



TEVRA TIMES - November 2011

FROM THE BOSS!

This year I have set aside November to prepare for Christmas instead of having that last minute rush but as November starts tomorrow I am trying to get all of my other chores complete. How many years have I said this now, but his time I mean it!!!!!!!

We have just come back from the NDOA in Wellington which is always a great weekend socially catching up with old friends from throughout New Zealand. This year was no exception but this time we had something extra to celebrate when Carol's poodle Morgan (Ob Gr Ch Inchcolm Captain Morgan CDX Gold) won the top test on 297 / 300 points. It was so exciting. Others in our group to perform well were Liz Dixon with Hugo who was placed 3rd and 4th in Special Beginners and Arend Van Den Bos who after a great deal of nagging (bordering on abuse at times) from Carol and I finally managed to get his size 12 feet heading in the right direction and was placed second on two occasions after a runoff for first on one of these. A few of us managed to get some minor placings but all in all it was not the most successful event for Tevra members.

As I write this Sheryl Lindsay in Australia is in hospital after suffering a stroke on Friday afternoon. So far it does not appear to have been too severe so fingers crossed for a speedy recovery Sheryl. You had better get back to those naughty little poodles who jump all over the table when you are not looking!!!

Once again this past year has been hugely successful despite all the problems that nature has sent us. There have been a number of new members joining us (and some of them don't even have golden retrievers) There are too many dogs to name who have moved up the tests this year but we do wish them all the best as they strive towards the goal of Ob Champion.

One of the many highlights for me was watching my group of ex Advanced Certificate handlers training and then competing for the first time earlier this month. Even if some of you never compete it is good to watch you not only getting, but being able to maintain, your dogs attention.

Well only another 8 weeks and we will be down at the Lakes again enjoying the time with our families and our dogs. As most of you know this is where Barbara and I change the world in terms of dog training. Thank you all for this year and I look forward to another successful year in 2012.

Regards
Janice



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



Firstly I would like to congratulate the Ex Certificate people (who are now the CD class) for the brilliant performance they put on at the Fun Day at CDTC, taking out 2nd & 3rd place in the Elementary competition ring. Well Done.

Training times are as follows:

Saturdays: Advanced 9.15am – 10.00am

Intermediate 10.00am – 10.45am

Elementary 11.00am – 11.45am

Fridays: Elementary 6.30pm – 7.15pm

We are having a break up in combination with Tevra obedience members, read Janice's notices. I would urge you all to attend with your families, we always have a fun time and love having you all there.

It would be interesting to have feedback on how you find the classes and if we are meeting your needs, for this purpose we will have a feedback box at our break up day so you may pop a note in anonymously or otherwise. Janice and I sit and mull over classes with a glass of VINO while down at the lake over summer. Your comments will be welcomed.

Help your dogs cope over the summer months by providing plenty of shade, airflow and cold water. Iceblocks are great in the water bowl. Airflow is the key to keeping dogs cool. Keep their coats brushed out and free from knots, particularly in the groin and skirt area for long haired dogs. If they are prone to overheating think about having their bellies shaved. Once again I get on my soap box about barley grass. Check your dog's coats regularly particularly if you have been out for the day among long grass. It does not take long for the seeds to pierce the skin and travel round the body. Both Janice & I have had the experience of dogs needing them cut out by the vet.

Last summer we know one or two dogs died in cars from overheating. **If you cannot leave windows open and park in the shade**, please leave your dogs at home when you go shopping.

Barbara



RALLY - 0

At the CDTC Fun Day in September Tevra Rally people had a great day!! In Novice Graham Averis and Mac were 2nd, Lynn Averis and Mac were 3rd on the same points just a small time difference!! Not bad for a first competitive run!! Fiona Scott and Stellar were 1st in Advanced!! Well done guys – keep it up!!

Tevra people at Mid Canterbury Rally in Ashburton made their presence known!! Linda George and Merlot had a great round in Novice B being placed 2nd on 100 points (only beaten on time). With one exception everyone had qualifying rounds on good points (see Tevra Rally results page on the website www.tevradogtraining.co.nz). Unfortunately the exception was me in Excellent with both Jade and Robbie, and both times I was the Dodo!! Just goes to show – do as I say not as I do!!!! Dave Donachie did a great job collating the results with very little delay, thanks again Dave.

Following training at Labour Weekend (which degenerated into a total shambles!!), the winners of the heats (despite some underhand tactics by one competitor!!) were Fiona and Stellar. Well done guys (hope the bruises are healing!!!)

