



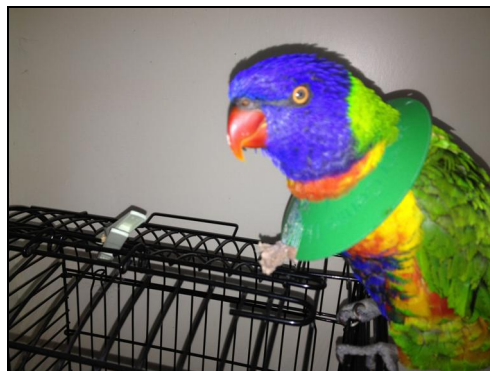
TEVRA TIMES – August 2012

THE BOSS SAYS....

THE BOSS'S REPORT – AUGUST

We are nearly back to the obedience competition scene and the days are getting lighter at long last so hopefully you are getting back your dog training motivation. It is very hard when everywhere is wet, dismal and cold. Only 5 weeks to daylight saving and then we will start our Friday night training down at the domain.

First of all and of course most importantly Danny would like to thank you all for the concern and good wishes you sent him during his stay in hospital a couple of weeks ago. He has gone back into hospital today initially as an outpatient to have the stitch removed but they have decided to admit him to make sure that there are no relapses. This involved another gassing and now it is fingers crossed that everything holds together. He is one tough bird considering the health issues he has had. He is not at all impressed with his Elizabethan collar that he must wear!



Well Carol is now back from her Pensioner OE having travelled a large distance in the last 6 weeks. Needless to say my two boarders have now returned to the comforts of their own home. There is something strange about a poodle when it is all wet and bedraggled from playing outside in the rain with the Kirk dogs. Half way through their stay here they got put into the hydrobath as they were somewhat grubby. They were not impressed as I did not have a radio playing soft music going at the time. They did like the bone selection here though.

On Sunday 2nd September Nicky Rutherford will be conducting another of her successful motivational seminars. Most of you came along to her last one and really enjoyed it. This one will be more involved. See information later in newsletter. Please note that there is a change in venue. It will now be held at the Canterbury Kennel Ass, Mcleans Island Rd under shelter. You should have already received this information via email a couple weeks ago. Please note it is free to members of CDTC but others will have to pay \$40.00.

As you will read further in the newsletter once again Tevra people were at the forefront when it came to the selection of the team to represent the Southern Region at the NDOA. Well done to you all.

Janice

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### **CERTIFICATE CLASS NEWSLETTER**

As I sit and write this newsletter it is cold, wet and dreary outside. The dogs are all wet and smelly having been for a huge run this morning in the wet grass but spring is almost here and the bulbs are all making a move so things could be a lot worse.

Our new Advanced certificate class is proving very popular with good attendances. One of the advantages of this syllabus is the flexibility which allows for dogs which may have particular weaknesses being better catered for.

We would like to welcome Melinda Williams who is helping Barbara with this class. Melinda has been involved in dog obedience for many years both as an instructor and competitor. This along with the fact that she has completed our Advanced Certificate class means that she has a good understanding of where you are all coming from.

As from 5<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a class on Friday evenings at 6.30pm if we have enough of you interested. Please let Barbara know if you would like to come along on Fridays. It does not mean that you cannot return to the Saturday morning classes if you are unable to attend on a Friday.

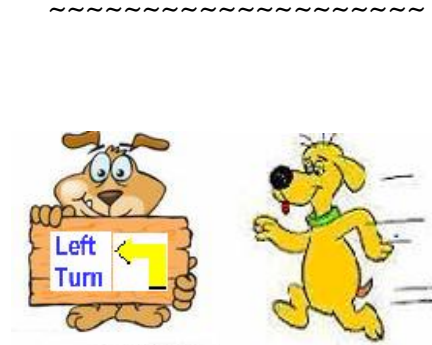
Some of you have been unable to come along over winter due to sports, holidays, sickness or just because of the cold weather. We would like to welcome you back into our fold if you would like to come along. Please let us know prior to coming so that we can place you in the appropriate class.

There will be on training on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

Classes at present are at 10.00am and 11.00am on a Saturday morning depending on which level you are working.

For those of you who pay your fees by direct credit the account number is 03 1585 0102954 025

Regards  
Janice and Barbara



## RALLY-O / RECALL

### NDOA

Although Rally is not yet ready to be included in the NDOA Teams Events, Individual trials will be held. There are two days of competing, Saturday and Sunday, and you are able to enter both. Entries are on the usual entry form, which can now be downloaded from the NZKC site and then photocopied. In order to enter you must also send in a Registration Form, which is in the Dog's World magazine. There will be other events happening so do support them and take the opportunity to see what happens in the other disciplines; non-competing spectators are welcome to come along.

