



TEVRA TIMES - APRIL 2010

FROM THE BOSS!

Hopefully you have all looked at our new website which now contains a photograph section which will be updated after most of the shows. There is just one more addition to go on and that is a photo of Danny, as he is a most important part, if not THE most important part, of the training team, as those who come along on a Wednesday will know. He is rather a fair weather trainer though and if the weather is not just perfect he does opt to stay at home in the warmth.

I am writing this at the end of a long, but very successful weekend of triple obedience shows, along with an official Rally event run by the ChCh Dog Training Club, at the RDA venue in Wigram. What a great job the club did of organising this. Congratulations to them for taking on such a venture. The venue was great, the catering was excellent and all appeared to run well, in a relaxed manner.

There were some great results for Tevra with some of the classes having up to four out of the five place getters being part of our Tevra group. I can still hear Margaret Van Oosten when they announced that she had won Test A on the Sunday with Esther saying, "Yeh we have beaten Bramble!" Although the results will be mailed out separately, I must congratulate Gail on winning Rally with Jade. Our Rally group continues to grow with one of our originals, Cynthia Muir, now on the judging panel and I believe she has her first appointment shortly. I am always amazed at how much time Gail spends setting up the courses on a Saturday morning down at Ouruhia Domain for these classes.

Even if I am the name behind Tevra I have to say that it is great to have such a group of people who do support each other and are genuinely pleased for their success as well as feeling for them on their not so good days. When I first started out in 1998 there is no way that I thought it would grow to this extent and to have a training group of people who make it all so worthwhile. Without you all there is no way that I could run competitive training as well as certificate classes, agility, rally, Flyball, and even a special needs class. We recently had a visitor from Auckland (hence the packet of Jaffa's sitting in the morning tea draw) who was quite blown away with the way our group worked together and the things we have achieved. Anyway, enough of that sentimental stuff and on with the newsletter.

Alastair has completed his 4 week "special needs" group training sessions and has made a real impact on these dog/handler combinations and most of them have now slotted back into their original classes, with much improved dogs on the end of the leads, which of course, makes much more relaxed owners and this in turn makes much more relaxed dogs so, all in all, a win/win situation.

FROM THE BOSS CONTINUED!

Our new flyball group is coming along well with Colin's guidance but as we no longer train on a Friday night over winter, he is only available on Saturday mornings when he is not at a show. You will read in the newsletter the agility report, with training continuing on Saturday mornings only, thanks to Linda's dedication.

Sunday of last week Tevra was asked to put on a display at the "Bark in the Park" event at the Groynes. So, thank you very much to Gretchen and Mani, Lynley and Riley, Lois and Elle, Anne and Grommit, Michelle and Bentley, who were involved in the obedience display. Also thanks to Gail and Lui and Cynthia and Eva who gave a puppy demonstration and to Colin and Indie, Jeanette and Mysha, Anne and Diesel and Cynthia and Kiki who took part in the Rally demonstration. Thank you so much to all of you for doing this and please be assured that we do appreciate the time you gave to us.

In the last newsletter I told you about Anne Morgan gaining CDX silver with my dog Liam. Well just 3 weeks later we put the pair of them into CDX Gold which was done on a bit of a wing and a prayer. Anne had some problems with the sit command in the heeling and we spent so much time programming it into her that when they said the first position, which was a STAND, she told Liam to "SIT" which he did do perfectly, but lost all his chances with the wrong position. After that we had to lend Anne a helping hand from the sidelines. By the way, has Anne told you she is getting a new puppy yet ????

In the February newsletter I said that with each edition I would award a free lesson to the handler that I felt has really listened and has made the biggest difference to their dog. Last month it was Susan Cosgrove with Hunter but the problem I have this time is that I actually have two handlers that have made real progress. So, I guess I am going to just have to go for broke and give away two free lessons! Both of these handlers I watched over the weekend and to be honest I really could not separate them, so to **Marilyn Hengst with Bailey** (even if you did beat me) and to **Craig Moore with Stella**, well done and you will both receive a free lesson in recognition of listening to the Boss!!!

Well, I think that is all for now so please try to remain focused throughout the cold days of winter. Yuck what a horrible thought. I guess because I spend most of my time outdoors, I detest winter.

Regards

Janice



WET WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Please remember to check your emails for cancellation notices in cases of inclement weather. Notices will be emailed out by 7.30am for Wednesday classes & 8.30am for Saturday classes. If you need to receive your cancellation via a different means, please let your instructor know. Also, if you cannot make your class or lesson time, PLEASE let your instructor know, there's nothing worse than waiting around for someone who doesn't turn up.



AGILITY TRAINING REPORT

Beginners Pre-Agility Training

At present there is no pre-agility. But if you are interested please contact myself or Janice.

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. Training is on Saturday mornings, (note - there will be no training due to adverse weather conditions &/or shows) from 9.15am – 10.15am.

The full four week cost is \$40.

Advanced Pre-Agility Training

This continues with a dedicated few – thanks Cynthia, Ian and Jo... and of course Kiki and Archie...

