



HOT DOG

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone. With the cooler weather here, training is back to the "normal" 9:00 AM start, so we all get an extra hour to sleep in. The first part of the year is always a bit disjointed with so many public holidays and other events disrupting classes. Unfortunately April is no different with no training on the 12th, 19th and 26th for Easter Sunday, our Canine Association Obedience Trial and the Anzac Day long weekend. Fortunately things settle down after that.

The club is hosting a Canine Association Obedience trial on 19 April, with obedience competitors from all over the state. As there is no training, why not come down and have a look. Better yet, why not volunteer to be a steward at the trial, as well as helping you will get an inside view as to what trialing is all about.

We saw two new instructs graduate in the last month. A big congratulations to Elaine Hughes and Paul Dyer. The club has also introduced Instructors' Assistants who won't give classes but will help teach exercises as handlers try them out. If instructing is not your thing, why not consider becoming an assistant. Contact either Lyn or myself if you are interested.

The club will also be providing Microchipping on site at 10:00 AM on 17 May. You will need to register and pay at the van on or before 10 May so we can ensure sufficient chips are ordered. Microchipping is a great way to ensure that if your furry friend goes missing, a vet, the shire or the RSPCA can locate you, the owner.

Enjoy your dog and your training.

Graeme Fairley ~ President

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OFF THE EDITORS DESK

A few quick words from me. First and foremost a big thank you to our Training Consultant Gina O'Keefe, for allowing us to use her article, "Dog Park Etiquette", which you will find on page 3. PLEASE take the time to read this, I believe that everyone will benefit from the advice and information it contains.

With Easter rapidly approaching, remember to keep all that chocolate somewhere safe that your dog can not get to. Chocolate is highly TOXIC to dogs. If your dog does manage to get into your chockie supply contact your vet immediately! They can help you determine the proper treatment for your pet.

You will also notice on page 2 an ad from our sponsors, Better Pets & Gardens, about their Customer Care Club. If you do join please remember to tell them you are a member of NST & ODC, as every time you shop at Better Pets & Gardens it benefits your Club.

Have a Happy Easter
and remember.....
It's all about having FUN
with your dog!! Ed.



WEB SITES OF INTEREST

Canine Association of WA
<http://www.dogswest.com/>

Animal Behaviourist, Dr Ian Dunbar
<http://www.dogstardaily.com/>

WA Trial Results
<http://waresults.blogspot.com/>

TRIAL RESULTS
MEMBERS COMPETITION — AGILITY & JUMPING — 1ST APRIL 2009

Foundation

1st Erna Stein ~ Oscar 2nd Courtney Berich ~ Missy 3rd NQ Irene Levitzke ~ Jax

Group A—Agility

1st Debby Hay ~ Rusty 2nd Con Kramer ~ Annika 3rd NQ Frances Coull ~ Loosey

Group A—Jumping

1st Con Kramer ~ Annika 2nd NQ Frances Coull ~ Loosey 3rd Debby Hay ~ Rusty

Group B—Agility

1st NQ Tracey Care ~ Zac 2nd NQ Suzette Adlem ~ Jess 3rd NQ Nichola Anthony ~ Monty

Group B—Jumping

1st Tracey Care ~ Zac 2nd Peter Kerr ~ Maximus 3rd Sam Bannon ~ Maisey

Pre-Trial—Agility

1st Danny Donnelly ~ Tara

Pre-Trial—Jumping

1st John Linney ~ P. Jaye 2nd NQ Marilyn Ive-Smith ~ Storm 3rd NQ Danny Donnelly ~ Tara

Preliminary—Agility

1st Irene Levitzke ~ Sally

Preliminary—Jumping

1st NQ Bernice Nesbitt ~ Chuckles 2nd NQ Emma Papworth ~ Phoenix 3rd NQ Emma Papworth ~ Cade

Intermediate—Agility

1st Ashley Poli ~ Mitsey 2nd Jody Bronovich ~ Tivy

Advanced—Agility

1st Gina O'Keefe ~ Inde 2nd Andrea Carde ~ Lisa 3rd Patricia Jamieson ~ Roscoe

Advanced—Jumping

1st Jody Bronovich ~ Nichol 2nd Ashley Poli ~ Mitsey



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TRIAL RESULTS
CLUB ACHIEVEMENT TRIAL
22ND MARCH 2009

Class 3

1st Saskia McKay Zoya
2nd NQ Irene Levitzke Sally
3rd NQ John Linney PJaye

Class 4

1st NQ Dianne Duncombe Rex
2nd NQ Peter Kerr Maximus
3rd NQ Anita Marchasani Bessie

Class 6

1st NQ Sue Boxer Xena
2nd NQ Frances Coull Loosey



DOG PARK ETIQUETTE

Courtesy of—Gina O’Keefe

Dog owners are usually a very social bunch of people and enjoy the daily trip to the dog park. This can be a wonderful catch up with like minded people as well as a terrific social outing for your dog.

However, please remember, that your dog is your responsibility the entire time that you are at the park.

To maintain your doggy friends and to continue to use the facilities provided there are some “unwritten” laws of etiquette that we all should follow.

