



HOT DOG

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone. Well we are approaching the end of another year of training, and what a year it has been. As usual, the club has seen several hundred dogs receive training and advance through our classes to become happy, well behaved pets. Our agility numbers have swelled with the introduction of a beginners class and a more formal training system. As usual, several of our members have done us proud in competitive agility, obedience, tracking and even herding. Well done all!

A HUGE thank you to the 2009 Committee! A new committee in many respects, we had to learn the ropes and faced many challenges. What a great bunch, you faced every obstacle with a smile and got the job done.

The club's financial year ends on 31 October and we need to elect additional members to the 2010 committee. If you might be interested in joining the committee, ask for me, or one of our other committee members at training, and we will explain what being on the committee involves.

The success of our club is dependent on our members who volunteer. Thanks to all of you, particularly those who turn up in all weather to instruct, work in the van or just generally help out. We will be launching a new campaign for volunteers, please give some thought to how you can help. The satisfaction of knowing you helped make a dog a well behaved, loving pet, makes it all worth it.

Happy training.

Graeme Fairley ~ President

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OFF THE EDITORS DESK

Hi all and welcome to the October edition of the HotDog. Hopefully you will enjoy this edition as much as those that have gone before it!!

Well it seems the hot weather will soon be upon us. It is essential to always ensure that your dog (and other pets) has a more than adequate supply of fresh water available to it at all times. If your dog has to be left outside during the day make sure that it has access to shade at all times.

As for cars.... Hopefully we should all be aware of the dangers of leaving dogs in cars at anytime, let alone during the warmer months. As the current RSPCA motto says "HOT CARS ARE MURDER FOR DOGS", and just because you don't think it's a hot day does not mean that the temperature in your car is suitable for your best mate to be left inside.

Now is also the time of year that we see an increase in the number of snakes around. Please be aware that where there is bush there are snakes, and that includes Carine Open Space. If you take your dog to an area where there is bush land, it is a good idea to have the local vet number in your phone and also know the quickest way to get there.

*Enjoy the sunshine,
and remember.....
It's all about having FUN
with your dog!! Ed.*



AGM—Tuesday 24th Nov—Carine Main Hall—7:30pm

TRIAL RESULTS

AGILITY / JUMPING MEMBERS TRIAL 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

FOUNDATION

1st	Sonya March	Peppa
2nd	Tara Craig	Tiffany
3rd	Alice Mrazek	Charlie

AGILITY — GROUP A

1st	Tracey Care	Mia
2nd	Con Kramer	Annika
3rd	Irene Levitzke	Jax

AGILITY — GROUP B

1st	Courtney Berich	Missy
2nd	Debby Hay	Rusty

AGILITY — PRE-TRIAL

1st	Dianne Duncombe	Rex
2nd	John Linney	P.Jaye
3rd	Anita Marchesani	Bessie

AGILITY — PRELIMINARY

1st	Suzette Adlem	Jess
2nd	Gina O'Keefe	Rumba
3rd	Tracey Care	Zac

AGILITY — ADVANCED

1st	Gina O'Keefe	Domino
2nd	Jody Bronovich	Nichol
3rd	Andrea Carde	Lisa

JUMPING — GROUP A

1st	Con Kramer	Annika
2nd	Katie Burgess	Chloe
3rd	June Page	Shar

JUMPING — GROUP B

1st	Debby Hay	Rusty
2nd	Courtney Berich	Missy

JUMPING — PRE-TRIAL

1st	John Linney	P.Jaye
2nd	Peter Kerr	Maximus
3rd	Dianne Duncombe	Rex

JUMPING — PRELIMINARY

1st	Gina O'Keefe	Rumba
2nd	Graeme Fairley	Maverick
3rd	Suzette Adlem	Jess

JUMPING — INTERMEDIATE

1st	Emma Papworth	Phoenix
2nd	Tracey Care	Zac

JUMPING — ADVANCED

1st	Gina O'Keefe	Indie
2nd	Jody Bronovich	Nichol
3rd	Steven Smylie	Bundy

MEMBERS COMPETITION 21ST JUNE 2009

Puppy

1st	Emma Papworth	Jetzen
2nd	Kim Endercott	Lotti
3rd	Kathy Kopelis McLeod	Windy

Class 1A

1st	Debbie Linto	Bella
2nd	Graeme Hyland	Bonnie
3rd	D. Furness	Dave

Class 1B

1st	Carla Smith	Charlie Brown
2nd	Emily Bevti	Diesel
3rd	Leanne Geneve	Coca

Class 1C

1st	Katherine Bateman	Harvey
2nd	Jeff Ibbotson	Banjo
3rd	Candice Waldy	Flynt

Class 1D

1st	Amanda Hemsley	Mazz
2nd	Annie Roussel	Morris
3rd	Jan Tresham	Molly

Class 1E

1st	Sue McCallum	Lizzy
2nd	Lorraine Quayle	Matilda
3rd	Anne Williams	Tara

Class 2

1st	Alison Smylie	Red
2nd	Katie Finkemeyer	Dee
3rd	Jennifer Angell	Beau

Class 3

1st	Shane Garvey	Max
2nd	Adele Feodorovs	Sooty
3rd (Ach)	Saskia Mckay	Zoya

Class 4

1st	Ken Crommelin	Harry
2nd (NQ)	Kaylene Nicholls	Cade
3rd (NQ)	Peter Kerr	Max

Class 6

1st (Ach)	Simone Thomas	Mitsey
2nd (Ach)	Kaylene Nichols	Candy

Class 8

1st	Bernice Nesbitt	Chuckles
2nd (NQ)	Trish Jamieson	Roscoe

Class 9

1st (NQ)	Dorothy Williams	Jessie
2nd (NQ)	Anne Storrie	Blazer



FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD OR IS IT? REDUCING FOOD

TRAINING TIP COURTESY OF SUE HOGBEN

Many thanks to Sue for allowing us to reproduce this article which she wrote as part of the recent Obedience Nationals held here in Perth. Sue Hogben has trained many different breeds throughout Australia. With her own dogs she has achieved TOP OBEDIENCE DOG of the year 12 times — a fantastic record. Her enthusiasm to the sport sees her conduct seminars and assist handlers to understand their dogs using positive training methods.