For those that have continued training on the Saturdays, this will be available, with a short session of ¾ - 1 hour. This may include running a course each week (starters/novice level), and/or short sessions on strengthening jump skills and weave poles.

Please contact myself or Janice if there is continued interest in attending.

Cost: \$10.00 per session.

Advanced Pre-Agility: 10.30am - 11.45am

Contact Linda George Linda.George@xtra.co.nz

Or Janice Kirk kirkj@clear.net.nz



‘TEAM TEVRA’ CLOTHING



You may have seen some of us wearing the new vests. These are available in black with red Tevra logo and as well as being very smart the dog hair does not stick to them. We also now have black sunhats and beanies to match. Items available at present are:

Black vests / red logo	\$75.00
Black beanie / red logo	\$10.00 (current stock only)
Black cap / red logo	\$10.00 (current stock only)
Navy polo shirt / white logo	\$25.00
Navy Skivvy / red logo	\$10.00 (large sizes only)
Black training bag / red logo	\$35.00



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



Well we are back in winter mode again; I can't believe summer goes so fast!

On Saturday the 10th April we had an assessment for Elementary & Intermediate people. Congratulations to Reiko Itoh and Happie, Robyn Bowers & Ceasar, Gretchen McFadden & Manni, Julie Ann Shyhov and Santos, Debbie Moss & Campbell, Michelle Dalrymple & Douglas, Mark Dalrymple & Rosie, Diane Wells & Jack, they all passed Elementary and are now in the Intermediate Class. Well done to all of you, there were a few nervous handlers that would have liked to opt out of the assessment, but I told you, you could do it.

Congratulations also to Rebecca Langley & Blue, Steve Kenmare & Dexter, and Lynley and Brent Cumack & Riley, on passing their Intermediate assessment and are now Advanced people. Only problem is once you hit Advance it is back to the Boss for training. ☺ Well done all of you.

Classes over the winter months are as follows.

Elementary:

Thursday evenings at Clarkville Hall 6.30pm -7.15pm
Saturday mornings at Ouruhia 10.30am -11.15am

Intermediate:

Saturday mornings at Ouruhia 9.30am -10.15am

Advanced:

Starting May 15 at Ouruhia 11.15am – 12.00pm

Please let your instructor know if you are unavailable for classes as sometimes we are the only ones to brave it out in the winter and stand there waiting for people to turn up. Sometimes when it is pouring with rain on the other side of town the weather is beautiful at Ouruhia.

All cancellations will be emailed to you by 8.30am on a Saturday morning & 4pm on a Thursday night. If your only email is a work account, or if you are not on email, let us know so we can phone you. If there is even the slightest doubt please do check your emails as we may make the call and then the weather changes.

Barbara

4 WEEK DOMESTIC COURSE

This photo shows what can be achieved in our 4 week course. At the beginning of each course I always tell the group that by the completion of the course we WILL get a photo of all the dogs lying down together in a row without the handlers holding the lead. This we have always been able to achieve. This photo was taken of our last combined group and shows 10 dogs of all ages and breeds remaining in a down stay while the handlers are at a short distance from them. Well done to them all.



RALLY - O

CONGRATULATIONS

to Cynthia Muir on passing her Rally Judges Exam and becoming the second NZKC Rally Judge in Canterbury!! I guess I'll have to be nice to her in training now!!

Welcome to our newest members:

Jeanette Silvester with Flynn. They started training with Tevra when Flynn was just a wee fella, and have worked their way through basic boot camp and Tevra Companion Certificate to Advanced level, and have now moved on to Rally-O.

Anne Morgan and Diesel, having tried Obedience they have now decided to bring their skills and warped sense of humour to Rally-O!!

Jeanette Miller and Mysha. Having worked their way through the Obedience ranks, Mysha had taken semi-retirement and is enjoying the "easy" life in Rally-O!!

As I will be away in Dunedin this Saturday (24th April) competing, Cynthia will be taking classes at 9.00 and 10.00. Please contact her at cityofstars2@yahoo.com to confirm you will be attending. If you are normally in one of the other time slots, I'm sure she'll be able to fit you in somewhere!!

Amberley:

Rally training will commence in Amberley on Saturday 8th May at 3.00pm. The venue is yet to be confirmed, but I'll let you know. Training will be on alternate Saturdays, but for those who wish to, you may train at Ouruhia on the Saturdays in between.

Bark in the Park:

Cynthia, Jeanette, Anne and Jeanette, together with an Honorary Rally member Colin Broadhurst (we needed a man to show that even *they* can do it!!) put on a demonstration at the Bark in Park at the Groynes. Considering the fact that they're all new to Rally (except Cynthia who's an old hand!) they did exceptionally well.

For Anne, who kept losing station 13: The numbers go 12 – 13 – 14!! And for Jeanette Miller, who was upset when she forgot to go through the hoop, and then lost her way (again), I'll make up a straight line course of hoops just for you!! !

Thank you all for the terrific effort you put into it. The interest in Rally is growing and demonstrations like this show that it's available to everyone.

