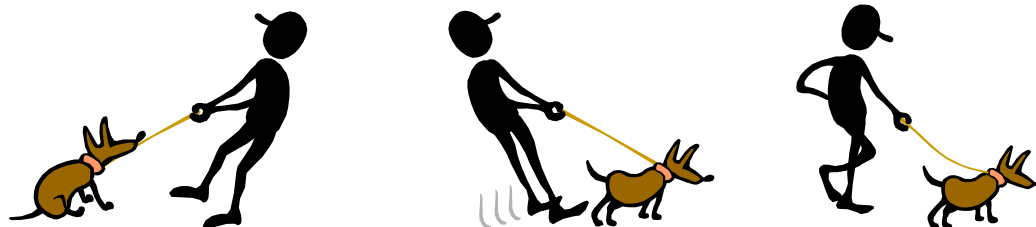


Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club



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Well this will be my last newsletter! I have done the newsletter for the last two years and thought it would be a good time to hand it over for someone else to have a go. Please support Zoe Canvin and send her lots of interesting things.

Introduction

Welcome to a new financial year for Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club. As like last year we are hoping to have a newsletter available for members and people training at the Club at the beginning of every month or two. If you think you have something that might be of interest to other people at the club please forward them to the editor of the newsletter. Please have a hunt around. Things of interest might include:

- Articles;
- Recipes (both for us and our Canine friends);
- Pictures;
- Puzzles and quiz's;

- Interesting facts and club information;
- Advertising, assessed as to relevance and suitability on an individual basis;
- Training tips;
- Jokes; and
- Anything else you think other members might be interested in or suggestions on what you think should be included in the newsletter.

The newsletter is an important way of communicating information through the club and I would like to keep these newsletters both entertaining and informative.

Your New Committee

Introduction and Contact Details

On 25 May 2004 a new committee was elected. Below is the breakdown of the new office holders in the club. Committee meetings are to be held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at about 8pm. If you have anything you would like raised with the committee please make sure it is in the hands of a committee member prior to the meeting.

President: Geoff Collins
Vice President: Jenny Rutherford
Secretary: Wendy Macilree
Treasurer: Zoe Carvin

Committee

Lianne Hodges, Cheryl Dickson, John Chipper, Martin Gavin, Wayne Clarken, Trudy Scott, Jenny Greer, Janine Holmes, Tamara Savage

It should also be noted that we have a large number of members that are not on the committee but have put their names forward as "helpers". The new committee appreciates this and over the coming year I am sure you will be called upon to help out at shows, working bees and various other jobs that come up.

Next newsletter there will hopefully be a list of Jobs and Responsibilities so you know who to contact.

Up and coming dates:

Our June Ribbon Trial – 26 June
 Nationals – 23, 24, 25 September
 Our October Championship – 15 October
 NDTA – Taupo – Labour Weekend

Ways of increasing instructors and membership

Our instructors are all volunteers and offer their time and knowledge term after term with usually little more than a \$5 petrol reimbursement each night. In order to keep the classes as small as possible we need more instructors. The more instructors we have means that instructors that have been taking class after class can have a break before they burn out completely which often happens.

If you are interested in becoming an instructor please ring Lianne Hodges on 232 8057.

Remember you do not have to be competing or even coming along that long to start thinking that you would like to learn how to take a class. We offer full instruction and you would be expected to understudy with a current experienced instructor before we would let you loose on your own class. Once we have enough interested instructors we will be definitely looking at running the Instructors Seminar like we did last year. That was really good and everyone regardless of their experience got something out of the seminar.

There are also things like puppy class or the Canine Good Citizen Award classes to consider. It is a lot of fun and you get all sorts of bonus like; free class fees (if you take more than two classes a year), end of year instructors/committee dinner plus Instructors Meetings where we provide supper and sit around and discuss methods, problems and the latest gossip.

Club maintenance

Please note the painting that's been going on. Penny Nalder has been doing a fantastic job of painting all the outside flashing (brown bits) about the club.

Other things that still need to be done:

- * Trim the hedge along the fence line
- * Trim the hedge behind the clubrooms
- * Check out the toilet drains (they are a bit smelly). This could be done when we get a plumber to look at the leak.
- * Put some of the merchandise in the new cabinet.
- * Tidy the garage and clubrooms.

