

DOG TAILS



For dogs that dig the juiciest news

September 08 Newsletter

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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2008 Committee

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	Karen Winzar	Tanya Reichstein
	Cele Stone	

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 Sarah 0417 773 095

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!

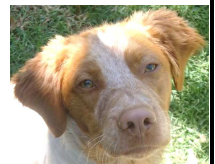
I realise it's been a few months since any of you have received a Dog Tails issue in your Inbox, however we have a **new editor** in the form of Cele Stone and hopefully she'll be a bit more reliable in getting the latest news out to you all (well more reliable than I was anyway!) Since the last newsletter, we have been forging ahead with plans for our new **club shed**, and at the moment we are just waiting for location approval from the Fred's Pass Reserve Board. Don't forget, if anyone you know works for a shed building or concreting company, we'd love to hear from you! As soon as we have our shed spot determined, we'll be looking to recruit as much help as we can to get our new shed up and running as quickly as possible.

Although we are nearing the end of the training and trialling year (last training night is 25 Nov) our **obedience and agility classes** are busier than ever which is fantastic to see. We are so busy on both nights we've had to put on extra instructors, so we hope you'll all be just as keen after the wet season break.

Speaking of which, **storm season** is fast approaching so now is a good time to ensure that your yard is fully and securely fenced and that your dog is properly identified with your current contact information. More and more dogs are being micro-chipped these days and it's easy to forget to update your contact details with the microchip tracking company if you move or change your phone number.

Also, don't forget that our last training night is also our **Christmas Party** (see details below) and I for one, am already hard at work on my fancy dress Christmas costume and practising my best tricks! Look forward to seeing you all there! 

Sarah & Cooper the Brittany



From the Trial Table

We held our last trials for the year in September using our lovely local judges Gloria Page and Daphne Sellwood. Gloria judged obedience and we had great numbers for our final event – 17 entries. The Open class was ably represented by a majority of gundogs, Twicky the Springer put in a fine first performance but the honor of first place went to Mia the GSP who has worked consistently all year. The novice class honors went to Sharni and Natasha. Their first time in the novice ring and they walked out with a qually and first place! The CCD ring was where it all happened though, 3 passes and 3 titles were won in this ring. Cooper, Reggie and Sheba put in fine performances to earn their titles. Hopefully we see all 3 in the novice ring next year.

The agility was judged by Daphne, her first appointment since getting her license. It was a busy night with rain while we were setting up. I think only the second time in my history has it rained at our trials. Luckily it stopped before the trial actually started but I was pleased we had the new rubberized surface for our contact equipment. We had great runs on some lovely and some tricky courses. Plenty of quallies were given out including 2 in excellent agility going to Ray and Inca (1st place) and Lucy and Shady. However the night belonged to Kirsten and her little border collie Lucy. Lucy won both her classes – novice agility and novice Jumping qualifying in both. Kirsten has worked hard to bring this little dog up to trial standard and it all paid off for her.

That's it for 2008. The committee has done a great job running these trials and we have had fantastic help from the general membership which makes the night go so smoothly. Next year we plan to have some updated equipment which should help to speed things along. Fred's Pass would like to thank all those who supported us during the year, we had great obedience numbers and have secured good judges for next year where we hope we can continue with our success in both the obedience and agility rings. 



Fiona & Ellie the big GSP

Xmas Party Time!!



It's that time again

you know the one

you put on your creative hat,

pull out the sewing machine





and

whip up a special little xmas number for your precious pooch!

When: Tuesday November 25th 2008
Starting at 7.00 pm with the.....

Best Fancy Dress Competition

Followed by Games Galore Including:

-  **Rover Says**
-  **Fastest Eater**
-  **Longest catcher**
-  **Best Trick (Props can be used)**

And more. *(Bribes will be considered)*

Prizes Drinks & please
Bring a Plate

Treats & Toys for sale.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE!!!

Our Xmas Hamper is always spectacular; please help to make 2008 the same. Donations for the Xmas hamper can be given to your instructor or left at the table on Tuesday or Thursday nights.


Thank You!

Pawsitively Positive

We all know that Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club has its foundations set in reward-based, positive training techniques, and for most members, knowing that they are doing the right thing by their dog is enough, but what is positive training really all about??

Firstly, **Positive does not mean Permissive**. Just because we are positive trainers doesn't mean the dog gets to do whatever it wants to do. The dog must demonstrate acceptable behaviour within the criteria set by the trainer in order to get a reward. One of the keys to success with Positive Training is to **make sure your rewards are really rewarding**. In other words, find out what makes your dog tick. For some dogs it might be their favourite toy, for others tasty treats, for others a game of tug. You know your dog best, so work out what really turns them on and use that to your advantage.

