



## TEVRA TIMES

April 2009

### FROM THE BOSS!

First of all I would like to say thank you so much to Joanne Wilson, Joanne Donachie, Carol Lavery and Gail Hamling for organising our recent Tevra Trial day which was well attended and went very smoothly. Also thank you to Colin Broadhurst, Joanne Wilson and Dawn Prattley for judging, along with the stewards, time keepers etc. The feedback from the two other judges, Arend van den Bos & Miriam Dobson, was very positive.

As you have already been told the funds raised from these trials is kept in a separate fund to be used for the purchase of equipment for running them, as well as other expenses incurred, such as judges gifts, venue hire etc. The balance in this account after the last trial is \$174.03. This was greatly helped by the raffle income which raised \$56.00 (thanks to Carol Lavery who very kindly donated the raffle prizes). We had 32 entries in Obedience and 17 in Rally-O. Great effort considering it was a long weekend and a number of you were away.

Once again we have some very good new talent coming along which is so important. Michelle with Bentley, Roxanne with Bailey and Barbara with Dazzle have all had some excellent results and already look quite professional in the ring. Shortly we will see Karen with Brio and Vicky with Fleur coming out to compete. Just starting is Karen and her border collie puppy Luka.

I have recently been over to Australia and trained our "International" branch of Tevra Dog Training and I am so pleased to say that Kim, Sheryl and Carol's puppies and adult dogs could compete well over here. It was nice to see them all going so well. Keep it up ladies!

In early April Tevra was invited to do a demonstration at the Bark in the Park event. Many thanks to those who not only helped out, but were also part of the demonstration. An extra big thank you to Ruth and Sharyn who travelled down from Amberley not only help with the Rally-O demonstration, but also on the stall.

Congratulations to Cynthia Muir and Kiki who have passed their Tevra Advanced Certificate. Well done as there are a number of exercises to achieve the pass.

Well I will end it at that as I know that this short newsletter has now grown somewhat so all the best for the up coming shows. I am in for a rather busy time both here and overseas over the next few months so not too sure when you will receive another full newsletter.

*Janice*

### Wednesday Training – Wet Weather Days

If the weather isn't favourable on a Wednesday, we may be able to use the Clarkville Hall (Heywards Road, off Tram Road) if it isn't already booked, so if in doubt, please check your emails after 7.30am to see whether we are going to be at Ouruhia or Clarkville Hall. This

applies to our competitive & certificate members. Please note that my cell phone coverage isn't too great when I'm in the hall so checking your emails is best.

## **DOG TRAINING - THE DANNY MILAN WAY**

Hi guys,

Some of you will have already met me. I am Alpha in the Kirk household, so much so that when my Mum gets up in the morning, the first thing that I tell her to do is to make my toast and honey before she has time to even make her own. That side of the Kirk training is going very well. I must be Alpha cos look where my story features in the newsletter.

I also have my Dad trained so that when he is sitting watching TV, I assist him in all the thoughts that he is having at the time. He always asks me what I think about the cricket and rugby and together we sort the world out (after I have managed to have a few misdemeanors down his clothing first of course!)

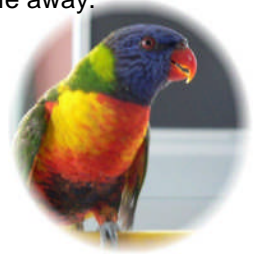
Well, yesterday I decided that it was time to take on these dogs. Actually I have already learned how to tell them to lie down and how to be quiet but you know how it is, you cannot just threaten, you must take action, so, I did!

I waited until Dad (a bit forgetful at times) put me into my outside cage (I have 4 different sized cages you know!) and he forgot to shut one of the doors properly, so I decided it was time for action. Out I got and into the dog run area I went. I had to walk as some B \*\*\*\* keeps on taking to my wings with the scissors. I managed to get under the gate and then it was all on. Myself versus 3 dogs, but I was not scared. I used my knowledge of calm assertive energy cos my Mum had told many people that is the way to show true leadership.

All went well until they decided to take me on in numbers so I forgot about the calmness and I yelled at them real loud and then do you know what happened? My Dad came out to see what was going on just as I was about to really lay down the law physically and he picked me up (minus a few tail feathers but I had gained a bit of dog slobber) and took me away. I am sure he thought I was being too hard on the boys!!

