



TEVRA TIMES

March 2007

FROM THE BOSS !

Well the year is now well under way with some excellent results already. Of course this means lots of shouts for our Wednesday morning teas. Keep it up.

I guess one of the highlights for the year (so far) for me personally, was the opportunity to attend a training seminar with Lynda Ferguson from Auckland. Lynda has had an incredible amount of success with three different breeds of dogs. She has made up to Obedience Grand Champion, both an Australian Terrier and a Border Collie and is currently working a younger Australian Shepherd (all quite different dogs, both in terms of temperament and size)

We spent the weekend with her and picked up a lot of new ideas, which have since been put into practice with some of your training. It was really nice being able to sit and listen instead of doing all the talking. It was also nice to hear that in a lot of areas, we are still up with the play in terms of our training methods.

Next Friday (30th March) I am finally having my knee operation done again (hopefully for the last time!) I will not be taking training on Wednesday 4th April. At this stage Carol will take you but I will confirm this next week.

Our Elementary and Intermediate Certificate classes have all had their assessments with a 100% pass in the Elementary class and about an 80% pass in the Intermediate class.

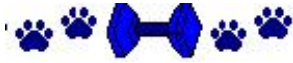
Congratulations to: Wayne and Creflo, Marie and Ollie, Clive and Mocha, Roxanne and Baillie, Sue and Amber and Chris and Kelly who all passed Elementary.

Also congratulations to Chris and Soli, Joanne and Saber, Nicki and Piglet, Billie, Mat and Murphy who all passed their Intermediate Certificate.

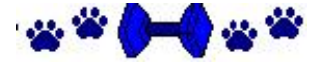
Our Advanced Certificate handlers start their assessments this weekend so all the best to them as well.

Well, that is my lot so keep on doing well and training hard.

Janice



OBEDIENCE



Tevra Trial

After the success of our last one on Waitangi Day I am organising another one for the morning of Anzac day which is Wednesday 25th April. I will send out further notices to you on this in the next couple of weeks but try to keep it free.

We are also planning to have some Agility competitions on that day as well so will let you know more about that also.

Hall Training

This will start on Thursday evening 12th April at the Clarkville Hall and will be held every Thursday evening until the end of September. I have the hall from 5pm until 9pm so please get your booking in early. It is intended that the Hall training will replace the Saturday training over the winter months as my Saturdays are getting rather filled up with the certificate classes and the domestic training. It also means that your training is not weather reliant.

Certificate Class Information.



As you will already have read we have completed our certificate class assessments for both Elementary and Intermediate. We now have different times and dates for some of the classes.

Wednesday 11.00 am – Elementary

Thursday 7pm (Hall) – Elementary (Puppies and young dogs only)

Saturday	9.45am – Elementary	2.00pm - Elementary (Advanced)
	10.30am – Advanced	3.00pm - Intermediate
	11.15am – Intermediate	

As you can see there are quite a few classes now which means that if you are unable to attend your normal class time you may be able to come along to one of the others.

Just a reminder to please pay at the commencement of the class so as not to cause too much confusion during the changeover of classes.

Training Dates for Saturdays (both Wednesday and Thursdays will be continuous unless you are told otherwise)

April - 7th (Easter), 14th, 21st, 28th

May - 5th, 19th, 26^t

AMBERLEY NEWS

Following a successful 2006, Tevra training in Amberley will continue this year with 6 people taking the Tevra Companion Certificate Course. Lynley with Max, Judith and Robert with Tilly, Melissa with Brandy, and Kate with Tammy will be assessed at the end of April for graduation to Intermediate while Karen with Che, and Judy with Jimmy have started on Elementary just this year.

It's been interesting for me as a trainer to realise the different problems experienced by the rural dogs. Some of them had not been off the farm, socialised with dogs other than the farm dogs or been on collar and lead until they came to training. All last years members worked hard and have come a long way. How far they've come will be tested at the assessments!!!

Well done guys – and keep up the hard work!!

Gail

Sadly Melissa Rigg passed away suddenly on 16 March.

Melissa and her chocolate lab Brandy were founder class members of the Amberley branch of Tevra and were working their way through the Tevra Companion Certificate.

Some of the Christchurch people training with Tevra will remember Melissa as a dog and human chiropractor; she also ran a kennel and cattery in Amberley.

Be at peace, Melissa.

GENERAL NOTICES



Wednesday Morning Teas

Please remember to bring your own Coffee Mug if possible. As the numbers are growing it is hard to have enough mugs on hand.

Egg Cartons

If anyone has any spare egg cartons, please could you bring them to training as I've run out!!
Thanks. *Gail*

Great Read – Cesar's Way

Cesar's Way – that tome of knowledge regarding important things canine – is now available in paperback at \$29.99. So far we have only found one shop stocking it – "Borders" in Riccarton Mall, but if anyone knows of anywhere else, please let us know.



Obedience & Agility Photos Online

For those who weren't aware, Christine Armishaw of Armishaw Photography, is often at local obedience & agility shows & currently has some great action photos available for viewing & purchase on her website www.petphotography.co.nz



Best Wishes

Everyone at Team Tevra wishes 'The Boss' a speedy recovery from her up coming knee surgery.....especially as we can all imagine how dangerous Janice could be with a pair of crutches in her hands!

Newsletter Items

Jo Wilson (not to be confused with fellow goldie owner Jo Donachie) is now helping out with the compilation of the Newsletter. If anyone has any items they'd like included for publication, please let Jo know, or email her at waimakgoldies@slingshot.co.nz

New Agility Equipment

The new multifunction contact trainer has arrived and will no doubt prove to be a very useful addition to Tevra's agility members. The new contact trainer combines the physical attributes of an A-frame & a dog walk all in a mini sized (& much easier to maneuver) piece of equipment.