I often get asked, When can I stop using treats to train my dog? and in reply I ask, How many days would you like to go to work and not be paid? **Treats are our way of paying our dog for their good work**, however we must make sure they earn it. In the beginning we should treat our dogs like a "coke machine", one behaviour completed, one treat given. However after a while, when behaviours are known, you need to turn your dog into a "pokie machine" and start to randomise the way you reward and from time to time our dogs need a jackpot of treats. This way they never know whether the next sit or drop will bring them a single treat or 10 treats all at once, **the key is to keep your dog trying** and keep them wanting more. This way training never gets boring and you'll always have a willing worker.

The golden rule of positive training to remember is **You Get What You Reinforce**. In other words, the more you reward a behaviour, the more your dog will offer that behaviour. Sitting right along side this rule is **Ignore the Undesirable Behaviour**. For instance, if your puppy likes to jump up, ignore that behaviour and I mean, completely ignore it. If your dog is jumping up, pretend like your dog isn't even there; don't even make eye contact with them. It won't take long for the jumping to stop once your dog realises he isn't getting a reaction (even a negative one), and as soon as all four paws are on the ground, that's the time to **praise and reward!** 

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

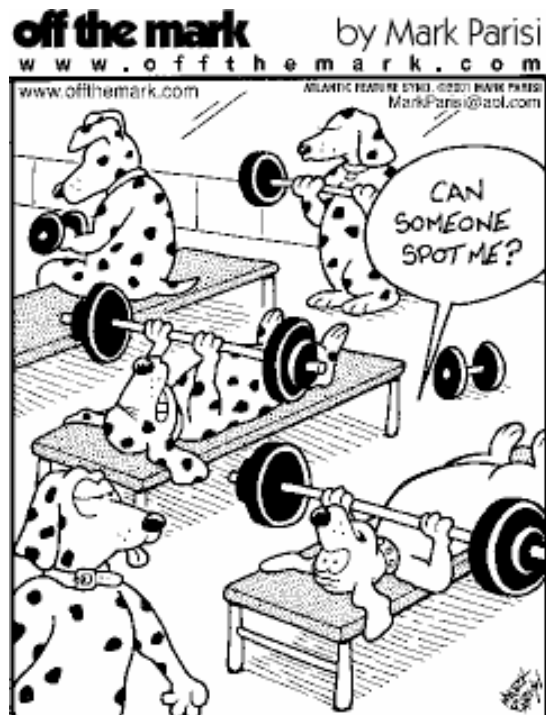
Note: If training is cancelled due to rain that week will not be counted towards your 8 weeks

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 181 926.

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



Don't Forget . . .
If it's raining,
There's no training!

Desexing and your dog

It's estimated that two hundred thousand healthy cats and dogs are put down every year in Australia because they don't have homes. Pets that are not desexed add to the heartbreaking tragedy of pet overpopulation. One of the best things a responsible animal guardian can do for their pet is to have it desexed.

The good news is that as well as helping reduce pet overpopulation, desexing has many benefits to you and your pet.

Males

Desexing reduces territorial aggression in males making them less likely to fight other dogs. They are also less likely to feel the need to mark their territories by spraying or cocking their legs in the house.

A desexed male is 40 times less likely to bite a human than a non-desexed male making them a better family pet.

Desexing male dogs reduces the annoying and embarrassing urges of masturbation and 'mounting' the legs of children and adults.

Older male dogs can suffer from a number of problems caused by testosterone (the male hormone).

The more serious of these conditions include:

- Prostate enlargement and cancer
- Hernias
- Testicular cancer
- Perianal cancer (tumours of the skin around the anus)

Desexing at an early age prevents testosterone from causing these serious diseases.

Females

Desexing will reduce instances of inter-female aggression (aggression towards other female dogs).

Desexing will eliminate bleeding every six months when in oestrus (i.e. on heat). It will stop male dogs, attracted by her scent, hanging around your property and her escape attempts in order to get to the male dogs.

It prevents pseudo-pregnancies, i.e. false pregnancies, which can be very deceptive, lengthy and difficult to manage and resolve.

Desexing prevents pyometra, an infection of the uterus that can cause septicaemia and septic shock, potentially leading to death or fatal irreversible kidney failure.

Desexing eliminates the possibility of uterine cancer.