RIBBON TRIAL NOTICE

Sunday 26 June 2004 - All Welcome

NZ Kennel Club, Prosser Street, PORIRUA

Elementary 1 followed by Elementary 2	Tony Adamson
Special Beginners followed by Test A	Meredith Pitcher
Novice	Sue Cooper
Test B followed by Test C	June Rippon

Entries from: 9.00 am
Judging commences: 9.30 am
Entry Fees: \$3 per entry

Ribbons to 5th place
Catering Available

This is a good opportunity to see the real potential your dog has. Come and have a look.

The show is **INSIDE!!!!**

All members - please bring a plate!!!! (Cakes, savouries, sandwiches etc etc).

Tricks

I've had a request for some ideas on tricks we can teach our dogs. Unfortunately I haven't had a lot of time to get a whole lot together but I've put in some simple tricks and also a couple of books that I found on the internet that you might like to have a look at for ideas. Tricks are fun and are really good to teach your dog. Please remember to think about what you teach your dog. For example if you also show roses teaching your dog to pick flowers is probably not the best option. If you have problems with stays teaching your dog to crawl, roll over or bow are probably not the best either. Anyway here are some ideas:

Shake Hands – Put a piece of food in your hand and close your fist so the dog can only smell the food but not get it. You then tease the dog a little and keep asking it to get the food. Most dogs after a while will use their paws to try to get the food, as soon as they do release the food and praise. Do this until the dog knows it is the foot that releases the food, then put a command on it.

Twist – With food in your hand put it in front of the dog's nose and turn the dog by making it follow the food 360° then praise and release the food saying 'twist' or whatever the command the handler wishes to use.

Bow – Place a piece of food between the dog's front legs in your hand, again so the dog can not get it and wait for the moment that the dog bends its front and not its back end. Praise and release the food.

And some other ideas:

Aah-Choo! (Bring the Kleenex); Answer The Telephone; Balance & Catch The Biscuit; Bring The Dirty Clothes; Carry A Basket; Crawl; Dance; Find The Keys; Get The Remote Control; Give Me High Five; Hold A Flag; Hold A Sign; Jump Through A Hoop; Jump Through (Or Into) Your Arms; Jump Over Another Dog; Look Away; Open The Door; Open The Drawer; Open The Refrigerator & Get A Soda; Paw/Shake/Slap Me Five; Paw Over Eye; Pick The Flower; Pose For The Camera; Push A Stroller Or Cart; Putting Away The Toys; Roll Over; Shake Off The Water; Sit Up Pretty; Sneeze; Stand Up Against The Wall; Take A Bow; The Shell Game; Touch Any Object With Dog's Nose ("targeting"); Turn On/Off The Light

And some books.....



By Gerilyn J. Bielakiewicz

5 1/4" x 7 1/8", 192 pages

Find the remote control; Pull off your kids' socks; Open and close the refrigerator door

Bet you never imagined your dog could accomplish such feats!

In this fun, easy-to-use trick-training guide, long-time trainer and cofounder of Canine University Gerilyn J. Bielakiewicz shows you how to teach your dog all sorts of great tricks that will strengthen your bond and bring you both endless enjoyment. From simple beginner moves for young pups to complex tricks for super-smart pooches, there's something in here for everyone-including tricks that teach your dog how to:

- Shake, wave, and give high fives
- Play scared and be brave
- Fetch his dinner bowl
- Retrieve your keys, mail, and phone
- Ring a bell to go outside
- Put away his toys

Whether your dog's a natural-born ham or a shy guy, these tricks will bring out his best-and help you be the best trainer you can be. Tackle any of these fun tricks, and people will soon be singing your pup's praises!

Dog Tricks -- Step-by-Step (book)
Authors: Zeigenfuse & Walker
(Howell)

Dog Tricks
Authors: Arthur J. Haggerty & Carol Lea Benjamin

How To Teach An Old Dog New Tricks (book)
Author: Ted Baer

Take A Bow Wow! (video)

You Can Teach Your Dog Tricks, And Have Fun Too!
Nancy Winton

Library

While we're on the subject of books, for those of you who don't know TBCOC has a library with books about dogs and dog training. The library is somewhat out of date but still some of the books are a good read. This is a free service, but only available to members. Obviously we need to keep a track of where the books are and make sure they are returned for others so please make sure if you take a book it is recorded correctly. Jenny Greer is our Librarian this year so talk to her.

If you have any books that you would like to donate or any ideas on books or videos that you think the club and its members would benefit from purchasing please see Jenny. Personally I think we should get a trick book, they look like fun.

