



TEVRA TIMES

September 2008

FROM THE BOSS!

Well, I survived the knee replacement and now the big exercise is to convince the new knee that it really is a normal knee and should act like one. Unfortunately, this is not always the case and it does take some work to change the things that it would prefer to do, to the things that it has to do. However, with a little help (and a lot of pain) from a certain friend I am making progress.

During my absence the training has been ticking away well and I would really like to thank Barbara, Colin, Carol, Gail, Jo D, Jo W and Linda for making it possible for me to rest up and concentrate on the knee.

As we at last move into spring and the days become longer, the number of shows and dog related activities increase. The National Dog Show is on at the Westpac Arena from 26th - 28th September with dogs competing in Breed, Agility, Obedience and Working Trials from throughout NZ, so if you are able to, you may wish to come along and watch. Early October sees some of us off to Dunedin to a Mary Ray Seminar. Mary is one of England's top handlers in both obedience and heelwork to music so it is a great opportunity for us to listen and learn. End of October sees us heading off up to Feilding to the National Dog Training Assembly at Labour weekend.

Our certificate classes are going really well with lots of graduations. Barbara is doing an excellent job of organising these, along with Carol's expertise as an assessor, so thank you very much both of you. Jo-Anne Donachie has also done an excellent job taking the Advanced Class during my absence. It is also good to see our Saturday morning agility classes running with the advanced beginner dogs at 9.30am and the new beginners class starting at 10.45am. You will see in the Advanced Certificate Class report that we are now offering a display team class. If any of you have your dog under reasonable control and would like to join this class please let me know.

Some Saturday's down at Ouruhia we almost need a parking warden especially at the moment with a large area of parking roped off due to the wet ground.

Well that is it for now from the boss.

Janice

Editors Note: *It's great to see the Boss back up on her feet after her recent operation. Just make sure you listen to your health professionals Mrs Kirk or the surgeon may have to pay you another visit!*



BARBARA'S CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



Are we looking forward to spring or what? Anyone who is not sick of muddy footprints & the smell of wet dogs must be a Saint.

We would like to congratulate the following people who have passed Elementary and are now heading into the Intermediate class;

Leisha Thompson & Reiba, Julie Youngman and Flynn, Tammy Steeves and Sula, Catherine Shanks and Saffie, Jo Smith & Archie, Casey Rozynski and Ollie, Lynn Pahl & Murphy. Jan Scandlyn & Gracie, Jo Brenford & Ralph only missed the sit stays & will redo them in Intermediate. Well done to all of you.

Take note of the class times below & come along the following week to your chosen Intermediate class. For this you will need 12 scent cloths all the same material, either buy them from Janice for \$7 or cut them out yourself, 200mm x 200mm (preferably hemmed).

Anyone still training with big plastic bags with your treats in them, can I suggest you get a bait/treat bag from Janice and hang it from your pants or pocket. Otherwise, please use a small bag in an easily accessible pocket. Treat bags last forever if you don't let your dogs play with them.

CLASS TIMES

Elementary - Wednesday 9.45am - 10.30am
Saturday 10am - 10.45am

Intermediate - Wednesday 12.15pm - 1pm
Saturday 11am - 12midday

Advanced - Wednesday 11am-11.45am
Saturday 11am - 11.45am

Please note these points on your calendar

There will be no training on the 27th September for all classes due to the National Dog Show. Saturday training will change to a Friday evening from 31st October, as your instructors will be away most Saturdays at shows. If you cannot make it on the Friday evening, Wednesday times are available to you.

Welcome to new members I hope you enjoy your time with Tevra.

Barbara

AMBERLEY TRAINING REPORT

After a long absence, training at Amberley has recommenced on Sunday's (when the weather allows!). Currently we have two regulars, Ruth with Deeva and Mari with Rosie, with Coral and Bella coming when they can. Hopefully when the weather improves we will be able to recruit more 'victims' to join our class!! We concentrate on fun and socialising for dogs and owners, and Deeva and Rosie certainly seem to enjoy themselves!!

Gail



AGILITY TRAINING

We are now holding agility training classes down at Ouruhia on a Saturday morning. We have two levels of class.

9.30am - Advanced Beginners class for dogs/handlers who have had some experience.

10.45am - Beginners class for dogs/handlers who have never trained agility before.

The cost of these classes is \$10.00 per time, reduced to \$5 if you are training in another class that day, so why not come along and try it if your dog is over 12 months of age.

ADVANCED CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION

Huge congratulations to the following, who have all passed their Advanced Certificate. These dogs have had to learn a huge variety of exercises to achieve this so well done to:

Merete Gowans & Zoe (Goldie/Lab X), Nicki Keen & Piglet (Staffy), Jo Snelling & Sabre (Sibe-bord), Fleur Walls & Cushka (Goldie/Afghan X), Chris Hickson & Kelly (Border Collie), Roxanne Ramsay & Bailie (Sheltie) & Christine Youngman & Poppy (German Shepherd)

It is really pleasing to also know that some of you do not wish to leave us so you have been given the following options. These classes are also available to other certificate class people who have got their dogs under reasonable control.

