



TEVRA TIMES

April 2007

FROM THE BOSS !

First of all, I would like to welcome both Barbara Broadhurst and Donna Cochrane to the training team. As some of you will already know Gail is no longer training with us and with the numbers continuing to increase, particularly in our certificate classes, some more help was needed.

Barbara and Donna have both had many years of experience in dogs so I am sure that they will do a very good job.

Now that the knee operation is over, I hope to be about the competitive ring more in the next few months. Last Sunday I came to the Waimakariri Dog Obedience show and spent some time videoing most of you in the ring. The most talked about problem with dog training is that performance isn't equalled in the ring when compared to training. Most of you need to seriously look at areas that really showed up in the video. For example, the speed that you are walking (mostly too slow), and the stern look on your face with the eyes looking straight ahead, whereas in training you are looking at your dog. The dogs, especially in the lower tests, do not know that they are in the ring. We tell them through our body language. Remember that communication via body language is very strong in the dog, after all they do spend about 95% of their day observing.

That aside, we have had some excellent results lately to the extent that we have quite a waiting list of Wednesday morning tea shouts lined up. Jo with Chloe, Linda with Merlot, Elizabeth with Chance, Sonya with Spring, Jeanette with Mysha and Viv with Bindi have all moved up a test which is great. Congratulations to you all.

Lastly, please remember that we are not only at shows aiming for success, but also to enjoy our sport with like minded friends, competitors & our canine companions. Things are not always going to go as planned and one of the best lessons you can learn is to take the good with the bad & strive for an improved performance next time you are in the ring.

Well that is all for this month so take care and happy training.

Janice



TEVRA TRIAL - REMINDER

When: Wednesday 25th April 2007 (Anzac Day)

Where: Mairehau High School Sports Grounds, Innes Road, Christchurch
(as used by Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society)

Time: 9am – 12pm

Cost: \$5.00 per dog per Obedience Test & \$2.50 per dog per Agility Class

Running Order: Special Beginners, Test A & Test B followed by Novice, Maiden and Test C.

Note: Test A will commence at 9.30am to allow the judge to compete in another Test first.

Agility: Agility classes to include, Maiden & Starters Jumpers, Beginners Novice & Novice

Lunch: A combined lunch will be held at the completion of the trial so please remember to bring a plate with something yummy on it to share, plus your own cup & plate.

CCATS have kindly allowed us to hire their facilities as long as we abide by some simple rules:

Please ensure ALL dog poo is cleaned up off the school grounds and placed into the bin/bag provided near the clubrooms, NOT the school rubbish bins
No dogs in the clubhouse due to mouse poison being laid

CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION

The popularity of these classes continues to increase, to the point where I now have two new instructors helping out.



Barbara Broadhurst has been involved with dogs all her life and has trained with Tevra since we first started in 1997. Barbara is now taking classes on Thursday evenings as well as on Wednesday mornings.

Donna Cochrane, whom most of you will know as our resident groomer, is now taking the Saturday afternoon certificate classes. Donna has also been training with us for the past ten years.

Training dates for Saturdays in April & May are as follows unless advised otherwise:

April 21st, April 28th, May 5th, May 19th, May 26th

Assessment Dates:

Advanced Certificate - April 21st, May 5th (Exercises to be advised)

Intermediate & Elementary Certificate - May 26th

WET WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

With winter fast approaching, please remember that if training is cancelled due to weather conditions, an email will be sent out to you by 8am. If you do not have email access, please let Janice know so she can arrange another means of notifying you.

Janice's contact numbers are (03) 327 5758 or Mobile 027 4570 819

HALL TRAINING

Hall training on a Thursday evening at Clarkville Hall has now started and will be held every Thursday evening until the end of August. At this stage there is no extra charge for this but the costs for the hire of the hall are due to increase shortly so as they say "watch this space". As I only have the hall from 5pm until 9pm, please make sure that you book in early as the spaces are limited.



DEPARTING OUR SHORES

A number of you will remember Yvonne Adams and her long coated German Shepherd bitch Bailey, who trained with us both in the Competitive class and the Advanced Certificate class. Yvonne, along with her husband John and Bailey have decided to return to the United Kingdom to live.

