

DOG TAILS



The Shedding News

July 2011 Newsletter

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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.

Beginners Agility training All Beginners Agility classes must be Pre-paid. To join beginner's 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

Agility (Thursdays)

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 Fiona on 8983 2569.

Reminders

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!

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.

The Editor and the Club takes no responsibility for incorrect or misleading information appearing in articles in the newsletter.

Presidents Welcome

Hi Everyone

Well, it's finally officially open! For those of you who were lucky enough to attend the grand opening of the shed you witnessed a very important milestone for the club. The club has been in existence for more than 20 years and finally it has a home base to call its own which I hope will double as a storage space and club house. See the next page of the newsletter for full details and pics. The committee and members both past and present should be very proud of this fantastic achievement.

We hosted 2 lots of agility trials in June and both were extremely successful. Firstly we had Mr. Keith Edwards up to judge from NSW and all his courses were extremely enjoyable and challenging. We also hosted Agility Games at that trial, with a record number of Strategic Pairs teams entered which was lots of fun to both watch and participate.

Secondly we had Ms. Vicki Nemeth up to judge from WA and although we hadn't met her before, she was friendly and helpful and a joy to host. Her courses were fast and flowing and we saw some amazingly quick qualifying times from some dogs. We had lots of quallies during the weekend but the BIG news is that our two newcomers to the agility trial ring, Andy & River and Karen & Flick both came away with Novice Jumping quallies from their very first trial!! It's not every day this happens and we are so thrilled for them...we all hope this sets the scene for great things in the future from both of them...no pressure!

And don't forget...as if you could... this Friday 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 & Cooper the
Brittany** 



July Notices

BILLET NEEDED FOR AUGUST JUDGE

The club needs a volunteer to Billet our August Obedience Judge, Kesley Court. The dates Kesley would be with you are Sat 6th and Sun 7th of August. Please contact Sarah if you can help us out.

Next Trials

We have Neville Cox from SA judging our first July trial which is another full set – Agility, Jumping & the games; Snooker, Gamblers and Strategic Pairs. This trial is on Friday the 8th and Saturday the 9th of July. On the 15th we have a double Jumping trial and the 16th is a double Agility trial with Jenny Marshall from the ACT. Please feel free to come along and watch or lend a hand.

Chocolates

Will you sell chocolates at your work???

Can you 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! Please Participate! See Fiona at training or give her a call on 8983 2569 to organise your box or chocs.



Irony

I think the training is complete

The SHED OPENING!!!



On Tuesday the 28th of June we held our official **Grand Opening**. We were joined by Gerry Wood, Member for Nelson who did the honours of "Opening" the shed. Thanks Gerry!



Gerry and Sarah cutting the ribbon

Special Shed thanks go to:

- NT Government, Department of Justice for the 2010 Community Benefit Fund grant
- Jeff & the crew at Area Steel – especially for the donation of insulation and whirlybird to keep us cool!
- David Ewing for concreting the ramps
- Shane Smith & Ben Urquhart for their electrical work
- Eileen Fletcher for shelving donations

This shed is the culmination of years of hard work by members in all sorts of fundraising, from sausage sizzles, quiz nights, raffles and stalls. Huge thanks to all that have assisted in making this dream a reality. Thanks to everyone who has attended training, taught training and helped out with training. Training funds are our 'bread & butter' and all of it goes in to improving the club. The building of our shed has been our aim and focus for many, many years.

Thanks also go to all the un-noticed jobs of countless people. Those who have been on the Committee, those who fundraised, those who have stored and cared for equipment, those who contributed to working bees, syllabus planning days, all who assisted at trials with the table duties, judges dinners, billeting judges and organising all the paperwork.

The Shed/Club House is the first time in 20 years we've had a place to call home. Now we have a home our focus will be on improving training and equipment for the future.

A big thanks goes to Jeff at Area Steel. Without Jeff's generous discount we would still be a few years away from having our shed. Jeff and Cathy were a pleasure to work with and incredibly helpful.

If you are thinking about a shed call Area Steel on 8988 4531 for a quote.



The FPPDT Committee past and present



David Ewing and Flynn - concreter extraordinaire and helper, with their concreting handy work!



Members in our new home



Training, it's what we're all about

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.

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See Sharon for all your dog's diet, health and wellbeing products.

Garrard's Product of the Month

HIDEAWAY Deluxe cushions

These wonderful Australian made dog beds feature shade cloth on both sides. You can purchase replacement covers meaning this bed will last your dog for years!

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Titles Awarded In 2011

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Novice Agility

Kerrie and Finder

Cele and Poppy

Excellent Agility

Nicolle and Trey

Novice Jumping

Michael and Jazz

Excellent Jumping

Fiona and Ellie

Masters Jumping

Ray and Inca

Novice Strategic Pairs

Kerrie and Finder

Excellent Strategic Pairs

Fiona and Ellie

Ray and Inca

Congratulations to everyone!!!

"Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring--it was peace."

- Milan Kundera



Trial Highlights

On the 24th and 25th of June we were privileged to have the lovely Vicki Nemeth Judge our double Agility and Jumping trial. The courses were great with some refreshingly different challenges. Vicki was helpful and encouraging which was reflected in the weekend's two most exciting qualifications. Andy and Karen both got a Jumping Dog quallie in their first ever trail.

Congratulations to Andy and Karen!!!



Andy and River with their JD quallie



Karen and Flick receive their JD quallie

July 2011 Trial Sponsors

Agility, Jumping & Games Trial

Fri 8th & Sat 9th July 2011

Sponsored by



Thanks to Warren and the crew at **Black dog** for their kind **sponsorship**.

Here are some of the fabulous prizes you could win at the **BLACK DOG WEAR** sponsored trial.



Front & Back



Agility & Jumping Double Header Trial

Fri 15th & Sat 16th July 2011

Sponsored by



Thanks to Laurelle and the team at the **Girraween Vet Hospital** for their **sponsorship** of a **local club**.

Girraween Vet Hospital have some marvellous prizes in the form of products and vouchers for those entered into the AG/JD double header sponsored trial.

Top End Lost & Found

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2011 FPPDTC Trial & Event Calendar

Month	Day	Date	Trial	Judge
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	Kesley Court
	Sunday	7	Obedience	Kesley Court
	Saturday	12	Agility & Snooker	Eddy Szmelter
	Sunday	13	Jumping, Gamblers & Strategic Pairs	Eddy Szmelter
	Saturday	19	Agility & Jumping	Mel Rhoden
	Sunday	20	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!**

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



If you want the best seat in the house.. move the dog

