

DOG TAILS



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May 2008 Newsletter

Fred's Pass Positive Dog Training Club Inc

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	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 such a busy month, I can't believe the May newsletter issue is upon us already...doesn't time fly!

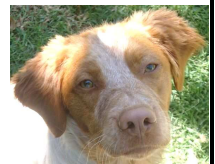
We've had our first **Obedience and Agility trials** for the year, which went extremely well and we also had a great dogs day out with a stand at the **NT Pet Expo** during the past month. See further in the newsletter for full articles about these two great events.

I also have some fantastic news for everyone; our aspirations of building a new shed/clubhouse sometime in 2008 seem to be a lot closer now than ever before! We have been advised that our application for a **Community Benefits Fund Grant** has been approved. This contribution is in addition to the term deposit we have saved over the past two years from diligent fundraising efforts by club members and we now have enough to find an appropriate site at Fred's Pass Reserve and get the project underway. If any club members know someone that might be able to assist the club with a discounted shed or slab, then we'd love to talk to you!

We are holding another **fundraising BBQ** on the 29th June and this time it will be hosted by **Harvey Norman**. We need volunteers to work in shifts on the day from about 9am until 4.30pm, selling sausages and drinks, so if you are available to help us out for a few hours, please let your instructor or a committee member know.

If you are interested in proudly displaying your support for the club, we always have **polo shirts available for sale** in our stylish Burgundy and Silver club colours. They are cool, comfortable and \$30 each. Please see your instructor if interested.

 **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

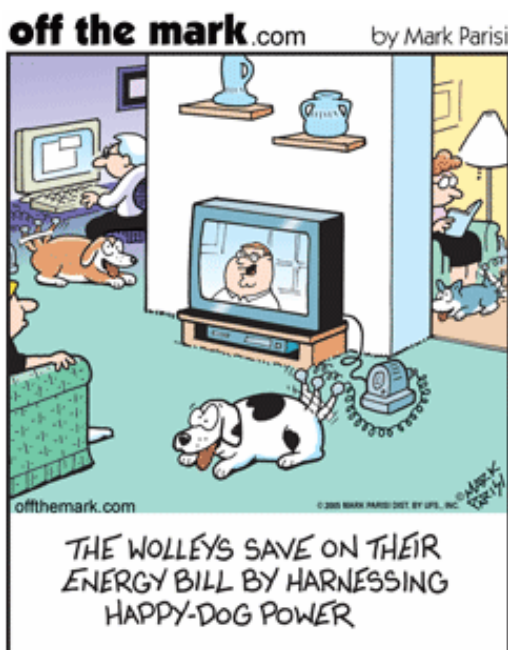
Note: If training is cancelled due to rain that week will not be counted towards your 8 weeks

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.



GARRARD'S
HORSE AND HOUND

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

Community Benefits Fund Grant Success!

We've been extremely fortunate to be advised this week that our application for a Community Benefits Fund Grant was successful and we have been awarded \$3000 from the Northern Territory Government to put towards a new shed/clubhouse for the club. This is very exciting news for us and means we'll be able to break ground on this project over the next few months.

Our sincere thanks must go to the Northern Territory Government and the Hon Chris Burns, Minister for Racing, Gaming and Licensing for approving our application. These funds are made available on a bi-annual basis to help not for profit groups who provide services that benefit the community.

Also, a big thank you to our local members for their support in making this funding application possible.

Len Kiely

Member for Sanderson

Ted Warren

Member for Goyder

James Burke

Member for Brennan

Chris Natt

Member for Drysdale

Thanks also must go to **Olive Frakking** from the Fred's Pass Sport and Recreation Reserve board for their additional support in our funding bid.

Shed Seeking...

Now that we have our shed grant, all we need to do is build it! You already know that our club has a solid foundation and now we need a shed with a foundation that is even stronger! That's where you might be able to help us...

Do you, or someone you know, work for a shed, construction or concreting company?

