



TEVRA TIMES

From the Boss

This is the one newsletter that I really look forward to sending out every year because it means that winter is behind us. Yay!!! Luckily, we have not had many cold, dark, wet mornings this year where we stand outside at 7 am looking at a black sky and trying to decide will we or wont we cancel training. However, summer is on its way and soon we will be complaining of the heat again.

Over the last month I have attended and spoken at two training workshops in Wellington and in Auckland and have come back with some new ideas to enhance our training classes. There is nothing like a good training workshop in any discipline to get you motivated. The first one in Wellington our CGC trainer Steve attended with me. Along with some very good ideas on how to run a smooth assessment we also attended lectures by Kevin Stafford from Massey University and Mark Vette from Auckland and both were thought provoking with some very robust discussion re the power of positive training versus compulsion training.

Two weeks later I was one of four guest speakers at the Dog Trainers Association workshop in Auckland which was basically on how to run training classes especially for children as well as training methods. All very good.

Something that we take a great deal of pride in at Tevra is that we always try to keep up with the latest methods of dog training while still staying within the parameters of what we believe in. Whenever there is a chance for our trainers to attend learning workshops we always grab the opportunity. Whenever there is a chance for our trainers to attend learning workshops we always grab the opportunity.

On another note, life around the Tevra camp is its normal chaotic self at times with winter colds, muddy dogs (both boarding and Kirk dogs) and an increasing number of dogs coming in for training. We appear to be one of the few trainers who will take on aggressive dogs for training, so we are getting an increasing number of these coming in. In most cases this aggression has been caused by owners who think they are doing their

PLEASE....Let your instructor know if you are not going to be able to get to your class. All contact numbers are at the end every newsletter.

If you've decided to take a break or do not wish to continue training, again, please let your instructor know.

dogs a good service by spoiling them so that the dog ends up as the pack leader and has no one that it can lean on in times of worry, so it goes into defensive aggression. This is very common when it is out walking on the lead and another dog approaches. When you are worried and the person on the end of the lead is not strong enough to protect you what else is there to do. The dog very quickly learns that by lunging or barking it can make the “scary thing” go away. I really believe that the increasing number of dogs with this problem is a direct result of the only positive training methods being used where there are no boundaries. Boundaries are not cruel nasty things they are there to give the dog confidence.

If you are happy training at Tevra, we would really appreciate it if you could put a review on our Facebook page.

Well there is my piece so enjoy the Spring and we look forward to seeing you at training.

Uniforms

I am putting in an order for the polo shirts at the end of August if anyone is interested

Janice



Like us and place a review on Facebook



OURUHIA DOMAIN

We are fortunate to have this area for training so just a reminder to park (tidily) on the grass verge beside the first area. Also, to ensure you pick up **all** your dog's droppings (which I'm sure you all do anyway!).

Dog must be on lead at all times, unless the particular exercise you're working on requires them to be off.

PARK 2 (THE ONE WITH THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND) IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL TEVRA DOGS ON SATURDAYS

Please be aware that we are under public scrutiny all the time we're there.

Cancellations

All Saturday training will be at Ouruhia unless otherwise notified.

The initial cancellation notice will be via both email and Facebook but if we have to cancel once we are already at the venue it will be via Facebook only. If in doubt, please send a text to 0274 570 819 or for Rally to 021 105 3255 (Gail). If you need to have a text or phone call please let me know.

Please please please check your emails and Facebook regularly for any cancellations. Don't just assume that training will be on. I need to make the call first thing in

the morning and sometimes the weather does clear but by then it is too late to change so for the sake of checking it may save you a wasted trip. The weather pattern at Ouruhia and Leithfield is often quite different to both Christchurch and North Canterbury so please don't assume that because it is raining in your part of town that it is also raining at Ouruhia or Leithfield which seem to have a weather pattern all of their own.

Also can you please ensure that you have given me the email address you can and do access in weekends?

Gail will contact the Rally people by text. Please be sure to acknowledge her text.