If a female is spayed prior to her first oestrus it greatly reduces the possibility of mammary gland (breast) cancer (note - this benefit of breast cancer prevention is lost after 4 oestrus cycles).

GARRARD'S HORSE AND HOUND

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

This month Garrard's Recommends.... Flea & Tick Control

With the change in weather we now have an increase in ticks and if you're unlucky, fleas. Come and see us at Garrard's for help with prevention and control for these two parasites.



POSITIVE K-9 TRAINING
GENTLE MODERN DOG TRAINING
Basic, puppy and advanced classes

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

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.

Reminders & Notices

Every dog, training with us, must be fully **VACCINATED**. Bring your vaccination papers to training and have it recorded. Help us to help you, protect your dog from nasty diseases.

Keep your dog restrained, on a lead and collar unless otherwise instructed. Thanks.

Title Sashes

Once again we will be doing title sashes for those who wish to purchase them. Please get a form to Fiona by the DODC or Gundog Trials.

For the Record 2008

OBEDIENCE

NOVICE OBEDIENCE

Ray & Inca	2
Natasha & Sharni	1

OPEN OBEDIENCE

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

Alexandria & Keter	1
Sarah & Jett	1
Janet & Sheba	3 + Title
Sarah & Cooper	3 + Title
Lucy & Reggie	3 + Title

AGILITY

OPEN AGILITY

Heather & Ty	1
Sarah & Cooper	2
Kellie & Drew	1

MASTERS AGILITY

Tanya & Midi	2
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EXCELLENT AGILITY

Trevor & Mac	1
Lucy & Shady	4
Ray & Inca	2
Ally & Boof	2
Cele & Bonnie	5 + Title

NOVICE AGILITY

Sarah & Cooper	3 + Title
Kellie & Drew	1
Heather & Shaba	2
Ally & Keter	1
Marion & Frigga	1
Kirsten & Lucy	1

JUMPING

OPEN JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	4
Trevor & Mac	2
Ray & Inca	1
Lucy & Shady	1

MASTERS JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	1
Sarah & Cooper	1

EXCELLENT JUMPING

Heather & Ty	3
Heather & Shaba	1
Ally & Boof	1
Lucy & Shady	1
Cele & Bonnie	5 + Title

NOVICE JUMPING

Sarah & Milly	1
Kirsten & Lucy	1
Marion & Frigga	1

GAMES

NOVICE GAMBLERS

Heather & Ty	1
Lucy & Shady	1
Cele & Bonnie	1
Fiona & Ellie	2

NOVICE SNOOKER

Kellie & Drew	2
Daphne & Star	1
Cele & Bonnie	1
Fiona & Ellie	1

NOVICE STRATEGIC PAIRS

Heather & Ty	2
Heather & Shaba	1
Fiona & Boris	2
Cele & Bonnie	1

EXCELLENT GAMBLERS

Tanya & Midi	2
Ray & Inca	2
Sarah & Cooper	3

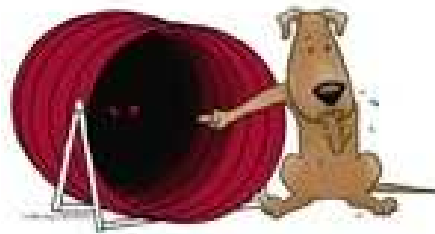
EXCELLENT SNOOKER

Tanya & Midi	1
Lucy & Shady	1
Ray & Inca	2

TITLES GAINED 2008

Fiona & Ellie	CD, AD, JD, SPD
Ray & Inca	AD, JDX
Ally & Boof	CCD, AD
Kellie & Drew	JDX
Trevor & Mac	JDX
Lorraine & Mia	CDX
Nikki & Twicky	CD
Daphne & Star	JD
Sarah & Cooper	SD
Andy & Harvey	CCD
Sue & Freya	CCD
Marion & Frigga	CCD
Michelle & Max	CCD
Natasha & Sharni	CCD

A **big congratulations** to all those who have gained titles – see, playing with your dog really does pay off!



TUNNEL MONSTER

Storm Season

If you have a dog with an existing phobia or a puppy that is yet to experience the wet, then now is the time to act.

Sounds Scary is a CD full of noises which you can play to get your puppy acclimatised to these noises. These are available through many internet companies.

Another particularly helpful item is a DAP infuser. DAP (Dog Appeasing Pheromone) can be purchased through your veterinarian or perhaps on line. The infuser releases a pheromone identical to that of a lactating bitch. The smell calms dogs and can aid in removing stress.