We are asking for any donated assistance we can get; be it labour, materials or just a healthy discount; any support would be greatly appreciated! We require a concrete foundation (incl. footings) measuring approximately 7m x 7m at the Fred's Pass Reserve and a double garage shed with verandah and roller doors to top it off.

If you or someone you know, might be able to help the club out with this important project, please contact Sarah 0417 773 095 or Ray 0401 115 823

NT Pet Expo



Our Star lives up to her name!

On 20th April 2008 the NT Pet Expo was held at the Marrara Indoor Stadium and we had a stand there as well as performing several demonstrations through the day.

We had plenty of interest in our stand from the general public with Karen & Darla and Ally & Keter & Zues attracting people by acting as resident spokesdogs and pat-takers out front. Well done guys!


We also had our annual and always successful Pet Expo raffle which was great. Thanks to everyone who donated to our raffle prize, no matter how small, we appreciate your generosity. We made about \$250 overall so it was very worthwhile.

Throughout the day we hosted three demonstrations of obedience and agility which were all very popular with the crowd and big thanks to Ally for taking the presenters mic at the last minute. We had lots of handler and dog teams ready to show off their talents during the demos and I would like to thank you all for overcoming your nerves and doing such a fantastic job representing the club and the positive training method, especially to those first timers at the Pet Expo.

My sincerest thanks to you all;

Ally, Boof, Keter & Zues, Karen & Darla, Sarah & Cooper, Sue & Freya, Kirsten & Lucy, Jodie & Indy, Daphne & Star, Renee & Lilly, Gerard and Kellie & Pete.

Special thanks goes to Gerard who held the fort all day at our stand, especially when we all racked off to participate in the demo's and also to Kellie, who did all the behind the scenes work as well as pick up and drop off all the gear despite being sick on the day. Great job!

It was a great opportunity for the club to get the positive training word out into the community and we've already seen an increase in membership as a result. The photo above is from the NT News on 21st April 2008 of Daphne Sellwood's Star showing us how to be one! 

For the Record 2008

OBEDIENCE

NOVICE OBEDIENCE

Ray & Inca	1
Fiona & Ellie	1

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

Alexandria & Boof	4 + Title
Sue & Freya	3 + Title
Michelle & Max	2
Marion & Frigga	2
Alexandria & Keter	1

AGILITY

MASTERS AGILITY

Tanya & Midi	2
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EXCELLENT AGILITY

Trevor & Mac	1
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NOVICE AGILITY

Ray & Inca	2
Fiona & Ellie	1
Sarah & Cooper	1
Kellie & Drew	1
Heather & Shaba	2
Alexandria & Boof	2

OPEN AGILITY

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

JUMPING

MASTERS JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	1
Sarah & Cooper	1

EXCELLENT JUMPING

Heather & Ty	3
Trevor & Mac	3
Ray & Inca	3
Kellie & Drew	3
Heather & Shaba	1

NOVICE JUMPING

Daphne & Star	2
Fiona & Ellie	3 + Title

OPEN JUMPING

Tanya & Midi	4
Trevor & Mac	1
Ray & Inca	1

GAMES

NOVICE STRATEGIC PAIRS

Fiona & Ellie	2
Heather & Ty	2
Heather & Shaba	1
Fiona & Boris	2

NOVICE GAMBLERS

Heather & Ty	1
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EXCELLENT GAMBLERS

Tanya & Midi	2
Ray & Inca	1

NOVICE SNOOKER

Kellie & Drew	2
Sarah & Cooper	1

EXCELLENT SNOOKER

Tanya & Midi	1
Lucy & Shady	1

From the Trial Table

Well it happened - our first trial has been and gone. It was a marathon effort for all involved running trials for 3 days! Firstly I would like to thank the 'behind the scenes' people who are the reason trials actually happen. Kellie took over as Trial Manager, a difficult job when picking up the pieces but she handled it admirably. Karen stepped in as timekeeper and obedience steward and of course Daphne who stewarded the obedience and showed Karen the ropes. It's not easy concentrating all night and I really thank these ladies for taking over and doing it so well. There were many hands who also helped during the night, Trevor and Ruth for timekeeping, scribing and the many helpers who packed up the gear at the end of the night, its lovely to see a paddock full of equipment and before you know it, it's all packed neatly away.

