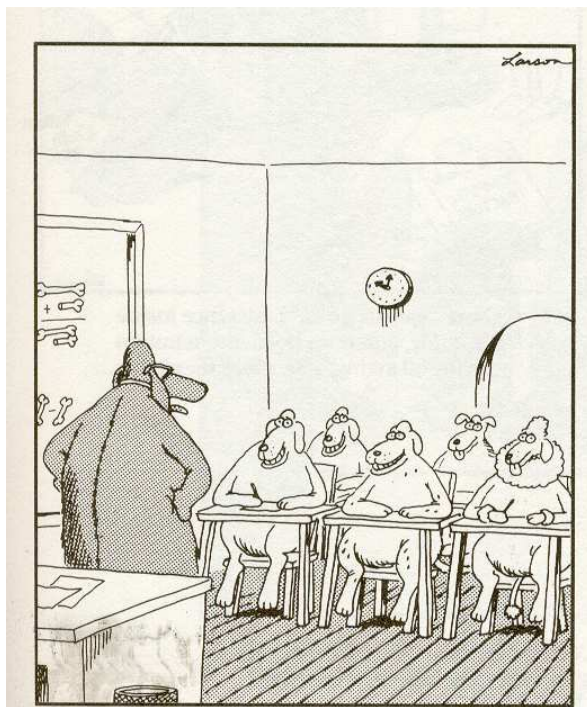
Note: If training is cancelled due to rain that week will not be counted towards your 8 weeks

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 Tanya on 0430 181 296.

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



"Well, here we go again.... Did anyone here *not* eat his or her homework on the way to school?"

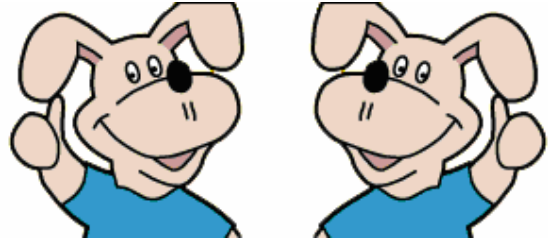
GARRARD'S
HORSE AND HOUND

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

TWO BIG PAWS UP!!



We recently submitted two applications to the Department of Justice to be considered for the Community Benefits Fund Grant. We have applied for funding to help build the new shed we have been fundraising and saving for through 2007/08 and also, for a set of electronic timing gates for our agility training and trial competitions.

In addition to our application, we submitted several letters of support and we'd like to send out a BIG thankyou to those generous people that took the time to write recommendation letters for the club and lend their support to a worthy community cause. We'd like to thank:

Len Keily

Member for Sanderson

Ted Warren

Member for Goyder

James Burke

Member for Brennan

Chris Natt

Member for Drysdale

Olive Frakking

Manager Fred's Pass Reserve Board

Your support means a lot to the club and we all have our fingers crossed for a successful grant application. It will make a huge difference to the club and its members and we extend our sincere thanks to you all 🐾

Up and Coming Events

MARCH 2008

- 24 Bunnings Fundraising BBQ
- 27 Auslink Agility Trial

APRIL 2008

- 17 Agility Mock Trial
- 20 Pet Expo – Marrara Indoor Stadium
- 25 *Obedience Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
- 26 *Obedience Trial/Agility Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
- 27 *Agility Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve

MAY 2008

- 13 No Tuesday Obedience Training due to FP Show
- 15 No Thursday Agility Training due to FP Show
- 16 *Obedience Trial/Jumping Trial*
Winnellie Showgrounds
- 17 *Agility Trial/Games Trial*
Winnellie Showgrounds
- 20 No Tuesday Obedience Training due to FP Show
- 29 Mock Agility Trial

This month Garrard's Recommends....

SPRINT OIL

SPRINT Oil is high-energy blend of OMEGA 3 and OMEGA 6 essential fatty acids and has been specially formulated to maximise skin and coat health and is very helpful for dogs that suffer from hot spots. It can be very beneficial for overall health if your dog is lacking in these essential fatty acids.

Available in 1 Litre (\$13.87) and 5 Litre (\$34.64) at Garrard's Horse and Hound.

Dog Bite Basics

With all the articles in the newspaper recently about dog attacks, I thought it would be a good time to go through some basic strategies to keep you, your dog and your family safe from dog attacks.

Remember, all dogs have the potential to bite irrespective of their breed, gender, temperament or history so the Number One rule has to be, avoid putting yourself or your dog in a situation where a dog bite or fight may occur; avoidance is the best prevention.

If you are out walking your dog, keep a safe distance between yourself and other dogs being

walked on leashes or tied-up. If you see a stray dog wandering loose, don't take chances and go back the way you came or take a different route and give them a wide berth. Keep a safe distance between yourself and fences where dogs may be in the yard.

Even if a dog seems friendly enough, always ask the owner's permission before approaching a dog on lead, in their yard or in a car.

Never approach a barking, growling, sleeping, eating, tied-up, dog in a car or back of a ute. (not all at once obviously!)

Do not stare a dog you don't know in the eyes and do not allow your dog to stare either.

If you think the situation might be turning sour, stay calm, turn sideways, slowly withdraw and walk away.

Always supervise children when a dog is present and teach children to ask the owner if it is okay to pat their dog. They should then present the dog with a clenched fist to sniff, then stroke the dog gently under the chin.

There are many things you can do as a responsible dog owner to ensure that your dog is not the one doing the biting.

Early socialisation; this means exposing your dog to all different kinds of places and people, noises, social situations, other dogs etc etc. Dogs have a deeply ingrained flight or fight response and if they get into a scary situation they may either try run away or bite. Exposing your dog to all types of experiences in a positive way will give your dog the confidence to not react badly when placed in a challenging or new situation.

Training and lots of it; its only common sense that owners who dedicate the time to train their dog properly will reap the rewards of a dog who is a pleasure to be around and know they can trust. Take the time to build up the trust account with your dog, you'll get out what you put in.

Desexing of dogs can help towards a more even temperament and reduce territorial issues.

Understanding body language displayed by dogs. A dog doesn't necessarily have to be growling with its hackles up to warn you it may be about to bite. For instance; if the kids are trying to play with your dog and he's ignoring them or repeatedly gets up and moves away, take note that your dog is trying to send a message that he's not interested.

Dog attacks seem to be an unfortunate fact of life but they don't have to be if you pay attention and apply a little common sense. 🐾