



TEVRA TIMES - August 2011

FROM THE BOSS!

Only one week to go and spring will be here. It's amazing how much more motivated you become with just an additional hour's daylight, even if the landscape is covered with snow.

The dog obedience scene really heats up now, with not only Championship shows but also the National Dog Obedience Assembly in Wellington at Labour weekend. Add to this our Tevra Trial and there is lots to work towards. Last weekend saw a ribbon trial at Selwyn Dog Training Club in which Tevra people won 4 of the 6 classes which is so good. A special mention must go to our two new elementary handlers, Caroline Norrie and Molly who won on full points and Mike Dickie and Deja who were second with just one point off. Caroline then went on to come second in Special Beginners behind another Tevra handler Liz Dixon. This was only Caroline and Mike's second time at a competition so well done both of you and also the other successful Tevra handlers. Margaret competed with Harriet for the first time in Novice and had a very nice round mainly losing points for jumping. We also have another group of new handlers working towards competition with young dogs. Dawn and Gillie, Carol and Justin who are looking at starting later this year and then Marilyn and Enzo, Jo Wilson and Ricki, Anne and Jack, Nicky and Wicked, Karen and Willow and Ngaire and Cody who are looking at early next year. Then at the very beginning we have our 11 week old puppies Twister with Alastair and his brother Major with Liz Dixon. For a training group to be successful there must always be handlers coming on, which we certainly have with this lineup.

Now that we are back at Ouruhia training on a Wednesday the training times on other days have now changed so please check these out further in the newsletter. The break has been good for some of you who have come back with renewed enthusiasm so please keep it up. Also remember that if you are competing in most of the shows then your dog will need rest days in order to recharge batteries. Your dog's fitness is so important at this time of the year.

On behalf of all the Tevra members I would like to wish Ross McClymont (husband of one of our members Jean) all the very best with health issues. Jean and Ross have been hosts to a number of us on several occasions and a nicer couple you could not find, so all the best Ross.

Please take care especially if you are traveling away to competitions over the next few months.

Regards
Janice



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



Well done to Gaye & Kase, Geraldine & Barney, Anne & Sisqi, Adrienne & Millie and of course, our obedience handler, Roxanne with her husbands dog Mecca for passing Intermediate. Also to Kaye & Zuli, Renee & Louie, Nami & Lillian, Adrienne & Jak and Melinda & Marnie for passing Elementary. You will have your certificates soon.

We were starting a Wednesday Class this week, mainly for Elementary but any of you can come as long as the class does not get to big to be dividing up time. Unfortunately the weather is not conducive so looks like next week.

I applaud you all for trying to do the best for your dogs by coming to training, it not only socialises and trains your dog but also you can hear the problems other people have and sometimes how they solve them. We have a great friendly group who all get on very well and offer each other their support. Janice is always there to help solve tricky problems so as long as you put the work in you are never on your own to deal with a situation that may be causing you anxiety.

Class times are:

Elementary/ Intermediate	Wednesday	11 am
Elementary	Saturday	11 am
Intermediate	Saturday	10am
New Advance	Saturday	9.15 am

Remember even though the weather is not good you can train the dogs in your hallway or lounge. You can also do trick training to ease the boredom on these cold days & nights.

Can I remind you all to try & get to Ouruhia a little earlier so you can exercise the dog, and toilet them and just give them a few minutes to settle down.

Barbara



TEVRA TRIAL TROPHIES



Can those of you who were good enough to win trophies at our last Tevra competition, please return them ASAP so we can make sure they are available for prize giving at our next trial.



RALLY - O

In spite of a freezing cold wind, drizzle and general yukkiness all Tevra competitors at Canterbury Canine Obedience Club in July did extremely well!! In Novice B Janet Bainbridge narrowly beat Christine and Poppy to 3rd place by just 2⁶/₁₀ seconds!! As the placings only went to 3rd place, they “fell off” the end of the line-up – and after such a lovely round!!

However, at Selwyn Dog Training Club the next day, Christine and Poppy got their own back - being placed 1st on 100 points in 2.06.94 minutes to Janet’s 2nd on 100 points in 2.18.53 minutes!!

Christine and Poppy then went on to have their first run in Advanced A – and qualified on 90 points!! It was certainly a good weekend for them!!

Thanks go to Yvonne McDowell and Monty who allowed us to hold a class at their lovely home in Amberley. It was nice to be able to train in a different location, sadly not many people were able to make it – but those who were there had a lot of fun!! Monty has kindly extended the offer to future trainings, and we will certainly be taking him up on it!!

For the first time an inter-club Rally-O was run at the Mini Assembly last weekend and was a huge success. 4 dog clubs each put in a team to run one person in each of the 5 levels of Rally-O. For Christchurch Dog Training Club Fiona and Stellar ran in Advanced B and Robbie and I ran in Excellent. Stellar had a good round, and looked lovely as she pranced around the ring. Robbie and I didn’t have one of our better rounds, but we enjoyed ourselves anyway!! Thank you to Vickie for all your help with the results and general clean-up, and to Anne Hunter for taking photos, which we hope will be available soon on our website.