Competition Class

Carol is still taking the Wednesday group at Ouruhia and has a good attendance while I take the Friday group from Leithfield which is also growing in numbers. I do also have a couple of spare slots on a Saturday at Ouruhia and once the weather improves more evenings from Leithfield.

The season is about to crank up again with a number of shows between now and Christmas so keep up the good work and hopefully you will all be in the line ups.



Pet Manners Classes

Christchurch

Welcome to my new Saturday class where we are making some good progress.

Nick with Max, Liz and Richard with Jazz and Ruby, Frauke, Donald and Lenny with Max. Erin with Buddy, Averil with Summer and Bailey, Elissa and Ari with Coco.

Good luck to my 11.00 am class who are sitting their CG Basics assessment on the 25th August. You can all achieve this so go for it. You guys are working so well toward being Flyball Champions !!!!!

I really do enjoy working with both of these groups as there is just so much to teach myself as well when working at this level. I love seeing the look of excitement on the handlers face when they achieve.

Ginnie

Leithfield

Welcome to my new group who started their class on Sunday. Great to see you all again and some good work has been done. Lots of laughs in the class which is so important.

Sandy with Bella, Treena with Carter, Andrea with Boris, Jonty with Tonto, Kevin with Koda, Steve with Sarge, and Elizabeth with Rosie.

Janice

Canine Good Citizen

Sometimes our classes appear to be a bit confusing in terms of what your class is really called.

When you first start in our Pet Dog Manners classes we teach you the fundamentals of basic control and how to have fun with your dog through the teaching of fun exercises.

From this class you sit your Canine Good Basics assessment around 8 – 10 weeks after you have started with us.

After you have passed your CG Basic assessment you can either join the Variety class or go straight on to CGC (Canine Good Citizens) if that is where you wish to head with your

dog. The variety class is where we give you a taste of all the dog sports we offer i.e. Rally, Agility, Competitive Obedience and CGC foundation work. If you chose to go straight into the CGC class of foundation, bronze, silver and gold. CGC (Canine Good Citizens) is a Dogs NZ recognised award for dogs who are well behaved in public and do not have temperament problems. While not all dogs are suitable for this award in terms of both breed and temperament if your dog can perform the exercises to the same level or you as a handler simply do not feel confident you will be moved on up through the classes,

It is important to us that we offer you the dog sport you enjoy most so please do speak to Janice on this.

Janice

Foundation Class

Oh, how I would love to be in my classes!! Every time I try to organize something special in training there are 1 or 2 people away on overseas holiday. LOL. Hope you are all having a great time.

Last weekend the Saturday people had a tour round Kaiapoi learning how they and their dogs should behave on the Roads footpaths and shopping areas, Sunday people did the same tour on next day, but it was not as busy. All dogs behaved extremely well, even passing prams on the swing bridge on the Sunday walk. Then going for coffee, where one of the ladies even met up with relatives of her dog.

Everyone enjoyed their break away from the usual training grounds.

I am planning a walk with both classes on **Saturday 18th August** at 10.00. Let me know if you will be away that day.

Saturday 22nd September will be the assessment day for Foundation and Bronze, cost is \$30 per Assessment.

Barbara

Agility

Agility seems to be dropping off a bit the last 2 or 3 weeks at Ouruhia, may be because of winter or just people wanting time out.

Please try to **contact** me if you cannot come and let me know the week before if you know you are not going to make it.

Training has fallen by the wayside altogether at Leithfield. Question is, Is Agility still wanted as a fun training run. People who have not been for a while, you know who you are, could you please let me know if you still want training.

Sorry to sound so Negative.

Colin



Steve's CGC Class Walk.

TEVRA 2018 CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

OURUHIA DOMAIN

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

Rally-0



We've been really lucky with the weather over the winter months (so far!!) and apart from it being cold we've been able to have training most weekends. Do remember that the ground can still be soggy from the frost melting so wear appropriate footwear. As I've said before, if you are warm and dry wearing your gumboots, it's OK as far as I'm concerned. (Hopefully by the time this newsletter gets out, the frosts will have gone anyway!!)

