

DOG TAILS



When peemail is just not enough!

March 09 Newsletter

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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<u>Committee Members:</u>		
Karen Winzar	Tanya Reichstein	Cele Stone (ed)

Training Times

New dog intake: First Tuesday/Thursday each month

OBEDIENCE (Tuesdays)

BEGINNERS	7.00pm
INTERMEDIATE	7.00pm
ADVANCED	7.00pm
PRE TRIAL & TRIALLERS	8.00pm

For more info please phone Sarah 0417 773 095

TRAINING FEES	\$5 first dog
	\$2 subsequent dog
2009 Special	8 Week Course \$ 35.00

AGILITY (Thursdays)

BEGINNERS/INTERMEDIATE	6.45pm
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
2009 Special	\$140 for the year

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!

AGM & Your Committee

With the AGM just weeks away, have a think about joining the Committee in 2009. The AGM will be held on the **17th March at 7.45pm**. Please come along, the meeting will be quite quick & we need to have as many members present as possible.

Pet Expo Raffle 2009

We will again be holding our MONSTER Pet Expo raffle which is a major fundraiser for the club. Please help us by contributing something (human or doggy) to the raffle. Donations can be given to any committee members or left at the table on a training night.

Treats for Training

Treats will be available for purchase at the table each week. If you are likely to consistently purchase treats each week, let us know so we can accommodate for numbers. Treats may be any of the following; homemade liver cake, chicken or lamb Chunkers or fritz.

**If it's Raining
There's no training**

Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone!

It's been a great start to the year with record numbers joining up for our new training syllabus. Training is going smoothly and the year ahead looks grand.

Our AGM is set to take place on **March the 17th at 7.45 pm** after class. Please spend an extra 10 minutes after training that day to ensure we have a successful AGM. If you are interested in joining the Committee we would welcome your presence and input.

The next big event on the FPPDTC is the **Darwin Pet Expo** on **Sunday 19th April** at Marrara Indoor Stadium. We will be having a stall, performing demonstrations of both agility and obedience and once again, running the monster raffle. If you would like to help out on the day, please let us know. We are seeking donations for the raffle which can be left at the table on any training night.

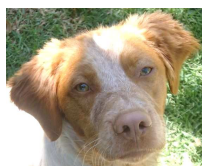
Only weeks after the Expo we will be running our first Trial of the year. Please have a look at the last page and see if there is anything you could do to assist us in providing these Trials to our Members.

The rain has only held us up once from training this year but just a reminder that **If it's raining, there's no training**. Feel free to call any of the Committee to check as a decision will have been made by 6:15pm on the night.

See you all at training.



Sarah & Cooper the Brittany



"In the beginning, god created man, but seeing him so feeble, he gave him the dog."

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Do you have a joke, picture 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 Cele at ctstone@bigpond.net.au or 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...

Cadbury Chocolates

Whilst the club refuses to take responsibility for any associated chocoholic developments, we do support the 3pm necessary sugar hit.

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.

*My friend, my companion, the dog by my side.
She's joined me for a while in this life's ride.
She helps me find joy, in the smallest of things.
To dig holes in the ground & watch the birds sing.
I've learnt how to share the biggest of halves,
The bed, food & couch, the best spot on the hearth.
She sat by my side the nights that I cried
She helped me go on when I felt all too tired.
When I come home it's her biggest delight
When we're together the world is alright.
Her patience, her love, the joy she does give
I will adore my dog as long as I live*

Health Report: Calming Signals

How To Read Your Dogs Body Language!

English is the dog's second language (ESL) so in order to better understand your canine friends, here is a quick guide to Calming Signals.

For more information, we recommend you read '**On Talking Terms with Dogs**' by Turid Rugas and /or '**Canine Body Language**' by Brenda Aloff

Dogs display calming signals as a way to de-escalate a situation. They can also be the first sign that stress levels are on the rise. Puppies learn some of these from other dogs but you will find they have some they already display if they start feeling stressed or unsure.

Each dog is different in what signals they use in certain situations. All these things are part of everyday functions and life, so you will need to be aware of when they are using them as a calming signal – look at the behaviour in the whole context. They are also called **displacement behaviours**, which means you will find them out of place or normal context. For example, they will lick their lips before and after eating and drinking, or when they see you have treats. This is anticipation not displacement behaviour.

When you begin to watch for them, try just identifying one at a time. You'll pick up on them very quickly now you're aware they exist.

Slow Walk or Movements

The slower the reaction the more time there is to calm things down. Often seen when dogs meet other dogs, or if you call your dog to you angrily – he comes really, really, really slowly.

Licking lips / nose

This is generally a quick movement but there can be many in a short space of time. Often combined with a head turn or eyes looking away.

Yawning

Used in any situation such as the vets, a family quarrel, if held too tight, crowded etc. It shows that your dog's stress levels are on the rise. Doesn't look like a relaxed 'just woken' sort of yawn – I call it a fake yawn.