Agility: Training is held on a Saturday morning for the more advanced starting at 9.30am. Cost is \$10.00 per session (reduced to \$5 if training in another class on the same day)

Display Team: Come along and train to make up the Tevra Display Team. Cost is \$10.00 per session with the money going towards display costs, uniforms etc. This class will not start until Saturday 4th October at 10.30am.

Competitive Obedience: A small group training session working towards competing in obedience. Cost \$10.00 per half hour session. This class will start on Saturday 6th September at 10.00am.

Please note there will be no training on Saturday 27th September as the National Dog Show is on at the Westpac Arena.

Christchurch Dog Training Club - Stewarding Seminar Saturday 18th October 2008 9am – 12noon

CDTC (Marshland Road) are holding a stewarding seminar for those who either wish to learn about stewarding (Novice level & above) or sharpen up their skills. Remember, stewards play a very important role in our sport & if there aren't many available, then shows will suffer.

Learning to steward is a great way to put some time back into YOUR sport so why not go along & see what it's all about. There are mystery prizes & lunch will be provided.

Also required are some dogs & handlers (Novice to Test C) for the stewards to practice on. There will be two rings running on the day Ring 1 - Novice and A Ring 2 - B and C.

If you are interested in either or both of the above, please let Joanne Hammond know ASAP email jhh@whitefox.co.nz or phone 03 327-3976

BUY, SELL & EXCHANGE COLUMN

If any of you have items to sell, exchange or are looking for something in particular to buy, then let Jo Wilson know & she will advertise it in the next issue. Jo can be contacted by phone (03) 3298640 or via email waimakgoldies@slingshot.co.nz

PETROL VOUCHER FAIRY?



In early July, Barbara returned to her vehicle on a Wednesday morning to find that some good fairy had left \$40 worth of petrol vouchers on her front seat. She has no idea why, where or how they got there and if they were meant for her. She has not been able to thank the person and if they were not meant for her, then someone else is missing out somewhere. Can you shed any light on Barbara's dilemma?

CONGRATULATIONS

Recently, a team of dogs from Christchurch Dog Training Club competed against club teams from within our Zone (Ashburton to Nelson). This team was made up of (R to L) Neinke Swale & Lance, Alastair Kirk & Streak, Jo Donachie & Chloe, Sonia Parnham & Spring and Carol Lavery & Morgan. All of those handlers also train at Tevra. The CDTC team won the event, which was a huge thrill for the Tevra crew.



But wait, there's more.....

In October this year, a team made up of one dog per test will travel to the National Dog Training Assembly in Feilding. They will represent our Zone (Zone 4) against the 4 other Zones that make up NZ Obedience.



We are so proud to say that the team of (R to L) Kim Lindsay and Rebel for Special Beginners, Susan Tansey and Clutha for Novice, Joanne Wilson and Briar for Test A, Colin Broadhurst and Indie for Test B and Carol Lavery and Morgan for Test C are all from Tevra Dog Training. This is the first time ever that this has happened. I guess I might as well add that the Team Coach is none other than the Boss herself.

Both of the above teams were announced or competed on the one day. It was a truly proud day for us here at Tevra!

BULLET'S "BULLET IN" FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

Even though I am now a UD dog I am still able to enter Open. I have won a couple of times and got some seconds. They do funny things in UD, e.g. I have to run to a box and sit in it, I have to do distant control but mum is not allowed to talk to me as it is all done by signals. I'm good on the stand and drop but when it comes to the sit I find it hard not to return her wave to me. This must make mum happy when I do this cos she laughs. They do a thing called articles and it's a bit like our scent cloths but it is done with leather, wood and metal. I don't care much for the metal but I'm doing it. I have still got lots to learn for UD.

Grandma and Grandpa Lindsay have been very busy over the last two months building a room for the poodles. It has got air-conditioning, hydro bath, and grooming tables. It has even got big cages to sleep in. I was made to try it out and it was really not that bad. I didn't mind having a bath and even sleeping in there with the poodles. It was better than sleeping out side in my jim-jams that Grandma Lindsay made to keep me nice and warm.

I have sent my doggy friends over there in NZ my favourite treat recipe. I hope you like it (see below).

That's all till next time, take care.

Bullet

PS. Last week I caught a great big rabbit that was bigger than the poodles and I buried it under a tree. Now mum is saying that it was probably old and it died of fright not because I got it. How mean is that !!!!

Bullets Sardine Treats

Ingredients.

4 tins of Sardines in oil or you can use 1 large tin pilchards

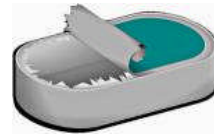
4 Eggs

As much Garlic or Garlic powder as you like (optional)

Plain Flour

Method

Put sardines (or pilchards) into a bowl and mash with a fork. Add 4 eggs and garlic/garlic powder. Stir in enough flour to make a consistency that will just about drop off the spoon. Put into a greased dish and cook for about 7 minutes in the microwave. Let it cool and cut it up into small pieces and bag up. It freezes really well if you get the mixture right.