1. Upon arrival – do keep your dog on lead, so that your dog moves quietly into the territory that has already been established by early arrivals to the park. Don’t just open the car door when you arrive at the park and let your dog rush up to other dogs who have already staked their territory. Many dog fights are initiated due to this thoughtlessness.
2. Pick up ALL your dog POOP! If you make a habit of keeping your dog on lead until they have toileted, your dog will often be quicker in relieving himself, as he is released to play when he is done. Just because he has pooped once does not mean he is finished and a careful eye must be kept on your dog at all times.
3. Constantly keep a watchful eye on your dog. Remember, while you are on the park you are responsible for your dog.
 - watch carefully as your dog socializes with other dogs and people. Be prepared to intervene if the play gets too rough or the dogs get very exuberant which could result in an unsuspecting person or child being knocked over or injured. Many legs have been broken and knees damaged due to dogs running into people on the park.
 - watch other dogs’ body language. **It is NOT OKAY** for your dog to chase another dog when in fact that dog is not playing but it is indeed running away because it is frightened.
 - **It is NOT OKAY** for your dog to rush up and greet people by jumping on them or barking.
 - **It is NOT OKAY** for your dog to rush up to someone who is walking their dog on lead. This person may have this dog on lead because it has an injury, be aggressive or timid of other dogs. This person is being responsible and so should you.
4. Just because you are on a dog park **it is NOT OKAY** for your dog to PEE wherever it pleases. People bring chairs, prams, rugs, Eskys, and other things to the park and you should have control to not allow your dog to PEE on people’s property. Some dogs even pee on people, so watch your dog!!! The children’s playground is not the place for your dog to relieve itself.
5. Don’t allow your dog to steal other dog’s toys. Other owners come down to play with their dogs – spend some time building your relationship with your dog by playing with him and your toys.
6. Even though you like to catch up with other owners, don’t stand and talk to them and neglect your dog. Use this time to run, jog, train, teach tricks, play games and enjoy your dog. This is special quality time and you’ll both benefit.
 - Some dog fights break out because owners are standing chatting and the dogs become territorial over toys or their owners. This can build over time, so breaking the location of your group and continually moving can prevent this from happening.
7. Unless invited, don’t allow your dog to become the “extra fielder” for the family that is playing cricket. It can disrupt the game and certainly draw some angry complaints if they have to stop for ten minutes every time they have to retrieve the ball from your dog.
8. Don’t allow your dog out of “control distance.” Having your dog off lead does not mean that your dog is not under your control. You should be able to call your dog at any given moment. Take your treats and practice many, many recalls and reward the dog for coming.
9. Keep your young dog or puppy on lead or on a long line until your dog knows the dogs with which he will mix. Many older dogs do not like young dogs and puppies and you don’t want their first meetings to be negative ones.
10. Go to different parks, beaches or the river to keep your dog stimulated and well socialised. Make sure you observe the signs where you can and can’t have the dog on or off the leash. Taking your dog for a leisurely stroll on leash can be a very pleasant, relaxing and enjoyable experience, so use the on leash areas to enjoy your time together. These areas allow joggers, bikers and people who are not that fond of dogs to enjoy their parks. By keeping your dog on leash everyone gets to enjoy the environment.

Well trained, polite dogs and owners are great to have around.

YES ~ you are on a dog park but please remember your etiquette !!!!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 5th April	Training All Classes
Sunday 12th April	NO TRAINING Easter Sunday
Sunday 19th April	NO TRAINING CAWA Obedience Trial
Sunday 26th April	NO TRAINING Anzac Day Weekend
Sunday 3rd May	Training All Classes
Wednesday 6th May	Agility Assesment
Sunday 10th May	Training All Classes
Sunday 17th May	Training All Classes MICROCHIPPING 10am
Sunday 24th May	Training All Classes
Sunday 31st May	NO TRAINING Foundation Day Weekend
Wednesday 3rd June	Agility Assesment
Sunday 7th June	NO TRAINING CAWA Trial Double Header Agility & Jumping
Sunday 14th June	Training All Classes
Sunday 21st June	NO TRAINING Members Competition All Classes

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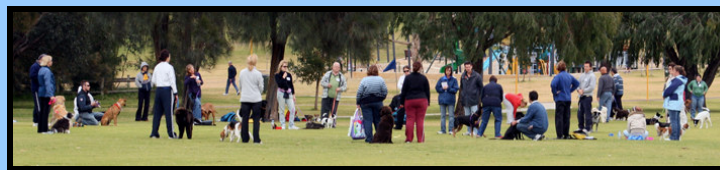
*If it should be that I grow frail and weak,
And pain should keep me from my sleep.
Then, you must do what must be done
For this, the last battle, can't be won.*

*Don't let grief stay your hand,
For this day, more than the rest,
Your love and friendship stand the test.
We've had so many happy years,
What is to come can hold no fear.
You'd not want me to suffer, so
When the time comes, please let me go.*

*Take me where my needs they'll tend,
Only, stay with me to the end
And hold me firm and speak to me
Until my eyes no longer see.*

*I know in time you will see
It is a kindness you do for me
Although my tail its last has waved
From pain and suffering I've been saved.
Don't grieve it should be you
Who this thing decides to do.
We've been so close, we two, these years,
Don't let your heart hold any tears.*

**SMILE,
FOR WE HAVE WALKED
TOGETHER FOR A WHILE**



AGILITY UPDATE ~ For those of you who are unaware, the entrance criteria for agility has changed (check web site for details or email agility@northernsuburbsdogclub.org), so too has the structure with which classes are run. The new Foundation class is a big success with those people coming through being very well prepared for joining into Group A. In fact, the new program is working well in all classes and everyone is enjoying their training and the fun atmosphere. If you have been thinking about joining, why not come down one Wednesday night and have a look— you are sure get hooked!!!!



*A puppy is life's way
of telling you to always
enjoy the simplest
pleasures to the fullest.*