Anyway, I am sure that they will have a lot more respect for me now. Unfortunately Liam was not there so next time it will be Alpha upon Alpha.

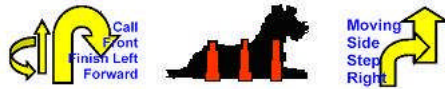
Watch this space for more training tips from Danny Milan - Parrot Whisperer.



## **WELL DONE MOLSON**



Pips dog Molson is pictured here showing off his fantastic prize (a year's supply of Purina One) after winning a contest for the cutest dog.



## RALLY-O REPORT

Recently, I spent a most enjoyable (and educational) weekend in Feilding attending the first meeting of the brand new NZARO (New Zealand Association of Rally Obedience) and spending the weekend at the first official NZARO competitions.

The weekend got off to a great start! While on the plane prior to take-off at Christchurch Airport, we were informed there was a slight delay due to a minor engineering hitch! It turned out we needed hydraulic fluid – I'm glad someone noticed!! Once we finally got off the ground, it was an easy one hour flight to Palmerston North during which we witnessed the most amazing sunset above the clouds.

Linda Guinness, who is the National Organiser for NZARO and the driving force behind Rally-O here in New Zealand, met me at Palmerston North and we drove to Feilding where Linda lives, and was also billeting one of the judges, Anne Hoovegeen.

Saturday was beautifully sunny as we headed off to Timona Park where Rally-O was being held as part of Feilding Dog Training Club's Champ Shows. I helped Flora McPake who was that day's judge, to put out the course, and somehow found myself in the role of Steward, something I've never done before and was somewhat dubious about given my limited knowledge of Rally-O!! However, Flora was very helpful giving me a lot of useful hints about course layout etc. People started wandering over from the Obedience area to "have a look" and we persuaded quite a few people to enter and give it a go! A lot were hesitant at trying something so new, but finally curiosity overtook them and we finished up with an entry total of 38!! There was some curiosity about the Tevra Dog Training and K9 Wear logo on my t-shirt, so I was able to spread the word of Tevra to the North Islanders!!

It was very gratifying to see so many dogs and handlers enjoying the Rally-O course, and there were many discussions as to how to get it started in their own areas.

After a long day basking in the sun (hard work but someone has to do it!!) we returned to Linda's house where the NZARO meeting was to be held. 10 people attended and much discussion went on to appoint a NZ wide steering committee to get NZARO formalised as a "stand alone" association separate from NZKC. The committee will be drawn from volunteers nationwide so that every area has an opportunity for input. The meeting was followed by liquid refreshment and BBQ, with Linda's four dogs (and Ted the cat) acting as very effective vacuum cleaners!

Sunday again dawned clear and warm, this time with Anne as the judge and a new course to learn. Again we had a lot of interest, and 36 entries. The general consensus over the two days seemed to be that Rally-O was fun, and had its place as both domestic fun training and as a competitive sport. I was thrilled to see that in the overall performances, Tevra trained dogs and handlers could have held their own well in the ring as they seem to have more Rally-O knowledge and experience than most of the people entering!

Anyway, I look forward to seeing more of you giving it a go, especially with a competition planned at the Tevra Ribbon Trial on Easter Monday!!!

*Gail*

### RALLY-O ACTION SHOTS

#### **Photo Left**

Two of our Amberley members, Becca with Mocha (doing a down stay) and Sheryl with Brooke (on the course)



#### **Photo Right**

Southern Region Chairperson, Arend van den Bos, having a go at Rally-O At our recent Tevra Trial





## AGILITY TRAINING REPORT

Welcome Autumn/Winter. Agility training is set to continue with Linda George. The current balance of our agility fund is \$114.00.

**Congratulations to Baxter, Stella, Saffie, and Maddy for completing the pre-agility class.**

### **Beginners Pre-Agility Training**

Pre-agility is for dogs between 12-18 months old (and often older dogs to help with the basic experience of agility). This class introduces agility - jump basics, learning a simple weave, some 'contact' training, and tunnels.

There is going to be a further four week course held on Saturdays 9.15am on the following dates. May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (extended dependent on Queen's Birthday weekend). Further Saturdays will be included if training is cancelled because of rain. The full four week cost is \$40.

