



TEVRA TIMES

May 2008

FROM THE BOSS !

I guess I do not need to tell you that Winter is almost here and along with it comes the frozen toes and fingers, as well as the unpredictable weather. Please check your emails if the weather is at all inclement as sometimes it does clear after I have made the cancellation call.

As most of you will already know, Rebel has arrived over here from Kim in Australia and has settled in extremely well, considering that he is an entire male, as are most of our dogs. He very quickly learned his place in the pack and now the majority of the time he conforms.

I have been training Rebel for when Kim arrives over here this coming Saturday night to compete with him at the Blenheim and Nelson shows. Kim arrives here at midnight on the Saturday and has her first competition, Selwyn's Ribbon Trial, on the Sunday morning at 9.30am, so I guess that she will get a quick lesson in dog obedience NZ Style.

Bullet is going very well for Kim in Australia and no doubt she will fill you in with her article later in the newsletter.

It is also that time of the year when handlers are being selected to represent our "historical" zone at this years NDTA. This will be the last NDTA as most of you know it, so if you are interested in being a member of this team, please do not hesitate to ring me as I have the forms that you need to fill out.

On the competition side we have had some excellent results coming through with quite a few handlers and dogs moving into the next test. Well done all of you and may the shouts keep on coming!!!

Well, that is it for now. Off to catch up on some shut eye before my visitor arrives. Keep up the good work

Janice

CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



Winter Training Times

Elementary Classes

Wednesday 12.00 noon – Ouruhia Domain

Saturday 10.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Saturday 1.00pm - depending on amount of interest

Intermediate Classes

Wednesday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Saturday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Advanced Class

Saturday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Unfortunately the Thursday night class has to come to an end as the hall is booked out for June & July and we are unable to find another Venue. Therefore, Thursday the 29th of May is the last class. Members from this class please try to find a time that is suitable on Wednesday & Saturday & let me know on Thursday night. A 1pm class on Saturday's may be initiated if enough interest is shown.

Health Talk

On June 7th there will be a talk given by a guest speaker on your Dog's Health. This talk forms part of the Advanced certificate course, but you are all welcome to attend, this will be taken into account for when you have reached the Advanced level. The usual class fee will be charged. This talk will take place regardless of the weather as we will use the building at Ouruhia Domain.

Arrival at Training

Please try to arrive at training at least 10 minutes before your class starts. If you have to rush out of the car and straight into class, your dog is too excitable to settle. The dog needs to be walked, toileted and given time to adjust to its new surroundings, before it can readily absorb training. If you arrive late please still do not rush. Calm your dog & settle it before coming into class.

Attendance at Training

Although you do not necessarily need to attend these classes every week, I ask that if you are not going to be there could you please let your instructor know. If for any reason you are going to be away for more than one session just advise your instructor. If you choose not to, or circumstances prevent you from coming back to training, an email or phone call is all we ask for. If you have a problem with your instructor, either speak to her about it or Janice is always on hand to discuss things with.

Cancellations

Cancellation of the day's classes will be emailed to you by 8am on the day of cancellation. If you do not check your emails every day, could you let me know so that I can put you on a phone list.

Assessments

These will be held on Saturday 14th June at the following times:

10am for Elementary & 11am for Intermediate.

The usual class fee will be charged. Those who are ready for assessment will be advised by me in advance. As I normally back up the people who are being assessed, Diane will be on hand to take the people who are not yet ready.

Please Note - There will be NO Training at Queen's Birthday Weekend for any of the classes.

Barbara



AGILITY TRAINING

Agility at Tevra is an ongoing activity with training being held most Wednesdays & also our new classes on Saturdays.

Just recently, some new equipment (a flexi-tunnel, dog walk trainer & steel based weave set) was purchased from the agility funds. These items are a welcome edition to the equipment already available (collapsible tunnel, set of jumps, tyre jump (plus mini dog tyre), and long jump). Other equipment available as optional will be an A-frame (getting maintenance at present), and a seesaw. Every effort will be made to bring this equipment on Wednesdays for those that wish to train.

Set up and training generally starts after the obedience stay exercises, which are usually at 11am, and is ongoing until approx 1.30 - 2.00pm. The fee structure for agility remains the same, \$2.50 for those who do obedience training that day with Janice & \$5.00 for all others. Payment is to be made before commencing training.

Please also remember that agility training is reliant on the equipment being available & set up into training modules. Some help with this duty by those who participate would be appreciated.

NEW ZEALAND KENNEL CLUB NATIONAL DOG SHOW 2008

For those who weren't aware, this year's National Dog Show is to be held in Christchurch, at the Westpac Arena, over a 3 day period, 26th – 28th September. This show is one the NZKC's premier events and includes breed showing, obedience and agility. Many of our Tevra members will be participating, which makes it an even more exciting event to watch.

As Janice is the Obedience Show Manager this year, some of you may be asked if you are able to help fill several roles within the running of the show. Below is the approximate obedience timetable. If you are interested in helping, please let Janice know.

Friday 26th September

not before 8am - Special Beginners not before 10am - Test A not before 2.30pm – Novice

Saturday 27th September

not before 8am – Novice (those not judged Fri) not before 11am – Test B

Sunday 28th September

not before 7.30am – Test C

Running in conjunction with the National Show is a Prelude Event which will be held on Thursday 25th at the Canterbury Kennel Association Grounds, McLeans Island. This will include breed showing & obedience.