Head Turn

May be a slight or large movement and may be quick or the head may stay turned away. A smaller version would be just the eyes turning away. Direct eye contact with a dog is confrontational and dogs will rarely have maintained direct eye contact.

Turning Away

They may turn their whole body away and turn their back on, a situation/person/dog to calm things down. Often seen in excited play, or a boisterous pup approaching an adult dog who turns away to calm the pup.

Sniffing the ground

Sniffing the ground may be quick or lengthy. Often seen with off leash play or owners calling their dog angrily. It differs from normal sniffing as the dog tends to remain in the same place rather than moving on to sniff a new area.

Play Position / Play Bow

May be an invitation to play (will involve eye contact) or is used as a calming signal if unsure of a new dog or situation – in which case there will be little or brief eye contact.

As a play invitation it sets the rules that what follows is all just play. Dogs will constantly re-bow during play to keep things from escalating to seriousness.

Other

Scratching, licking and biting themselves may also be a calming signal. Does your dog stop to scratch whenever you train? This can indicate confusion about what they are meant to be doing. If this happens then re-evaluate how you are training and try and set them up to succeed. Usually a few reps of behaviours they know is enough to get them confident again.

Freezing

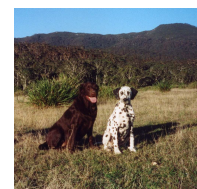
Literally freezing on the spot. Rarely seen in everyday behaviours but is a big warning bell if a dog you are patting freezes. It is often the step before fight or flight so if the dog is chained, it only has one option left. Tends to be used in extreme fear.

As you become familiar with what actions your dog displays if he gets stressed, you will gain in your toolbox the ability to help him in those situations – keeping you in the 'good leadership' seat and showing your dog that he can rely on you.

For more information see:

<http://www.canis.no/rugaas/index.php>

Cele, Bon & the Spotted ones



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GARRARD'S HORSE AND HOUND

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

This Month Garrard's Recommends....

Bay-o-Pet Kiltix Collars

Kiltix controls brown dog tick, bush ticks & fleas for 5 months. (Also paralysis tick - but luckily this tick is not found in Darwin). Kiltix doesn't only kill ticks, it repels them at all life stages.



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Would you like to advertise in our monthly Dog Tails Newsletter? Advertisements will cost the tiny amount of \$20 per year for a small add in each copy. Please contact Cele for more information.

If you plan
to use a dog
sitter,
be careful
who you
choose.



Sponsor of the 'Top Trialling Dog Award'

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.

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

Sponsor of the 'Top Agility Dog Award'

Cele runs the following classes in Darwin - Puppy Preschool, Puppy Primary, Adolescent Alchemy and Reactive Dog/Growl classes. She also does in home training and consults for problem behaviours. Cele has a range of natural treats and chews.

Ain't Misbehaving Positive Pet Dog Training

Darwin & Surrounds

- ★ Classes or Private Tuition
- ★ In Home Consultations

Cecilia Stone
0400 453 899
ctstone@bigpond.net.au
www.aintmisbehaving.com.au



Extra Curricular Activities

Darwin RSPCA – Boulter Road, Berrimah

The RSPCA is always looking for volunteers & their new system caters for you. Pop in and fill in a volunteer form today.

They are looking for people to walk dogs, help with admin, assist in washing dogs & cleaning kennels and cattery.

Million Paws Walk is on 17th May 09

PAWS - Georgina Crescent, Palmerston

PAWS have weekly walks leaving from the shelter at 6.00pm on Thursday. Take a shelter dog or walk your own dog. Walks are up to an hour long.

FPPDTC reminds you to be aware of your own dogs' safety if walking in groups.

Training Time - Crates - Not Doggy Jail After All!

10 reasons to love crates

1. Your dog loves it
2. Your dog never gets tangled in a chain again
3. They have their own 'den' and feel safe there
4. You can keep them safe from other dogs, children, etc. & they can eat, sleep drink without being disturbed or needing to be protective
5. Not freaked out with crates at the vets if they need to stay.
6. Great for post operation care at home
7. They can fly interstate with you on holidays
8. They can be safely contained in an emergency
9. You don't have to hold them at trials
10. Great for teaching start line wait & release

Once your dogs is shown how great crates can be, you'll be surprised how often they put themselves there. Crate training (like all training) should be fun and easy.

When purchasing a crate make sure your dog can easily stand and turn around. Some airlines have specific requirements for dog crates, so if you are loyal to an airline – check what they accept before purchasing. Get a comfy bed for the inside of your dog's crate – this will make a huge difference to them.