**Maximum class size is 6 – and I already have 2 enrolments (Archie and Reba).**

### **Advanced Pre-Agility Training**

For those that have continued training on the Saturdays, this will be available, with short sessions of ¾ hour. This will include running a course each week (starters/novice level), and short sessions on strengthening jump skills and weave poles.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per session (reduced to \$5.00 if training in another Tevra class on that day)

### **Class Timetable**

Saturday mornings, (note - there will be no training on occasional dates due to weather conditions &/or shows)

**Beginners Pre-Agility: 9.15am - 10.15am**

**Advanced Pre-Agility: 11.00am - 11.45am**

Contact Linda George [Linda.George@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Linda.George@xtra.co.nz)

Or Janice Kirk [kirkj@clear.net.nz](mailto:kirkj@clear.net.nz)



### **Wednesday Training**

Agility equipment will be available each Wednesday.

**Cost:** \$5.00 (reduced to \$2.50 if training a session with Janice on the day)

## NDTA - SOUTHERN REGION TRIALS

The 2009 NDTA (National Dog Training Assembly) is to be held in Mosgiel over Labour Weekend. Nominations for those who wish to take part in the Team Trials are now being called for. You have until June 30<sup>th</sup> to put your name forward for the trials.

If you are interested, please contact Arend van den Bos (Southern Region Chairperson) to obtain a nomination form & further details. Arend can be contacted via email [arend7@xtra.co.nz](mailto:arend7@xtra.co.nz) or phone (03) 349 6243. Alternatively, if you want to know more, ask Janice as she has once again been appointed as "Team Coach" for this year's event (well done Boss).

## COMPETITIVE TRAINING TIMES MAY-JULY

**Wednesdays** 8.30am – 3.00 pm (Ouruhia)  
**Thursdays** 2.00pm – 4.00pm (outside at Rice Park, Clarkville)  
4.30pm – 7.00 pm (inside at Clarkville Hall)  
**Saturdays** 8.30am - 11.00 am (Ouruhia)  
Outside of these times by special arrangement only (i.e. travelling)

## OTHER INFORMATION

- ❖ If you have a Tevra Training bag that you are no longer using, can you please return it to Janice so it can be lent to someone else.
- ❖ The current balance in our "recovery tin" is \$26.00 with \$2.00 to come in once the owner of a left behind dumbbell & clicker pays the "recovery fee".
- ❖ Monogrammed Tevra Skivvies still available (large sizes only) \$20.00.

## THANK YOU

I would like to give a BIG, BIG thank you to the Tevra Dog Rescue Team.

When I took ill on a Thursday in March, I knew I should have dialed 111 but my thoughts were for my dogs. I could not go and leave them shut up in their runs. On the Friday morning I had no say in the matter and had to abandon the dogs. I was supposed to be travelling to Nelson for a tracking trial and Vicky Greive (a Tevra pupil) was going to travel in convoy with me. She had come to my house to see how I was. Not being able to find me (just my dogs) she rang Janice.

Here I was lying in A & E and my cellphone rings. "Where are you?" asks Janice. "Hospital" was my reply. "What can I do?" said Janice. "My dogs are at home" I said. "Leave it with me" said Janice, and in 10 minutes the phone went again. "All sorted" said Janice. Vicky took the dogs to Janice's place, and Janice then took them on to Susan Sheppard's on her way to the Timaru show.

All I can say is thank goodness for good friends. You can find some real beauties in the dog world.

Dawn Prattley  
MAIYAH and SOX

## MORE FORGETFUL MOMENTS

A few more incidents passed on to me by others.....

It seems the Boss may have been working her trusty sidekick Carol a bit too hard as she had a bit of an oopsie a wee while ago. Carol took Morgan to the groomer to be prettied up, only to find on arrival that she was there a week too early!

Here's a tip from Jeannette Miller for you newer competitive people. If you are going to enter a show, make sure you SEND in the entry, don't fill it in & leave it sitting in the NZ Dog World Magazine & then wonder why you haven't received any information about the show.