Most of you will know Arend van den Bos who has been training with us with Joker. Arend was the New Zealand Kennel Cub representative for our area and did an enormous amount of work promoting Rally-O and working for us at a national level. Arend has now retired from this position and I’m pleased to say that Jo Miller from Invercargill has taken over. Jo is a Rally-O judge and we are fortunate to have another pro-Rally-O representative on our side as some of the other areas are struggling with a lot of prejudice against our sport. The Deputy rep, Alastair Kirk, is also keen to see Rally-O going ahead and had some very encouraging comments to make at the opening of the Mini Assembly. I know with the support of both Jo and Alastair, Rally-O will continue to flourish in the South Island.

Our good wishes for a fast recovery go to Jeanette who is getting over a nasty bout of pneumonia, to Yvonne who has damaged her rib cartilage (I don’t know if we dare ask how!) and to Jennifer who is suffering with severe neck problems causing her considerable pain and discomfort.

Gail



AGILITY REPORT

Great news for our training dogs... Both Debbie with Campbell, and Vickie with Bundy have competed in their first ribbon trials. Photos are from WDTC, 6th August



Beginners Pre-Agility Training

Pre-agility is for dogs between 12-18 months old (and often older dogs to help with the basic experience of agility). This class introduces agility - jump basics, learning a simple weave, some 'contact' training, and tunnels.

I will start a new group in October/November if there is interest.

Saturday mornings, (note - there will be no training due to adverse weather conditions &/or shows)

Beginners Pre-Agility: 9.15am - 10.15am

Please contact myself or Janice if you are interested

The full four week cost is \$40.

Advanced Pre-Agility Training

This session continues with a dedicated and fun group of dogs and their handlers. Hope everyone is having fun.

Cost: \$10.00 per session.

Advanced Pre-Agility: 10.45am - 11.45am

Contact Linda George Linda.George@xtra.co.nz

Or Janice Kirk kirkj@clear.net.nz

COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES

Mini Assembly

Congratulations to the following Tevra handlers who were part of the various club mini assembly obedience teams last weekend, Julie and Max, Liz and Hugo, Janice and Bramble, Dawn and Maiyah, Heather and Bailey, Lesley and Freda, Elizabeth and Ruby, Marilyn and Bailey

National Dog Obedience Assembly

The NDOA has previously been known as the NDTA (National Dog Training Assembly), but this year the obedience & agility codes will be having separate "Nationals" in different parts of the country, hence the name change. The NDOA includes an Inter Region Teams Event in which each Region fields a team of 10 (two dogs/handlers per test). The winning team is that which gains the most points over the day. There are 3 regions, the South Island being one (Southern) & the North Island makes up the other 2 regions (Central & Northern)

This year the NDOA is being held at the NZKC centre in Porirua and of the ten places for team members Tevra handlers make up seven of them, plus one associate handler, which is a really good effort.

Successful Tevra Team Members : Special Beginners - Liz Dixon and Hugo, Novice - Arend Van Den Bos and Zip and also Rhian Hart and Lilly, Test A - Heather Lauper and Bailey, Test B- Janice Kirk and Bramble and also Alastair Kirk and Joker, Test C - Carol Lavery and Morgan with our associate handler being Kristine Luyton and Chase from Dunedin in SB

Tevra Trial

On **Sunday 9th October** we are planning to hold another Tevra Trial covering our obedience, rally and agility sections. This is only in the planning stages and more information will be sent out in a couple weeks time. The proceeds from this day will go towards a new mascot for the Southern Region. If you can please help with this let me know, as it will take quite a bit of manpower to cover all three disciplines.

CD Class Notices

The CD class is a new class for a group of handlers who have completed their Advanced certificates but did not want to leave us (geez they must like us after all !!) Anyway they are currently training towards gaining their CD title which is a NZ Kennel Club recognised title and involves a great deal of hard work.

There will be **no** CD class training on the following Saturdays – August 27th, September 10th, 17th unless otherwise advised.

Competitive Training Times:

As from the 1st September the following days and times will apply:

Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.00pm – Individual Sessions

Friday 10.00am – 11.00am – Puppy Group Session
11.00am – 2pm – Individual Sessions

Saturday: 10.15am – 11.00am – Special Beginners, Novice Group Session
11.00am – 12.30pm – Individual Sessions

TEVRA'S A ONE (AKA REBEL) NEWS FROM OZ

Hi to my friends in NZ and to my special friend Justin. A lot has happened since I have got back home. I have had a few places and wins in open and I have gained my title. So with this I have had to have more letters added to my name my new name is IMAREBEL DWDF.S HTM.S CDX. Mum said I can start learning UD when daylight saving starts. So watch out Bullet here I come. Mum is tightening up a few things with me like when I do my stand for exam. I might move a foot or two which this costs points for us.