### TRAINING DATES:

There will be no training on the following dates:

Saturday 25 August  
Saturday 1 September  
Saturday 23 September

### TRAINING TIMES:

When I send out the times, I would appreciate it if you would reply letting me know if you will be attending or not. This is so that I know how many courses and what levels I need to set out. It can be very frustrating to spend 1½ hours setting up three courses and the Recall course, and only a couple of people turn up!!

*Gail*

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COMPETITIVE TRAINING TIMES

As from the 29th August the following days and times will apply:

Wednesday: 8.30am – 3.00pm – Individual Sessions

Friday: 9.00am - 10.00am – Individual Sessions

10.00am - 11.00am - Group Session

Saturday: 9.00am - 9.45am - Elementary Group

10.15am – 11.00am – Group Sessions

11.00am – 12.00pm – Individual Sessions

Janice

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## TEVRA TEAM UNIFORMS AVAILABLE

We currently have available the following:

Tevra Vests \$85.00

Tevra Polo Shirts \$25.00

Black Dog Training Bags with Tevra Logo printed on them \$30.00

Navy Skivvies with Tevra Logo \$10.00 (XL sizes only)

Tevra Sunhats \$10.00

Tevra Beanies \$10.00.

**I'm ordering more of the Tevra Vests on 10 September so if you want one let me know.**

## CANCELLATIONS

If the weather looks to be, or has been suspect, please remember to check your emails for cancellation notices. If you don't have email access, please let your instructor know.

## **NATIONAL DOG OBEDIENCE ASSEMBLY(NDOA)**

As well as individual obedience tests 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) and the North Island makes up the other 2 regions (Central and Northern)

This year the NDOA is being held in Christchurch and of the ten places for team members Tevra handlers make up seven of them plus the coach,(Carol Lavery - also a Tevra member!!) which is a really good effort.

Successful Tevra Team Members :

Special Beginners: Karen Parnell with Willow

Novice: Liz Dixon with Major and Caroline Norrie with Molly

Test A: Colin Broadhurst with Tammy and Karen Winter with Brio

Test B: Heather Lauper with Bailey and Lesley Taylor with Freda

Team Coach: Carol Lavery

### **Helpers needed for NDOA**

Call Stewards

Time keepers

Scent Decoys

Full training will be given!!

*Please contact Janice for more information.*

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WHEN THE BOSS CAME TO STAY

Dawn Prattley

We all knew the Boss was going to move out of her house when the repairs to the paths and courtyard took place. She gave quite a bit of thought as to where she would go, drawing up a short list of her friends to see who would qualify, it went like this.

Qualification Requirements

Enough room for 1 large caravan, 1 dog control van, 1 Tevra dog van, 1 four wheel vehicle, 1 ordinary car, and 1 trailer

Big enough property to take 10 – 12 dogs and 1 bird

Far enough away from neighbours so barking won't be a problem

Secure dog area

Room to exercise dogs

No husband who will get p..... off

Person with a reasonable calm nature

And guess what, I ticked all the boxes, hence after the heaviest snowfall Canterbury has had in donks they all moved in. The first words Janice uttered were "Gee that was scary, I don't do ice" My reply was "News for you then, you won't be going anywhere for a while, the road doesn't get any sun, so will be frozen for a week or more" Being a solid sheet of frozen snow, our road was down to one way traffic. My driveway was also covered in frozen snow. I had managed to shovel enough snow away to get the gate open. For several days the only way to get through my gateway, was to stop in the middle of the road, jump out and open the gate, jump back in the vehicle, and keep the vehicle moving, because if you stopped that was where you stayed. The dogs just loved dashing about in the snow and till it thawed stayed relatively dry, but man was it cold.

Alastair gave us a fantastic demonstration of his superior man skills. He drove into my drive towing one huge caravan and OOOPS, we needed the caravan in first as there was no room to turn around.

He needed to back out and turn around on the one lane road and come back in backwards.

"IMPOSSIBLE" I said to Janice "I can't look". She said "Leave him to it, he is very good at this sort of thing" and sure enough next time I took a peek, (just to see if he had wiped out one of my gate posts) here came the caravan slowly winding its way backwards down my drive. I was in awe of his backing skills. Caravan was set up just in front of my garage, four wheel drive parked just in front as well. This position tested my driving skills to the max. To get out of the garage I had to shunt backwards and forwards about 20 times to avoid backing into the caravan or ripping the front off my car on the garage door frame. I only hit the garage once trying to get in (Said a naughty word I might add). Only one mishap was quite remarkable, as quiet often the car was all steamed up. This I am sure was mostly the dogs fault, they always seemed to want to stand and block my view out the back window. Thank goodness for the command DOWN

Alastair's next priority job was to get the Sky dish assembled on the roof of the caravan, while Janice's priority on arrival was THE BIRD. It was going to be too cold in the caravan so he had to come into the house. He got pride of place in the kitchenette and at first I was too scared to turn on the heat pump in case he got too hot. That soon wore off, as the weather stayed the pits, and the house got colder and colder. Next problem was my dogs who had to be banned from the house, due to the fact that, Maiyah had set his heart on poultry for dinner. Janice said Danny might start pulling out his feathers if he got stressed or bored. BORED, YOU WOULD BE JOKING. Danny did not get time to get bored, he was off every day in the van with Janice. He was also given freedom in the house at night. Janice said he just loves to climb about on a clothes horse. After he had poohed on my washing this activity had to be banned.