Easy No Fuss Crate Training in 1 month

- Week 1. Feed every meal in the crate with the door open. This includes bones, kongs & other treats too.
- Week 2. Feed each meal in the crate – door closed. Open the door after they finish, increasing the time by a few minutes each meal. Start using a cue word before letting them in their crate (in your crate, get in your kennel, etc)
- Week 3. Ask them to go in the crate a minute before you give them a meal. Increase that time each day till they wait 15 mins in the crate before eating. Only open the crate door if your dog is sitting and start to give them a release word meaning they can now come out.
- Week 4 Practice with the door open releasing your dog. How long can they wait? Can they wait if you are moving? Praise when they are released but only give treats when they are in the crate.

From here on, your dog should love the crate and start using it to sleep in, take bones in and just hang out in.

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"To err is human, to forgive, canine." Anonymous

Websites we like

www.blackdog.net.au Wonderful Aussie made gear Blackdog have a current special of bright yellow collars and leads. All profits go to raising funds for the Vic Bushfire appeal. Order direct or see Daphne.

www.dogstardaily.com Training Textbook

Treat Recipes we like

Fishy Fudge

370 to 400 gms of tinned tuna OR salmon (do not drain either)

1 1/2 cup whole wheat flour (or spelt flour)

1 Tbsp garlic powder or granulated garlic

2 eggs — lightly beaten

Grated Parmesan cheese, about 1 handful

Mix all ingredients together in food processor. Grease a 22 cm x22 cm pan (can use spray canola oil). Bake in 180 degree oven for 20 minutes

Freezes beautifully and will keep unfrozen in the fridge for 3 or 4 days.

CAUTION: do not refreeze any leftovers!

Liver Cake

450 gms of beef liver

2 cups flour (I prefer to use spelt or oat flour - wheat is a top allergen for dogs)

1 egg

(While you are at it - make a double batch so you don't stink up the house too often.)

Put liver in food processor and mix until it is gross. Add in flour and egg and stir.

Put in pan that is WELL GREASED and bake for about 30 minutes at 180 degrees. Turn out onto a cooling rack while it is still hot. If you don't you'll end up throwing it all away because you'll never get it out of the pan. They cut up and freeze well.

Emergencies & Complacency

We can all become complacent about getting prepared for an emergency. Do you have a cyclone plan? Does everyone in the house know what it is? Don't be the one saying 'If only I had ' when it's all too late.

Before a cyclone hits it's important to prepare a disaster plan and kit for each pet.

- For each pet, get a carrier or crate that is large enough for your pet to stand and turn around.
- Be sure your pet has current vaccinations.
- In your home disaster plan, record contact phone numbers and addresses of your Vet, local animal welfare agencies and Council Animal Control office.
- Be sure your pet has a current registration tag/a second method of identification, such as a tattoo or implanted microchip.
- Keep with you a current photograph of your pet, in case your pet is lost.
- If you stay at home, prepare an easily cleaned room or bathroom or laundry for your pet, preferably with small or no windows.
- Keep a good supply of newspapers for your pet's sanitary needs.
- For each pet, have two weeks supply of medication, food and water.
- Keep a leash handy at all times, have spares if possible.
- If you will be evacuating your pet, consider safe relocation options. Pets are not allowed in evacuation centres, so investigate temporary animal shelters or safe refuge with family or friends.

After The Threat Has Passed:

- Keep pets inside after a cyclone. If you take your pets outside, keep your dog on a lead and your cat in a carrier.
- Check with relevant authorities regarding missing animals.
- Take care when releasing animals, their environment may have been severely damaged and the animals may be very disoriented, frightened or aggressive.

Also See:

Bureau of Meteorology:

<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/cyclone/about/tc-checklist.shtml>

Darwin City Council:

<http://www.darwin.nt.gov.au/aboutdarwin/disasters/cyclone.htm>

Donating to flood and fire victims

In the aftermath of destruction caused by the February floods and fires, many of our fellow dog lovers are still in need of financial assistance. Here are two places you can donate to help them back on their feet:

DOGS Victoria Bushfire Appeal

If you would like to make a monetary donation toward helping dog owners and their pets who have been affected by the bush fires please use the following methods:

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Account name: DOGS VICTORIA BUSHFIRE APPEAL

Bank: BENDIGO BANK

BSB: 633-000

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 136225588

In the payment memo, please put your name or DOGS Victoria member number.

POST

You can post a cheque or money order to Locked Bag K9, Cranbourne, VIC 3977.

Please note on the cheque you would like the money put toward the bushfire appeal

North and North West Queensland floods

Donate money to the Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal to help those affected.

Via phone

Call 1800 173 349 and provide your credit card details (24 hours a day)

Internet banking

Account name: Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal

BSB: 064 013

Account number: 1000 6800

Mail

Cheque made payable to 'The Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal' and posted to:

Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal

C/O Department of the Premier and Cabinet

PO Box 15185

City East QLD 4002

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 & jump heights in Agility</i>
<i>Table person at a trial (easy & there's lollies)</i>	<i>Check in Clerk at Trials (easy & there's lollies)</i>

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

Remember to play with your dog today!