I get to lick the spoon.

Love Bullet XOXOOXOXOXO

NEMO HITS JAPAN!

Whose Separation Anxiety!? Traveling to Japan from Christchurch is a long journey. Nemo left home a night before to catch a morning flight from Auckland to Tokyo next day. I left home next morning to catch the same flight. I had a sleepless night without Nemo. Earlier this year I had to go to San Francisco & Nemo and I were separated for almost five months, so being away from her for 30 hours was too much for me. A day before, when Nemo was put in a carrier to measure the total weight at the airport, she kept screaming as if it was the end of the world, and that added my anxiety. Could Nemo handle a long flight to Japan?? Because Nemo and I were on the same flight, I felt a little better once I got on the airplane, but every time when the airplane hit the turbulence, I had an anxiety attack. When I arrived in Tokyo, Nemo was still in the carrier and did not realise I was nearby. She was very calm sitting in the carrier and looking at an airline personnel as if saying "Excuse me, but

where are you taking me now?" Despite my worries, she looked relaxed, not panicked or tired at all. I finally felt relieved. BUT, as soon as she saw me, she returned to needy puppyish Nemo & she started to scream. When she was finally allowed to get out of the carrier at the quarantine office, she jumped into my arms like a baby monkey!

Toilet Training Again

We finally arrived at my parents' place, and the first thing I wanted Nemo to learn was where to pee. My mother had expected Nemo to pee in a doggie toilet, just like many other dogs in Tokyo, but she also prepared artificial grass on a balcony. Nemo had tried to use the doggie toilet when she was a puppy, but she missed the target most of the time, so I stopped using it. Fortunately she seemed to like the artificial grass. Next time when she wanted to pee, she went to the balcony door and asked me to let her out. Good girl, Nemo!

No more big dogs!!

A morning after our arrival in Japan, we went for our first morning walk. We ran into many dogs, a red toy poodle, a black toy poodle, a silver toy poodle, a miniature dachshund, a bichon... unlike in Christchurch, most of the dogs we met were of Nemo's size! Despite my excitement, Nemo wasn't interested in other dogs, although she wasn't afraid or didn't ask me to pick her up, so that's good, but she is rather indifferent to other canine beings!

Tokyo Fashion!?

During our first walk in Tokyo, I found myself being different from other dog-walkers. Everybody except me was carrying a tote bag. Is it a Tokyo fashion?? Then I saw them taking out a water bottle and pouring onto their dogs' pee. Yes, in Tokyo you have to carry not only poop bags but also a water bottle to clean after your dog's water business. We got a free tote bag at a vet that day and joined the crowd!

Tokyo Street Walk

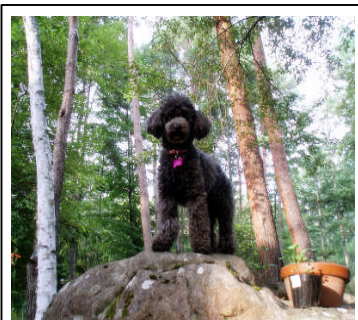
Summer in Tokyo is hot and humid. After 8am it's already too hot for dogs to walk. Nemo and I are not good at getting up in the morning, but thanks to the jetlag, both of us wake up before 6am, and so it isn't so bad. But the evening walk is a problem. I was not used to walking after dark, and so I have to keep telling myself "It's safe in Japan." Nemo looking not a good bodyguard, I usually end up begging my mother to walk with us.

The biggest problem for Nemo is Tokyo traffic. It's not just cars and trucks but streams of people as well. As you know, Tokyo never sleeps. I try to choose quiet back streets, but once in a while we have to cross or walk a little bit of busy streets. Nemo is a country girl after all....

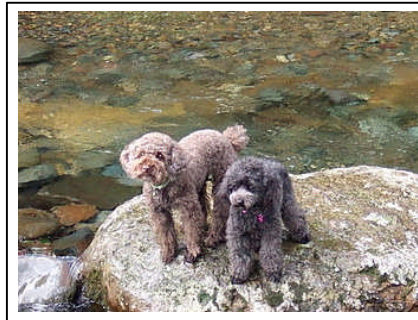
Finding a spot for Nemo to poop is another problem. Fortunately Nemo quickly learned to poop on a small patch of grass between a paved street and a wall which we can find occasionally. It's as small as 10cm wide, but she seems to be happy as long as her paws are on grass when pooping. Thank you, Nemo, for having such a compact body!

Lots more adventures!

I talked about rather miserable stories in Japan in this report, but we have lots of fun adventures too. Nemo taking a bus for the first time, visiting 'Japanese' dog parks, shopping at an outlet mall, summer fireworks, gourmet culture in Japan, etc. We will send you another report later!



Nemo On The Rock!



My new friend 'ALPHA'