The introduction of the new signs seems to have gone well, particularly the poles, and despite some other trainers saying their people are having problems with them you all are coping with them very well!!



Recently Melinda, Tony and I attended a Rally-O workshop run by Selwyn Dog Club where all the Novice signs were discussed and any problem ones with Advanced and Excellent clarified. It was a very useful day and I think we all got something out of it.

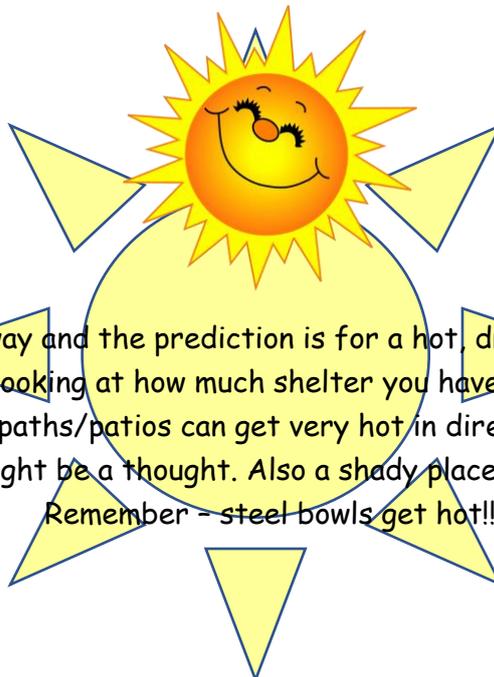
A reminder that I *do* need to have a Yep or Nope reply to my text by Thursday each week so that I can set up appropriate courses, and if the numbers are going to be down I can combine the two morning classes. I appreciate things can crop up at the last minute, but if that's the case please let me know as soon as possible.

At the Selwyn Rally- Champ show this weekend, Janet Cornelius (one of our more senior handlers) and Border Collie X Midge strayed somewhat from the path and finished up totally confused – but both came out of the ring with huge smiles on their faces to receive much applause and support from the audience.

For me, this is the very essence of Rally. Having fun, supporting the teams, being able to laugh at yourself - and accepting that others are laughing *with* you not *at* you!!

A reminder there will be no Rally training **Saturday 25 August**.

Gail



Summer *is* on the way and the prediction is for a hot, dry one!! Now could be a good time to start looking at how much shelter you have for your dogs. Keep in mind that concrete paths/patios can get very hot in direct sun, so some sort of floor covering might be a thought. Also a shady place for the water bowl.

Remember - steel bowls get hot!!

Profile: Colin Broadhurst

Who was your first dog and what breed? **"Queen" and she was a Samoyed Lab Cross**

What did you do with your first dog? ie Obedience, Agility, nothing much? **Just a family pet that let the cat lay on her back in the sun, and the guinea pigs followed around.**

When did you start competing and what in? **I first started competing in Agility in 1995 with Barbara's Obedience Dog Tasha a Groenendale, and then went on to run her in Obedience. She was a great Agility dog winning many ribbons and prizes. Not very good at competitive obedience though.**

How did you first become involved with Janice/Tevra?

With Janice in 1994 when we took Tasha to Domestic Obedience classes, then on to Competitive classes. We were there on the first night the (as it was then known) Waimakariri Dog Obedience Club started up. With Tevra we were one of the first to go to her when she started Private training.

How long ago? **24 years we have stuck with together!!**

What is it about a) Agility and b) Obedience that makes them "your" sport? **Working as a team with your dog, training him /her and getting results. Seeing the dog enjoy the sport as much as you do.**

What has been your greatest achievement in life, not necessarily doggish and not counting getting Barbara to marry you!! **Playing Hockey for Canterbury, (on our honeymoon). Breeding our own Obedience Champion.**

How long have you been married? **52 Years - I deserve a medal!**

Are your children involved in the dog world? **Our eldest was but no longer competes.**



The Great Dog Bottom Swap

The day had arrived for the Dogs' Summer Ball.
All the dogs in the world were lined up at the hall,
Where a sign on the door said, "Now please be so kind
As to keep your coat on but remove your behind.
Please hang up your bottom on one of the pegs
And remember, no growling or cocking of legs."