The most frustrating thing in the world is seeing people stuck in this mode — ‘the dog won’t do it without seeing the food!’ Aaaaargh!!

If you are using food as a lure you need to go through some progressions.

1. Food which the dog can see
2. Food in the hand that the dog cannot see (but the hand signal remains the same)
3. Food not in the hand, same signal and the food is quickly given as a reward
4. Show the dog the food in the other hand, have the dog do the behaviour with the familiar signal and reward quickly

This teaches the dog to work ‘away’ from the food if you understand what I mean. The first two progressions ‘should’ happen in the first or at least the second short training session, not months later!

Another progression is not to have the food on the handler but to have it stashed very close by (having been put there when the dog is not around), get the behaviour from the dog and quickly reward from the hidden stash. Also have the dog work in different locations around the house/yard without food in the hand and reward with the food that has been hidden without the dog having seen it. If this doesn’t work at first then the dog needs to be trained through the previous progressions in many different places.

One thing that often happens is that (1) The dog says ‘show me the food then I’ll do it’ and the handler complies, setting themselves up for a long slippery slope. (2) The handler uses food as a lure and reward and then asks the dog to repeat the behaviour without the food, and when the dog does they then don’t food reward! SO in one easy lesson the dog learns when it is shown the food it will get it, when it is not shown the food it will not get it! This is a huge lesson that you do not want your dog to learn.

Another problem is that people do not move away from food being the ‘only’ reward. I couldn’t tell you the amount of times I ask people what they use as a reward and they say “liver, cheese or a x type of food”. What happened to playing with the dog? A toy thrown or a game of tug, and what has happened to the dog getting a good chest rub from the handler? Playing with the dog seems to be the hardest one of all for people to get used to using as a reward, remembering that the dog has to see it as a reward.

CONCLUSION

Using food is great but it can turn handlers into lazy trainers, it’s way too easy to just have a pocket or handful of food and to keep feeding the dog and not thinking about what is happening and going through each stage of training. It’s too easy to stay at one stage and not ask the dog for more work before getting rewards. And it is too easy to blame the dog for being pigheaded etc. for not working without obvious food, or to blame ‘food training’ for problems that crop up. The handler should always try to be aware of what they are aiming for in their training.

A BIG THUMBS UP

To those who help put back into the Club. For any one who is unaware, Northern Suburbs is the largest Dog Club in the State. Unfortunately though, it is a few doing the work of many and the club can not continue that way. We need YOUR help. There are lots of tasks big and small that if done by ‘someone’ else would lighten the load off our ever so hardworking Instructors and Committee. YOU could be that ‘someone’. See Graeme after training and let him know you are ‘SOMEONE’. Help us help you.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 18th October	Training All Classes
Sunday 25th October	NO TRAINING CAWA Obedience Trial
Sunday 1st November	Training All Classes
Wednesday 4th Nov	Agility Assesment
Sunday 1st November	Training All Classes
Sunday 8th November	Training All Classes
Sunday 15th November	Training All Classes
Sunday 22nd November	Training All Classes
Tuesday 24th Nov	AGM
Wednesday 25th Nov	NO TRAINING Members Competition Agility & Jumping
Sunday 29th November	Training All Classes
Wednesday 2nd Dec	Agility Assesment
Sunday 6th December	Training All Classes
Tuesday 8th December	Achievement Trial Classes 3-9 only
Sunday 13 December	Christmas Party

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TITLE APPLICATIONS

For those of you who have gained a title throughout the year (either CAWA or Club) don't forget to fill out a form for your title ribbon or medallion that will be presented to you at the AGM. Hand your completed form and copies of your pass cards to Val or Irene on or before the 21st of October. Also see Irene or Emma for information on cards that are required to be submitted for perpetual trophies.



The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too.

~ Samuel Butler ~

Notice of Motion for 2009 AGM

Introduction of Associate Membership Category

As a new section 5, following Section 4 "Honorary and Life Members" of the Domestic Regulations of the Northern Suburbs Training and Obedience Dog Club, it is proposed that the following be added.

5. Associate Membership

5.1 An individual may join the club as an "Associate Member" if, either:

- the membership does not include a dog; or
- the membership includes one or more dogs, but the dog will not participate in training or club members' trials.

5.2 An Associate Membership is entitled to the same voting rights as other financial members

Fees

It is proposed that the following fees are appended to Appendix 1 – Current Membership Fees

From 1st November to 30 June

Associate Membership \$10.00

From 1st July

Associate Membership \$5.00

Taking Nominations of Office Bearers from the Floor

It is proposed that section 25.3, paragraph a) be amended to read:

"Nominations for elections may be taken off the floor"

It is also proposed that this amendment is effective immediately.