Once we sorted out where all the dogs were going to go we talked about duties in the house. Janice volunteered to cook the evening meals, I scored the dishes, cleaning and washing. Alastair was to be the odd job man. Everything ticked along quite nicely, although the cook did not turn up in time to prepare the meals sometimes. First day was brilliant. There was the Boss, 7 o'clock in the morning, in the kitchen preparing the vegetables for the evening meal. The fact the meat had to go in the oven at 3.30 and that she would not be home till 5.30 seemed irrelevant. I must add here, that I have been introduced to every takeaway meal you can buy and only once did I forget to put the meat on to cook. Once again not my fault I feel. I had been making a big savings on coffee while the Boss was here, as I had not received the usual number of visitors. Naming one Anne Readman, but she came to visit one afternoon. I turned the oven on to heat up, we were going to have a lovely piece of pork Janice had bought. As Anne got up to go about 4.30 she said "How's your meal doing in the oven?" OOOOPS senior moment, there it was sitting on the bench. It was cooked to perfection next night, crackling and all. We ate like kings and the Boss only put on 2kgs. She tried to copy Master Chef one day by making scones. You know how they always seem to show you on TV those little instances when things go wrong, well this was one of those. The scones looked quite impressive before they went into the oven. Lots of this and that drizzled over the top and score marks so the scones, when cooked, would break off as individuals. When the tray came out of the oven all we had was one huge blob. The score marks were nowhere to be seen. Presentation was about a score of 2, but taste wasn't bad and would have scored about an 8. We never got anymore scones made for us. I think I hurt her feelings when I went into hysterics.

Every weekday the morning routine was, Janice up first, let her dogs out to run in the small paddock, Alastair into the shower, giving me a call when he was finished. My turn in the shower, put on the washing, then out to take my dogs for their morning walk, back home to have breakfast. (Janice & Alastair had breakfast in their caravan) Janice's allotted shower time was in the evenings. She would come out all squeaky clean looking like a wee lolly pop in her bright pink striped PJ's, but it was a good job though I never met Alastair going to the shower, he had forgotten to bring any PJ's at all. Janice also seemed to have a problem in my toilet. It is a bit narrow I might add, but I never have a problem. She could sit down quite successfully, but when it was time to stand up she would send the toilet paper flying off the holder. A great ROAR would fill the house and you knew straight away where Janice was.

Getting washing dry was hopeless, hardly a sunny day. Thank goodness for the Kirk's clothes dryer. Janice would take the wet washing home to her house in the morning and bring it back at night lovely and dry. I made the comment one day how a bathmat would last me a whole week and since Alastair had arrived I had a sodden bathmat every morning, and do you know what, one word from the Boss and I never had another wet bathmat **How about that for training**. Alastair was puzzled he said "well what else was a bathmat for". I got a bit of free training as well. The comment was made that I had statehouse dishcloths. WHAT AN INSULT, just because there was a brown stain on it where a tea bag had been hift into the sink and landed on the cloth, but without a word all my dishcloths were out in the laundry sink soaking in a bucket of janola.

Alastair got 10 out of 10 on his odd job duties. He was very helpful while he was here, installing my new TV on a moveable arm. He also had a go at fixing my outdoor temperature gauge, but this proved a no go and had to be abandoned. Job number 3 was to attach my smoke alarm to the ceiling it had previously just sat on my kitchen bench.

The Kirk dogs thought my dog kennels could do with a bit of updating as well and set about destroying all the blankets to start with, moving on to the linings on the floor of the kennels, trimming these down to about inch squares. I wondered when I would find the floors ripped out, but no they stopped when they got down to bare boards. This was to say TAKE THAT MAIYAH PRATTLE, but all he had done was rip to bits one of their rubber mats, and it was only a little one. In the middle of all this my nephews big black Great Dane, Koby came to stay. I had agreed to look

after him long before Janice gave me the dates she would be coming. Koby is an inside dog so it was move over Danny we need room for one more bean bag. Janice hovered around a bit as Koby was just the right height to eyeball Danny. Luckily he showed no interest in poultry, in fact he got the sulks and would not eat for a while.

