



HOT DOG

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi all and welcome to the new training year. Hope you all had an excellent Christmas and New Year and are raring to get back training. I know I am.

The club is introducing changes to junior agility classes at the start of the year, with new format classes, specific pass criteria and new beginners class. We will also be trialing a new obedience "Trial Focus Class", aimed at those in class 3 and above who are keen on trialing. The class will run for six weeks at a time and will be limited to 6 people. If you are interested in participating come and see me or email me.

We are also starting training an hour earlier in the summer months, as it gets hot very quickly. It is still a good idea to bring plenty of water along and if your dog becomes a bit hot in class, then take a break in the shade and listen to the exercises. You can always try them later.

Finally, the club is considering buying a second hand quad cycle or ATV to tow the agility trailer. If you have any experience or contacts in this area you can probably help, please drop me an email.

Enjoy your dog and your training.

Graeme Fairley ~ President

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OFF THE EDITORS DESK

Welcome everyone to 2009. May this year see you sharing many happy times and creating special memories with your four legged friends.

With the hot weather upon us, make sure to bring plenty of water to training for both your dogs and yourselves. Dehydration can happen very quickly so it is important to remember to take regular breaks during training and grab a drink.

Make sure you have a read of the article about dogs and hot cars on Pg 3, courtesy of the RSPCA WA.

*Best wishes for 2009
and remember.....
it's all about having FUN
with your dog!! Ed.*



WESTERN CLASSIC

The Western Classic starts on March 5th. For those of you who love dogs, but have never attended the "Classic", it is a must see. It is judged by both Interstate and International Judges and is one of the feature events in the trialing calendar. The first day is the Obedience Challenge, where the top ten dogs, in each class, from the previous year compete for top honours. Friday evening sees the obedience competition and is open to all competitors. Saturday evening is agility, and with WA producing some of Australia's fastest agility dogs, it is sure to be a spectacle. The classic ends on Sunday night with the agility teams event. There are conformation shows on every evening, so check out the "lookers" while you are there. Check on the Club web site for more details closer to March.



CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

The last day of training for 2008 saw many members enjoying a great day with their dogs. As you can see from the photos both K9's and humans got into the spirit of the season!!



TRIAL RESULTS

CAWA OBEDIENCE TRIAL 26TH OCTOBER 2008

CCD—AM

1st Dianne Duncombe Akunamotada Rex

CD—AM

1st Bernice Nesbit Chuckles
3rd Agnes Wong Borderfire Edradour

UDX—AM

1st Dorothy Williams Jessie

CD—PM

1st Bernice Nesbit Chuckles

UD—PM

2nd Patricia Jamieson Dogrose King of Hearts

UDX—PM

1st Dorothy Williams Jessie

CLUB ACHIEVEMNET TRIAL 2ND DECEMBER 2008

Class 3

1st Fay Gretton Silas
2nd Saskia McKay Zoya
3rd (NQ) John Linney PJaye

Class 4

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

CDX

1st Kaylene Nichols Candy
2nd Fay Gretton Tia
3rd Sue Boxer Xena

Class 9

1st Dorothy Williams Jessie

Dr. Ian Dunbar Seminar

I was fortunate enough to attend one day of Dr. Ian Dunbar's 3 day seminar while he was in Perth recently. Dr. Dunbar is an international dog trainer who has published several books and DVDs and lectured around the world. His true concern for the wellbeing of dogs is obvious in his lectures and he has played a big part in making pet dog training positive.

Dr. Dunbar and his team publish the Dog Star Daily website (www.dogstardaily.com), which includes pet dog training articles, videos, news and tips. It is well worth looking at.

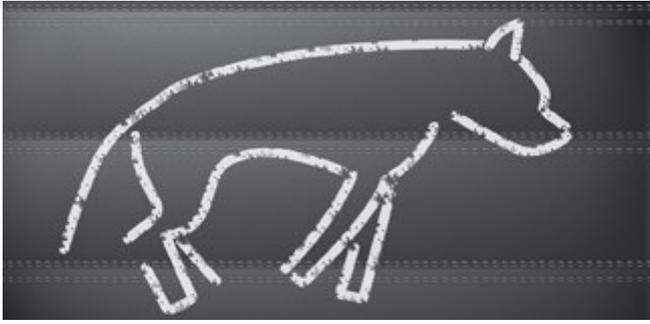
One thing Dr. Dunbar reiterated at his seminar, and I have heard every top trainer say something similar, is that training needs to be broken down into small manageable bits. Don't bite off more than you can chew, or more than your dog can chew to be more precise. For example, if you are struggling to get Fido to come when called, don't start out at the park when Fido is sniffing the ground and is 30 meters away. You need to start small and simple.

Start in a confined space where there are very few distractions – only half tongue in cheek, Dr. Dunbar recommends starting in the bathroom. Call Fido and when he turns to you, give him a treat and praise lavishly. Only when he will come every time in the bathroom, move on to a bedroom, then the family room, then the backyard. Each time, Fido must come on the fist call before you move on. The concept of starting small is applied to anything you want to teach your dog, whether it be a simple sit, or complex scent discrimination.

G. Fairley

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Hot cars are murder for dogs.