AND, if you have lost something (like a cell phone) make sure you check everywhere before getting people to launch a grid search of the park (when the phone was actually under your

## BULLET'S 'BULLETIN'

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

I had a lovely surprise when Mum and Dad Kirk showed up in February. I showed them how I was learning my UD work. I'm pleased to tell you all that it is coming along nicely. Sometimes I get a bit confused after I do the seekback exercise. Then the next exercise is the box with the directional jumping. I run flat out to sit in the box then for some reason I jump up and start looking for the seekback again. Then mum just comes up to me and puts me back in the box. Then the fun stuff happens when she points to either the bar jump or the broad jump and I jump it. Sometimes I get too excited and take the wrong jump. But it is happening not as much now as I'm getting better at it.

Not much else has happened so that's all from me.  
Wove Bullet. XOXOXO

## REBEL'S (TEVRA'S A ONE) REPORT

February was very exciting for me Grandma and Grandpa came over to see us. It was very lucky that my toe, hip and shoulder were all better and I could do some training. I have started to do bits and pieces from the higher tests so that I can go right through when I am ready.

Howie and I get on real well, we run round and play but I don't like it when he digs in the dirt and then jumps all over me and gets me all dirty or when I try and go to the toilet in peace and quiet.

He just does not understand you have to do these things by yourself.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April it will be my birthday. I hope I get lots of presents.

Wove Rebel. XOXOXO

car seat) isn't that right, Jean Borthwick.

## G'DAY FROM TALLAN

As you see I can now speak Aussie really well, our grandcuds are helping me (oops I slipped, it's now grandkids). I hope you understand me with my new accent. Today my mum took me Tracking training! First my mum got out this old thing she called a harness. My brother Bill and sister Trip got all excited and wanted mum to put it on them but she said that it was now mine. Gee I'm lucky! Mum woke me up when it was still dark and we went in the car for a long, long way to some strange place where it was so hot and with lots and lots of long grass. Then she put this harness thing on me. It was really, really, really heavy because it was made for Bill. She then got her friend to hold me and walked off with my special toy calling to me but her friend wouldn't let me go! Silly woman! Mum then dropped my toy and walked back to us. She then gave me her old sock to smell (pew) and clicked and treated (I know how to do that). Mum then said 'find the track' and off we went. I got tangled up in the grass, I had to jump on my back legs over and over again to see where I was going (everyone laughed and said that is because I am a Sibord! What do they mean?) I know that there were scary things in that grass, we have bad snakes over here and guess what – they wanted me to 'track' through it!! I tried to tell them that it was better if I just closed my eyes and jumped like a real Aussie Kangaroo, but they didn't believe me and wanted me to sniff along the ground. Anyway, I found another old sock and a little dish with REAL roast chicken in it, yummy, Mum got all excited and jumped about patting me and cuddling me (she does that a lot you know but we won't tell Grandma Janice). We did this a few more times and Mum was really pleased with me. I think I like this Tracking thing but Mum is a bit confused because she is always telling me not to pull on the lead and today she was telling me that it is just fine to pull – go figure these humans!!

Fair Dinkim I can't wait til next time (told you I could speak Aussie).

Tallan

## HOWIE THE WONDER DOG

As the Sydney Royal Easter Show draws to a close, the Lindsay's household has been very busy. Dad Lindsay competed with Holly on Good Fri in Flyball. Holly as usual gave it everything she had to make Dad very pleased, her team came 1<sup>st</sup>. in 3<sup>rd</sup> division. Bundy's turn came on Sat and Sun a 2-day comp. Again Dad Lindsay was pleased, with Bundy performing like a champion, their team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> division.

My Mum also has been competing with the spoiled poodle Winnie. Last Wed in her conformation class Winnie gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the bitch that went on to win Best of Breed. If that wasn't enough to give Winnie a big sense of importance, she also took part in the Mass Obedience Demonstration Thurs and Sun nights in the main arena and performed very well in the small dog team. The spoiled poodle also took part in the Flyball demonstration on the same Sunday and she ran 100% perfectly.

Now back to me Howie, my training is coming along fine, Great Grandma Kirk popped up in OZ, just to spend time with me, don't tell Bullet and Rebel I said that, because it is all about me. Great Grandma Kirk is VERY PLEASED with me. My Mum is getting there and she is now looking like a NZ handler (whatever that means)

You all can ask Great Grandma Kirk why my nickname is Howie the wonder dog (because I don't know). Then could someone tell me?

Wove Howie the Wonder Dog.  
XOXOXOOX.