Gail

OB CH Agrade Dilemma CDX Gold, ADX, SD

Liam is the face of Tevra Dog Training and at nearly 15 years of age is still going strong. Apart from being deaf he has all his faculties and still rules the Kirk pack of dogs. Liam is the ultimate pack leader being calm, arrogant and non reactive. He has taught us so much about pack physiology over the years. As well as having titles in obedience, agility and sled dog racing he is the oldest dog to ever achieve the title of CDX Gold which he did when he was 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old.



CD CLASS



Prizegiving photo from CDTC's Have A Go Day

This class is made up of handlers who have completed their Advanced Certificate Class but do not want to leave us, so they have started training towards competitive obedience and a couple of weeks ago they had their first competition with amazing results.

Steven with Dexter was 2nd and Meagan with Oscar was 3rd after a 3 way run off for 1st, so well done. Getchen and Mani were only 1/2 point behind with Steven and Keisha 1 point behind. Gary with Blue also did extremely well finishing 8th in a field of 14 dogs.

We were all so proud of how far you have come in the last few months. The support for each other within this group is amazing along with the friendly banter and abuse that goes on making for a very interesting 45mins of training from my perspective.

Training for this class will cease on the 26th November and recommence on 21st January 2012. We do hope that you will be joining us at the breakup on the 27th November.

Library

I have several library books now available to members of our group to read. The cost of this is \$5.00 per fortnight and you must be responsible for returning them on time. If you would like the list emailed please let me know.





CHRISTMAS BREAK UP & RESTART DATES

Our breakup this year will be on Sunday 27th November starting at 3.30 pm at CDTC training grounds on Marshlands Rd.



We will be making it a combined breakup with plenty of games and prizes followed by a shared tea so please come along and help make up teams who will compete for a trophy. All the games will be suitable for all abilities so please don't be shy and do join us.

Our mid week lunch will be on Wednesday 14th December at the Kaikanui Tavern 12.30pm. Please let me know if you will be coming along as I need to confirm numbers.

All certificate and CD classes will cease on 26th November and recommence on Friday 20th January while all competitive classes will cease on Wednesday 7th December and recommence on Wednesday 11th January.



Photo. Mr Kirk getting into the spirit of the 2011 NDOA Social function. Seeing as the Rugby World Cup Final was held at Labour Weekend also, the theme for the function was Rugby.

Look out Dan Carter!!!



A STAR IS BORN

Among us we now have a double film star to add to our list of achievements. Dawn and her border collie Maiyah have recently starred in two short films. As I write this Dawn is out at the premier of these films. I wonder if she arrived in a Limo walking on the red carpet with painted nails, styled hair and wearing a tasteful array of jewelry or if she decided to go incognito and travel in her vehicle and park it in the free car park area????

PLEASE DOES ANYONE HAVE....

A car seat and/or a collapsible cot suitable for a 2 year old, that they could lend me at the beginning of December for a week or so?

Thanks, Gail

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DOG YEARS TO HUMAN YEARS

The following table matches dog years to human years. It takes into account the fact that dogs mature differently than people. It also takes into account the dog size, which is a strong factor in determining expected lifespan. However, this is just a rough indication since the other aging factors discussed above (e.g. breed) are not included in this table.

Calendar Years	Under 20 lbs (9 kg)	20-50 lbs (9-23 kg)	50-90 lbs (23-41kg)	Over 90 lbs (over 41 kg)
1	15	15	14	12
2	23	24	22	20
3	28	29	29	28
4	32	34	34	35
5	36	38	40	42
6	40	42	45	49
7	44	47	50	56
8	48	51	55	64
9	52	56	61	71
10	56	60	66	78
11	60	65	72	86
12	64	69	77	93
13	68	74	82	101
14	72	78	88	108
15	76	83	93	115
16	80	87	99	123
17	84	92	104	
18	88	96	109	
19	92	101	115	
20	96	105	120	

The oldest recorded age for a dog is 27 years.

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- ❖ Dog Walking (In addition to being healthy for your dog, hiring a dog walker can make things much easier for you as well: you will no longer have to stress about having a busy schedule, and can relax with your pup when you come home from work. Furthermore: a dog receiving the proper amount of exercise is much less likely to misbehave.)
- ❖ Pet Taxi (to vet, airport etc within South Island)
- ❖ Pet Visiting (feeding and watering your pet while you're away on holiday – includes rabbits, guinea pigs, chinchillas, hamsters, birds etc)

Additionally we offer:

- ❖ House Visits (mail in, wheelies out, security check of your home while you're away on holiday)