More details will be available closer to the show date on the NZKC National Dog Show website www.nzkc.org.nz/nds2008/

NDTA - ZONE 4 OBEDIENCE TEAM NOMINATIONS

If you are considering attending this year's National Dog Training Assembly, held at Labour Weekend in Feilding & think you might have what it takes to try out for the historical Zone 4 Obedience Team, then please let me know as I have the appropriate nomination forms.

IMPORTANT NOTICES/REMINDERS

Wednesday Competitive Training

Once again, another reminder to PLEASE bring your own mug/cup with you if you are going to attend our morning tea shout at 10.40am. Also, please check you have all of your gear before leaving training as often a few things get left behind.

Tevra Training Bags

In 2005 Subway South City were kind enough to sponsor Tevra Dog Training handlers with some training bags. If you received one of these and are no longer using it, could you please return it so that some of the new people can have one to use.



Cancellations

If it is wet in the morning and then becomes fine later during the day, please ensure you have checked your emails for any cancellation notices before leaving for training. Sometimes people will still come along after we have cancelled earlier in the day.

Tevra Clothing

I have available a few of the Tevra skivvies, XL sizes only. If you are interested, let me know ASAP.

Mary Ray Competitive Obedience/Heelwork To Music Seminar – October 2008

I believe a few spectator places are still available for this seminar. If any of you are interested in attending then please let me know as I have the enrollment forms & you can also pay your deposit to me. Mary Ray Seminar – October 2008

Canine First Aid – Bee & Wasp Sting Treatment



The significance of a sting depends on the type of stinging insect, the pet's reactivity to the venom, and the location of the sting. The worst cases are usually a result of internal stings to the back of the mouth and throat area. Typical signs include pain, redness, swelling, itching and sometimes more severe allergic-type reactions like breathing or swallowing difficulties.

In cases of bee stings, carefully remove the stinger and if in an accessible area, make a paste of baking soda and water and apply. For wasp stings, bathe the area in vinegar. An ice pack can be applied to relieve swelling and pain, alternate it on and off the sting site.

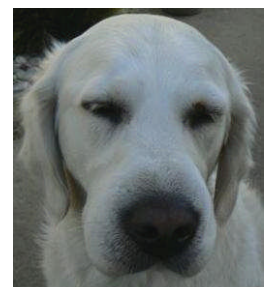
Usually a single sting does not present a serious problem. The exception can be the sting on the nose, mouth or around the head. If the swelling is minor, just watch your dog to be sure it isn't showing other allergic reaction signs and that it doesn't cause secondary problems by itching & rubbing the affected area. If however, the swelling gets huge within five or ten minutes, see a vet immediately. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Although not much help in a serious case, oral antihistamines can be given to help reduce the swelling & itching and are a useful item to keep in your first aid kit.

Two of the common ones include:

Claratyne (Loratadine 10mg tablet) – ½ small dogs, 1 bigger dogs
and

Benadryl syrup – 10mg (small dogs) 25mg (medium dogs)
& 50mg (large dogs)



Briar, showing the classic allergic reaction signs

BULLET'S "BULLET IN" FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ. I hope you all had a good Easter, I know I did. I got very spoiled.

Now that I am with the big guns doing Open it is not easy, even when we do a good round. The judges said to mum she should not have her hand where it is or she should not look at me. Like the other day, the judge said to mum she put a lot of pressure on me by looking at me and I only do the things because she looks at me.

I don't think the judge was happy with mum because I was off with the pixies and looked around so mum put an extra command in and that bombed us. The judge stopped us and started to tell us how good it was looking and why did mum put an extra command in? Mum said she was not happy about how I lost attention & that's why she did it. Then, as we were leaving the ring the judge said, "don't look at the dog". She must have thought mum was deaf because she started to yell at her "STOP LOOKING AT YOUR DOG" about 3 times. With that we stopped and played all the way out of the ring hehehehe.

We had a good trial the day before though, we scored 197 out of 200. Mum was very happy with me. We got 4th and the judge said the same things about the hand and looking at me. A lot of people knew my name but did not know mums name. They are saying "Bullet's a good working dog" and "what's your name?" One old man used to call mum "girly" but he stopped and said, "what's your name?" We have to get one more pass till we go up to UD.

Winnie has been very busy. She did very well at our Sydney Royal Easter Show on Good Friday. She played Flyball and they won and then two days later she was pouncing around the show ring where she won her breed class. Winnie and Grandma won in the ring last Saturday so now they are training for Open.

Louise (part of TEAM NZ) has just got another pass with Venom and they too won in the ring on Sunday and they are now training for Open as well. Poor Bee (Louise's other dog) still has one more pass to go till she can go up. Louise gets in trouble too because of her hand position and she looks at her dogs too.

I hope Rebel has been good to you all. Mum is looking forward to coming over on Saturday, spending time with you all and doing some training and some shows with Rebel. It has worked out well because while both of my mums are in NZ, I have the run of the place and Grandma and Grandpa Lindsay let me do what I want I get away with murder.

The weather is starting to get a bit colder now so I love to come in and watch TV at night with all the poodles. It gets a bit crowded on my bed because the poodles insist on sleeping with me.

That's all till next time, take care.
Bullet.



A new award & this month's recipient has been known to have lost training items before. On the occasion in question (a very recent Championship Show) she had just completed her Novice heelwork & recall but when she went to get the dumbbell, it was gone!

After a bit of a panic & certain other innocent people being possibly accused of removing it from the table, the "missing" item was found, safe in her training bag!

Congratulations Jeanette Miller, I reckon that's worth a shout!