I did not realize that Janice was such a fan of Coronation Street. If she was not home, or on her computer, which seems to be permanently attached to her hands I might add, I had to video the episode. When it came to watching at a later date this was a beautiful example of a women being able to do two things at once. Alastair and I would be looking at the TV making comments about the impossible happenings on the street and the love affairs with everyone who lives in the street, while Janice tapped away on her computer never looking in the direction of the TV. Sometimes she was able to talk on the phone at the same time. I was thinking of a new name for her, like Wonder Women, but then I thought of those extra 2kgs, and those little pink PJ's.

One night I got this neighbourly invite from the caravan to come next door to see the rugby. They had Sky you see and I didn't. I said I would love to, so biscuit in hand I walked the 6 steps to the caravan. I thought I would need my scarf and woolley hat as the caravan is nowhere as warm as my house, but no, the wee fan heater was going full blast and it was quite cozy.

Finally the asphalt job was completed and the mass migration back to Kaiapoi started. It was a close shave for me as the very next day Justin and Morgan, Carol Lavery's black poodles were coming to stay with Janice. The caravan and towing vehicle stayed another week and the last little drama was a flat battery in the towing vehicle, but Alastair had come prepared with a battery charger.

I wasn't there to wave them all good bye but I think we are still friends.

Now one of the advantages of being the Boss is that I get the final say on newsletter articles so it is only appropriate that I reply to Dawn's article!

First of all let me make it quite clear that there were a number of offers to accommodate the Kirk clan so Dawn should feel extremely privileged that she won the ballot. There were a number of negative aspects to staying at the North Eyre Resort. I would not recommend the weather or the dark evenings, the chairs were that slippery that one evening mine threw me off landing me on my derriere on the floor, the language from management was rather colourful at around 5pm each evening when the emails were being downloaded and you could not even eat at the kitchen table as it was taken up by a giant jigsaw puzzle so it was eat on your knee or starve. The bathmat was not for standing on but was only for show so my poor husband had to dry himself with his flannel before he leapt out of the shower without putting his little tootsies on the bathmat. As for the dishcloth well those of us who are more mature may well remember the saying "someone's mum just doesn't know what someone's mum really ort to know that Persil washes whiter" The worst part was that Dawn likes to have her dishcloth hanging over the tap for all to see so really I was just making her kitchen more user friendly for all the visitors she had been telling us that she got. Well I hate to dispute this but even Anne Readman who had been mentioned by Dawn as a regular visitor who loved to stay on drinking Dawn's coffee only called in a couple of times. I wonder if it was Dawn telling us porkies or the fact that we were there that kept her "visitors" at bay?

Danny did enjoy his stay there especially watching Mayiah and Gillie being put outside on his account and also his prime position in the kitchen corner where he had a "Birdseye" view of the surroundings. He really did not mean to poop on the washing hanging on the clothes horse he just got caught short as can happen to anyone.

I guess in closing I must add the positives to staying at North Eyre Resort. Apart from supplying me with very warm slippers Dawn you were a good host to your guests so if any of you are looking for accommodation just give Dawn a ring. I am sure she will love to have you. Just a word of warning to any of you thinking about moving in with Dawn to make sure you take your own bathmat. Also just

be a ware that she does keep track of the sections of toilet paper used. Also the dogs will have to sleep on bare boards as there is no carpet in the kennels anymore!

Thank you Dawn.

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And finally.....



Our models Steve, Gretchen and Julie-Ann show off the latest fashion in tote bags for the well dressed handler!! These elementary handlers were working on their department.

# NATIONAL DOG OBEDIENCE ASSEMBLY 2012

## FUNDRAISER



Monday 3 September at 6.30pm  
2 Waterman Place, Ferrymead

\$25.00 per head with \$10.00 from each ticket sold going to NDOA fundraising.

All you can eat???

See your club Southern Region Obedience Delegate to order your tickets. The more the merrier!  
Please advise of any dietary preferences (e.g. gluten-free, vegetarian, dairy intolerant etc.)

## MERCHANDISE

The following NDOA 2012 items are available to purchase now.  
Supplies are limited so be in quick to avoid disappointment.

### SOUTHERN REGION SUPPORTERS VEST

These vests come in black with the Southern Region logo embroidered in colour on the front left panel. They are made from a good quality fabric and lined with polar fleece. Price: \$85.00

Sizes available are:

mens (looser style): XS, S M L XL 2XL  
womens (fitted style): XS, S M L XL 2XL



To order a supporters vest please contact Janice Kirk at [tevra@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tevra@xtra.co.nz) or phone 327 5758.

### BADGE

Great little badge with a gold pin and keeper.  
Price: \$10.00



### KEY RING

Super cool collectable!  
Price: \$10.00



To order a badge or key ring, please contact Helen McLellan on [Helen.McLellan@foodstuffs-si.co.nz](mailto:Helen.McLellan@foodstuffs-si.co.nz) or phone 03 312 2923