HOT CARS ARE MURDER FOR DOGS

The RSPCA has now received 20,000 new stickers for its 'Hot Cars are Murder for Dogs' campaign (see image above) which replaces the current 'Dogs Die in Hot Cars' campaign which has been running for three years.

The temperature in a parked car can quickly rise to over 60° C. Under these conditions a dog locked inside can suffer from heat stress in as little as six minutes, resulting in an agonising death. Even cars parked in the shade on an overcast day can become dangerously hot.

Tips for hot summer months.

- If you see a dog in a hot car and it is unlocked, remove the dog and place it tethered in the shade with water. If necessary leave a note for the owner informing them where the dog may be collected.
- If the dog is suffering from heat stress phone the RSPCA on 9209 9300 or if the RSPCA is unavailable phone the Police on 9222 1111. Only General Inspectors appointed under the Animal Welfare Act and the police are authorised to break into a vehicle to release a dog in distress.
- If the dog is suffering from heat stress and the vehicle is unlocked please remove the dog and place it in a cool area. Sponge its stomach with cool water to rapidly reduce its body temperature. Cover it with damp towels and take it to a vet as quickly as possible. Leave a note on the vehicle to inform the driver of what has occurred and where the dog can be collected from.

How to identify heat stress

- o Excessive panting, the tongue of a heat stressed dog usually curls in on itself when panting.
- o Excessive salivating, the dog will often appear to be quite wet around the muzzle.
- o Reddened gums
- o Lying very still, if the dog is also displaying the above symptoms this is a very serious situation and the dog is close to death.

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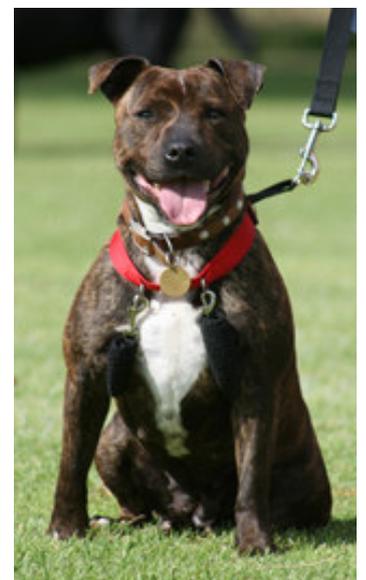
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WANTED

A RARE BREED WILLING TO HELP OTHERS
TRAIN DOGS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

AKA: INSTRUCTORS

Our Instructors truly are a rare and valuable breed and they would like YOU to join them. Instructing is very rewarding, just ask any of the Instructors on a Sunday morning and they will tell you of the joy they get in seeing members succeed with their training. If you had ever thought of becoming an Instructor then please let either Lyn or Graeme know and they will be more than happy to help you begin your journey into the fabulous world of Instructing. For those of you who have thought about becoming an Instructor but are not quite sure, don't despair we have just the thing for you. As you all know our class sizes can get quite big and it is often hard for the Instructors to get to everyone, what they need is a helper. That is where you come in, as an Instructors Assistant. So don't forget to see Lyn or Graeme before you leave training!!!



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday 1st February	Training All Classes
Wednesday 4th Feb	Agility Assessment
Sunday 8th February	Training All Classes
Sunday 15th February	Training All Classes
Sunday 22nd February	Training All Classes
Sunday 1st March	NO TRAINING Labour Day Weekend
Wednesday 4th March	Agility Assessment
Sunday 8th March	Training All Classes
Sunday 15th March	Training All Classes
Sunday 22nd March	Training All Classes Achievement Trial Classes 3 through 9 Only
Sunday 29th March	Training All Classes
Wednesday 1st April	Members Competition Agility & Jumping

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NEW AGILITY INFORMATION

As of the start of 2009 the entry requirements for Agility have changed. Entry is now open to all dogs 14 months and over irrespective of their obedience class. Please be aware however, that there are very strict criteria that must be passed before you will be allowed to begin training. A copy of the new Agility Assessment Criteria can be obtained from the ladies in the van or from Agility training on a Wednesday night. Any enquiries can be directed to the following email – agility@northernsuburbsdogclub.org

Canine Commandments

My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years.
Any separation from you will be painful to me.
Remember that before you buy me.

Give me time to understand
what you want from me.

Place your trust in me.
It's crucial to my well-being.

Don't be angry with me for long,
and don't lock me up as punishment.
You have your work, your entertainment
and your friends. I only have you.

Talk to me sometimes.
Even if I don't understand your words,
I understand your voice
when it is speaking to me.

Be aware that however you treat me.
I'll never forget it.

Remember before you hit me:
I have teeth that could easily crush
the bones of your hand,
but **I choose not to bite you.**

Before you scold me for being
un-cooperative, obstinate or lazy,
ask yourself if something might be bothering me.
Perhaps I'm not getting the right food,
or I've been out in the sun too long,
or my heart is getting old and weak.

Take care of me when I get old.
You too will grow old.

Go with me on difficult journeys.
Never say: "I can't bear to watch it"
or "Let it happen in my absence."
Everything is easier for me if you are there.

REMEMBER THAT I LOVE YOU.



*The reason a dog has so many friends
Is that he wags his tail
Instead of his tongue!*

~ Anonymous