So as they went in - every dog, pooch and pup -
They took off their bottoms and hung them all up.
Hundreds and hundreds of little pink 'o's
All neatly arranged in methodical rows.

What a feast the dogs had at the ball on that night!
The table was quite a magnificent sight.
They dined on fresh giblets and dog-biscuit stew
With slippers and old dug-up sheep bones to chew.
Then doggy-choc ices all creamy and brown
And fresh puddle-water to wash it all down.

When the poodles had cleared all the food bowls away
It was time for some fun from the dogs' cabaret.
The pekes did a song in ridiculous hats,
And a labrador told a rude joke about cats.
Then Coco the Conjurer got a huge laugh
By pretending to saw a dalmatian in half.

"And now," Coco said, to great woofs of applause,
"It's time for the dancing, so up on your paws!"
"Look at us!" said an over-excited young hound
As he whisked a fox terrier clear off the ground.
"Watch out!" cried a sensible boxer named Clive
As the hound and the terrier started to jive.

They swirled and they twirled ever faster and faster
Until - oh dogastrophe! what a disaster!
The twirling was more than the afghan could handle -
He suddenly tripped and knocked over a candle,
Which fell on the curtains, which promptly caught fire
(Being old and quite cheap), sending flames ever higher.

Some dogs broke the rule that forbade hind-leg-cocking
But the fire soon spread with a speed that was shocking.

"Don't panic!" barked Clive in a great fit of passion.
"Let's all try to leave in an orderly fashion!"
But that was an order they chose to ignore
As they scurried and scuttled like heck for the door.

As the last dog shot out of the hall with a bark
The lights all went phut! and the whole place went dark.
"Wait a minute!" said Clive to the panicking mutts.
"Our bottoms! Our bottoms! We must save our butts!"

So into the cloakroom they bumbled and tumbled
And soon all the bottoms were hopelessly jumbled
As every dog grabbed the first bottom they saw
And fled the great fire with a bum in their paw.

Luckily every dog got out alive
And no one was caught by the fire except Clive
And some others whose tails had been singed all away
(Which is why all those dogs have no tails to this day).
And all the dogs' bottoms were rescued as well.
But because of the darkness no doggy could tell
Whose bottom was whose in the panic and scrum
So each dog went home with another dog's bum.

And ever since then when a pair of dogs meet
In the park or the playground, the woods or the street,
Each dog gives the other dog's bottom a sniff
To see if it has the particular whiff
Of the bottom they lost on the night of the ball
When the dogs hung their bums on the hooks in the hall

A childhood poem remembered by Elaine Stringer



FOR SALE



\$20.00 each

Great for teaching a dog how to play as well as teaching impulse control.

Tevra Uniforms



Polo Shirt \$25



Jacket \$65

Contact Janice-

Tevra Boarding / Day Care Kennels

We have fully fenced secure areas. Four sheds accommodate 10 dogs with enclosed kennels and runs. Various other kennels and runs suitable for dogs of all sizes as well as a family area with their own runs and fenced area. .



Most of you will have seen our kenneling set up, but those who haven't are welcome to come and view by appointment.

We are keeping the number of dogs limited, with a preference towards dogs that are trained in the Tevra system and are therefore socially well behaved dogs able to play together in the paddock when not resting in their kennels.



Bookings for Christmas are coming in thick and fast. We are now *fully booked 27 December to 1st January.* So if you want a booking get in **NOW!!!**

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DIRECT PAYMENTS:

Unfortunately, despite several pleas for these payments to be made on the day of training, we have found that it is taking up too much of our time chasing up non-payments so have had to make the following decision: Payment by D/C will only be possible if you pay for 5 sessions in advance unless you are advised otherwise. We will keep a record of the dates and will advise you when you have used the payment up. Obviously, you are also able to keep your own records as well if you wish. If this is going to be a genuine problem, please let me know

Payment account numbers:

All payments (except Rally)

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