Bullet is working very well and has had a few places in UD Bullet is working hard on learning UDX but it is not easy.

Winnie the naughty little miniature poodle had a litter of four puppies three girls and one boy. Grandma Lindsay kept one of the girl puppies, her name is Sugar. Grandma Lindsay and Sugar have started their puppy training.

Howie has been working very hard and only has one more pass to get in open.

Our winter weather has been all over the place we had one week where it was 25° to 26°. The poor little spring bulbs have come up very early I hate to think what summer is going to be like lucky we have a swimming pool here. This past week it has been raining and we've had a few cold days 17°. Mum had to do our training in the carport this week due to the rain.

I don't know if Mum and I got to say thank you to everybody who helped us out while we were over in New Zealand so if not I'd like to say a big thank you to everybody. Mum and I really do enjoy coming over for our holidays. I have told Mum to start saving her money again so we can come over.

Well that is all from me.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Some of you may have met Kaye Radford with German Shepherd called Zuli and a camera called Canon (incidentally her tripod is called Vincent or to his friend Vince!!) Kaye has taken some excellent photos of some of the dogs so if you see her out and about and would like to use her services please make yourself known to her. She has just built a website www.kayeradfordphotography.com where the photos will be available for viewing. Kaye is intending to come along to the CDTC shows in September.

BARBARA'S BOREDOM BUSTERS

- ✚ **Wrap up a bone in newspaper and put it in a cardboard box sealed with non-stomach-destroying masking tape. This one is a winner in terms of keeping Jack busy, but it DOES mean there's a whole lot of torn up cardboard and paper to clean up at day's end**
- ✚ **If it's a fine day, leave out some water in a shallow container that the dog can splash around in.**
- ✚ **Smear chicken paste on a Nylabone – a high fat but tasty diversion**
- ✚ **Work that Kong, smear it with vegemite, thread a thin but strong rope through it and tie it off the ground for a little game of greed-driven rope-tennis**
- ✚ **A super-quick Kong solution is to shove in a piece of liver treat that's too big for a puppy to get out in a hurry.**
- ✚ **Leave out a fallen branch for him to tear up.**
- ✚ **Food Toy: It rocks back and forth and dispenses food. Feed her breakfast and dinner in it when you are gone or even when at home.**
- ✚ **Have a basket of enrichment toys and rotate them every day.**
- ✚ **Trick train your dog**
- ✚ **Have two dogs? Go to obedience or agility classes.**
- ✚ **A cheaper option than the balls and cubes are plastic bottles. Just get an empty 600ml bottle, make sure to remove the label and any plastic bits, and put some treats inside. The dog then needs to throw the bottle around to get the treats to fall out**
- ✚ **Hide some treats around the yard or house for the dog to find during the day. It keeps them entertained, and keeps their keen sense of smell.**
- ✚ **Dogs love digging, and if they get bored it is the main 'go to' thing to do. Having a sandpit, or a designated digging area, will keep your lawn from getting destroyed. This will take a bit of training to get the dog to dig in the correct area, but will be worthwhile in the long run.**

Janice's Lazy Fruit Tart

A number of you have requested this recipe. It is so easy to both make and eat.

I make it up as follows: 6oz butter, 9 oz sugar creamed, add 12oz flour and 1.5 tsp baking powder and make up to a crumbly mix. Press about 2/3 mixture into a spring form tin and then cover with whatever fruit you wish. I often combine a 250gram packet of cream cheese with a tsp vanilla essence and an egg. Soften it in the microwave and then pour over the fruit before topping with the remaining mixture. Bake at 180c for about 30 mins or until golden in colour. Sorry the recipe is in both oz and grams but that is how old it is.

MEMBER HAPPENINGS

- ❖ Gail managed to leave her dog Jade behind at Ouruhia tied to the BBQ area and then only paid \$2.00 to get her back. I think we need to look at a new scale of fees here!!!

- ❖ Colin thought he had made a real find that would add money to the Tevra coffers when he found a pair of gloves lying in front of their van down at Ouruhia one day, but alas he did not pull it off as Barbara claimed them off him in no uncertain terms. Good try though Colin!

- ❖ Could age be catching up on some of our more “senior” members? Dawn was trying to drink out of her thermo mug and having problems when she put it to her mouth. It was suggested that she put the top on it, which she had not thought of, and guess what, it did not splash anymore.

A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

Sent in by Janet Cornelius

- 1. My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.**
- 2. Give me time to understand what you want of me.**
- 3. Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.**
- 4. Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up as punishment. You have your work, your friends, your entertainment, but I have only you.**
- 5. Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.**
- 6. Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.**
- 7. Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you, and yet, I choose not to bite you.**
- 8. Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if something might be wrong. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old or weak.**
- 9. Please take care of me when I grow old. You too, will grow old.**
- 10. On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so.**