NDTA Fundraising 2006

I have taken responsibility for National Dog Training Assembly "NDTA" Fundraising for 2006. So be prepared. Basically it will be run as it has in previous years. If you are planning on going to the NDTA next year you must participate in the Fundraising to be eligible for "your equal share" of the total money raised. So start thinking now. Starting next month I will be running a raffle on the last Tuesday night of the month. Make sure you bring a couple of extra dollars to get a ticket. It would be great to see as many people as possible able to get to the NDTA next year.

Shouts

The next winners shout will be on **12 July**. If you have won at either a championship event or at a ribbon trial you are more than welcome to bring a plate along to celebrate with your fellow members. This includes Elementary wins Janine!!!!!!

Boarding Kennels

Which ones best for us and our canine friends.

Last newsletter I did an article on my experience with a Boarding Kennel. I promised to do more investigating and report back my findings in the next newsletter. Unfortunately I have had rather a busy couple of months and haven't got around to getting all the information.

In general there were a lot of negative comments about (nearly all) the boarding kennels available in our area and a lot of it does come down to personal preference. In short the following comments were made from other people's experiences with boarding kennels:

Vilagresh – Welcome to inspect the kennels. Dogs are on concrete. All dogs together playing. They do not take dogs with known aggression problems but you never know. Seem to be clean kennels. One person's dog did develop a skin problem after being there.

Sanson Kennels – A long way to travel but these kennels seemed to be cheap and nice. A little worried about the security of the dogs. Person happy to take their dog back.

Glenside – owners making an effort although may not be very experienced. Seems lately they have employed knowledgeable people to work in the kennels. Apparently this is where the MAF Beagles are now staying. Nice clean kennels. Inspection welcome.

Judgeford Kennels – Not very good comments came out about this kennel. Dogs unclean and smelling very bad. Skin conditions after staying. Unable to inspect the kennels. Although it was commented that dogs seemed very happy in themselves when picked up. I can't help but think "while the cats away the mice will play" scenario here.

Levin Kennels – Rose and Sid. 5 stars here! Only kennel not to get any negative comments. Experienced owners. Clean kennels. Dogs NOT exercised together. A long way to drive if you're not going that way.

Editors pick – Levin Kennels if I'm going that way otherwise I'm going to give the new Glenside Kennels in Tawa a go.

Seminar

If you are wanting to attend this seminar, **IT'S NOT TOO LATE** (only if you get back to me by the end of the week – 17 June). There are only a couple of spaces left. If you are thinking of competing - get a head start and come along (the Friday night is the most valuable for you). This seminar is designed for those already competing and also those who have never been in the ring at all. It should be a fun weekend. It is on the Friday night and Saturday before our ribbon trial so you will be able to put all you've learnt into action on the Sunday.

Dog Obedience for Competition

This seminar is divided into two parts:

- ◆ How to train a dog for competition from Special Beginners to Test C
- ◆ Problem Solving for Competition Obedience

Presented by: Karen Sadler

Venue: Paekakariki Memorial Hall – The Parade, Paekakariki
Cost: \$70 per person per day or \$100 for both days*
Dates: *Fri 24 June 6.30 pm – 10 pm – includes dinner/supper*
Sat 25 June 9.30 am – 4 pm – includes lunch/morning & afternoon tea

This seminar is aimed at people already competing and also those who would like to give it a go. There will be practical examples as well as lots of useful information. The cost of the seminar will be \$70 per person for a single day and \$100 per person for both days* and includes dinner and supper on the Friday and lunch, morning and afternoon tea on the Saturday.

For part two of the seminar on Saturday we will be looking at specific problems. Please indicate on the form below whether you would be interested in participating with your dog in this section of the seminar. We will contact people closer to the time to confirm whether they have been selected. If you are not selected don't worry it most probably means that it was a popular problem.

To book a place in the Seminar or for any questions, please complete the attached form and return with payment **by 7 June 2005** to:

Jenny Rutherford, 61 Pharazyn Street, Lower Hutt
Email: jenny.rutherford@ccdhb.org.nz Ph: (04) 918 5051 or (04) 566 0778

Yes, I would like to attend the competition seminar on 24 & 25 June 2005:

- Friday only – payment of \$70 is enclosed
- Saturday only – payment of \$70 is enclosed
- Both Friday and Saturday – payment of \$100 is enclosed

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

_____ Contact Number: () _____

- Yes, I am interested in participating on Saturday with my dog in the problem solving section.

Our problem is (please include which test you are currently competing in): _____

_____ please continue on
separate sheet if necessary.

*Please make cheques payable to Agrade Animals Action Limited.

Happy training everyone!

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