We wish all of you the very best and Yvonne, we will miss your sense of humor (albeit a little warped at times) and we'll miss Bailey's zest for life.....to put it mildly.

TEVRA JACKETS

We have a couple of XL size Tevra Blackdog Jackets left for sale at \$45.00

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA'S

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



RECIPE - VE'S DATE SPECIAL

For those who have sampled the YUMMY slice that Linda George makes sometimes, here's the secret recipe!

6 oz melted butter
1 cup sugar)
1 egg) (beat well)
1 teasp ginger
1 ½ cups chopped dates
3 cups rice bubbles

Beat egg and sugar, and add to melted butter in saucepan.

Then add dates and ginger, stir & cook 3 minutes (careful not to burn).

Cool and add rice bubbles.

Roll in coconut into small logs or balls.

Wrap in baking paper, or glad wrap.

Store in fridge, cut into slices, eat and enjoy.

SOME COMMON FOODS TOXIC TO DOGS

Apples, Apricots, Cherries, Peaches and Plums - These five fruits aren't usually thought of as toxic foods, however, they contain a type of cyanide compound that can poison your dog if he eats enough of the stems, seeds and leaves. This can result in dilated pupils, breathing difficulties, hyperventilation, shock, and apprehensiveness.

Chocolate - Chocolate is toxic due to the chemicals theobromine and caffeine, and its high fat content.

Theobromine and caffeine are nervous system stimulants. These chemical levels increase as the color of the chocolate gets darker. White chocolate has the lowest amount of theobromine and caffeine, followed by milk chocolate, dark chocolate & cooking/baking chocolate is the most toxic. Toxic effects include, vomiting and diarrhea, hyperactivity, restlessness, muscle twitches, increased urination and excessive panting. Internal symptoms include increased heart rate and blood pressure. Seizures may occur in the most severe cases of poisoning.

Coffee Grounds and Beans - Coffee grounds and beans have caffeine in them, and dogs that eat them can suffer from caffeine toxicity. The symptoms of coffee toxicity are similar to the symptoms of chocolate toxicity, and just as serious.

Macadamia Nuts - Macadamias are one of the mystery toxic foods when it comes to dogs. Although researchers still have not determined what causes their toxicity, as few as six nuts and as many as 40 nuts, can cause severe poisoning. The symptoms include abdominal pain, vomiting, pale gums, stiffness, lameness, difficulty walking, tremors, weakness, and depression.

Onions and Garlic - Onions and garlic contain thiosulphate, the chemical that makes them toxic for dogs.

If you feed onions or garlic to him regularly, his red blood cells may weaken and literally fall apart. The thiosulphate can reach toxic, even deadly levels, if he eats too much of either food. Without treatment, severe anemia and death can result from overeating. Humans have an enzyme that allows us to digest onions and garlic, but dogs (and cats) lack that enzyme. This can result in vomiting, diarrhea, gas or gastrointestinal pain and distress. These symptoms might not appear for a few days, which makes it much harder to pinpoint the poison. To avoid this problem, be sure to keep these toxic foods away from your dog.

Grapes and Raisins - Yes, grapes and raisins can be toxic foods to dogs. The ASPCA has received about ten reports of grape and raisin poisoning of dogs. All the dogs in these reports ate from 9 ounces (250 grams) to two pounds (900 grams). They all developed kidney failure. Scientists and vets still do not know why the kidneys fail, or the amount of raisins or grapes that can cause toxicity.

Yeast Dough (Unbaked Bread) - If you bake bread, you know that the dough needs a warm, moist environment to expand. Your dog's stomach is a nice warm, moist environment, and so, the dough can expand to many times its size when first ingested. This distends his abdomen and can cause pain. Another issue with raw dough is the rising process itself. The dough rises because the yeast ferments it. The fermentation results in alcohol, which can cause alcohol toxicity.

Alcohol - Dogs are susceptible to alcohol poisoning. Symptoms include, slow respiratory rate, increased urination, staggering or a wobbly gait, excitement, depression, disorientation, behavioural changes, hypothermia, seizures and cardiac arrest. To protect your dog, keep all

alcohol containers (liquor and wine bottles, beer cans and bottles, glasses and tumblers) out of his reach.