Our judge was the lovely Bill Patterson from Qld. He kept up good cheer all three days and offered words of encouragement and advice and even managed to give out some precious Qually Cards!

There were some great results and many reasons to be proud of our dogs and ourselves. Obedience was first and although we had some close calls in the higher classes it was the CCD class that produced the goods with 4 quallies on Friday night. 2 of those quallies meant titles - Sue and Freya (4th place) and Ally and Boof (3rd place), the other winners were Michelle and Max (1st place) and Marion and Frigga (2nd place).

The second night saw my beautiful Ellie in the winner's circle with her first quallie in novice obedience and again Max and Michelle winning the CCD class for the second night in a row and this time Ally and Keter, her deaf boy placing second for a qually in CCD.



Fiona & Ellie gain their first Novice Obedience qually.

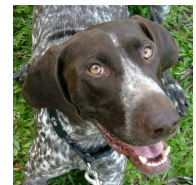
Agility and jumping classes happened after obedience on the Friday and Saturday nights and again on the Sunday - we are very keen. Sarah and Cooper competed for the first time in Masters Jumping and came away with the first qually of the night! A beautiful run which I thought was bettered the second night but apparently wasn't fast enough but still clear. The rest of us were not to be outdone and Trevor and Mac were just so unlucky to pull a bar down at the wrong time after some fast and furious runs. The standout runs over the weekend were me and Ellie getting our Novice Jumping title and Kellie and Drew gaining a qually in Excellent jumping putting the excellent folk nearly all neck and neck in their progress to their titles.



Drew gains his 3rd Excellent Jumping qually.

Unfortunately our tunnels didn't arrive in time for the trial but made it on the Tuesday after. Next month our trial coincides with Elton John and will be in at Winnellie. Good luck to all those that have entered and for those not going to Elton John come down and have some fun. 🐾

Fiona & Ellie the big GSP



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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.

Up and Coming Events

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
23 Entries close for FP June trials
29 Mock Agility Trial

JUNE 2008

- 13 Entries close for Darwin Royal Show
13 *Agility Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
14 *Agility Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
20 Entries close for 12, 13 & 15 July FP trials
27 Entries close for 18 & 19 July FP trials
29 Harvey Norman Fundraising BBQ

JULY 2008

- 12 *Agility Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
13 *Games Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
15 *Obedience Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
18 Entries close for 8 & 9 August FP trials
18 *Obedience Trial/Jumping Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
19 *Agility Trial/Games Trial*
Fred's Pass Reserve
24 *Darwin Royal Show - Jumping Trial*
Winnellie Showgrounds
25 *Darwin Royal Show - Obedience Trial*
Winnellie Showgrounds
26 *Darwin Royal Show - Agility Trial*
Winnellie Showgrounds

This month Garrard's Recommends....

SASHA'S BLEND

Sasha's Blend is 100% pure and natural with no additives or fillers. This unique combination of marine concentrates contains a wide range of nutrients that may be beneficial in relief of arthritic symptoms in dogs. Go to www.sashasblend.com.au to find out more information on this great product.

Available in 250 grams powder \$49.82 or Capsules (200pk) \$26.68 in stock now. 250 grams of powder will last a 20kg dog approx 145 days.

What is a Title?

A title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour the dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for as long as anything in the world can remain. Few humans do as well or better in that regard, and though the dog itself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says your dog loved you enough to do the things that pleased you, however crazy they may have seemed sometimes.

A Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed (or you did) and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few – in a world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved and loved greatly in return.

And, when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect given and received permanently. 

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.