Not really Rally-O related – but Cynthia's Eva and her brother Lui, (who most of you have seen at training) did very well in the puppy demonstration, showing that even the little ones can be conditioned to behave to work well!!

At CDTC this weekend, Rally once again proved its flexibility by being able to accommodate Obedience competitors who were also dealing with multiple runs, stays, scent etc. Although the running order didn't go strictly according to plan, competitors were able to be slotted in and (I think!) everyone was happy. Thank you all for your patience and co-operation. It was a great day with Tevra people again doing really well. Even those who didn't qualify, had a fun round – and that is what Rally is all about!

Congratulations to Anne Benson who has worked really hard with both Denzil and especially Gem. When Gem first came to Rally she would only complete a couple of stations then totally switch off. Anne gradually built her up and now she is happily completing full qualifying rounds.

A big thank you to Cynthia, who once again brought her artistic talents to the fore and wrote up all the Qualifying Certificates.

An apology to Janet Bainbridge whose score sheet got stuck to someone else's and she nearly missed out on her certificate! With a score of 94 she certainly deserved to get it!

Gail



Lesley Taylor & Mika (CDTC Novice A winners)



Gail Hamling & Jade (CDTC Novice B winners)

COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES

Training Times / Fees (Applies to both Janice and Carol)

Competitive training is available over winter on Wednesdays, Thursday late afternoon / evening (Clarkville Hall) and some Saturday mornings. The cost of these sessions for regular attendance is \$20.00 per 20mins on Wednesdays and \$20.00 per 30mins other times. If you only wish to come periodically then the cost is \$25.00 per session as I am sure you will all agree the time needed is usually a good deal longer than for the regular clients. As most of you are aware on Wednesdays although you do not have as long allocated you do also get scent and stays in the other rings. If you wish to train two dogs in the slot allowed that is also fine but be aware that you will not have time to cover all exercises with both dogs unless you book two sessions.

We did bring in a policy of allowing handlers to come along and join in only the scent and the stays at a reduced cost but as this has been open to some abuse of late this will no longer apply. If you still wish to come along to train yourself at the park please feel free to do so but please put your dogs on the outside of the stay ring and you will need to monitor your own dogs behaviour. This is not intended as a money issue but more that it is unfair on those who have booked a lesson to be squashed up in the stays and to have to wait for scent etc.

Morning Tea Shouts

Thank you all for the delicious morning tea shouts on a Wednesday morning which do go down very well BUT if you do intend to shout please could you put your name on the board and not just tell me cos sometimes I forget and then I get into trouble when two of you turn up with a shout and neither of you know the other one is so please keep me out of trouble !!!!!!!!!!!

OZ Tent Purchase

We have purchased a 3.3 metre X 3.3 metre OZ Tent recently for use at the shows. This was purchased from money raised by Tevra handlers running our trials, training agility as well as the great support we have received over the past year from the "forgetful few". The cost of the tent which at this stage does not have sides on it was \$280.00 with the new sides being an additional \$50.00 each. This is for the use of any of you and is easy to erect and to dismantle. After the purchase of this tent there is currently a balance of \$95.00 in the account.

Dunedin Seminar – Kamal Fernandez (U.K) 3rd & 4th July 2010

I would highly recommend the opportunity to attend the above seminar if you can. It will be an awesome opportunity to learn about motivational training with one of the most innovative trainers in the UK. Kamal has trained and competed with dogs at the highest level of Competitive Obedience. He has experience of working and training numerous breeds. His training methods are highly motivational for both dog and handler, whilst providing a sound knowledge of the exercises required for competition.

Limited spectator places may still be available - \$150.00 for both days including morning tea and lunch

For further details or bookings email Karen Browning raykaren@xtra.co.nz

CHUNKY DOG ROLL **The perfect training treat**

I now have a regular supply of Superior Chunky Dog Roll, which we totally recommend for all types of training. If you haven't used it before, this roll is very good quality & condensed so is perfect for chopping up into treat sized portions (it doesn't go mushy or crumble) It can also be frozen in small cubes & remains free frozen. The cost will be \$6.50 and I can bring the rolls to training whenever it is required.

BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends in NZ.

Well nothing much has happened since my last bulletin. The weather has been very hot and still is. I got a big surprise in March when my other Mum, Carol and Margaret come over to see ME. Australia put on its best days for them (40 + degree days) they even came out to watch an obedience trial. That was a very hot and humid day for us all.

I was selected to be in the Sydney Royal Easter Show mass obedience demonstration for the advanced dogs. We had to give two demonstrations in the main arena. We had our first demonstration last Sunday 4/4/10 and the next one is this Sunday 11/4/10 I was a good boy and did everything I was told to do.

Well this is a short and sweet one so I will hand it over to Twinkle Toes Rebel.
Wove Bullet. XOXOXO.

TEVRA'S A ONE (AKA REBEL) - NEWS FROM OZ

Bullet knock it off! I'm not Twinkle Toes, I told you last time, I'm BAD TO THE BONE!!!
Bullet you are just jealous that I did my first competition in heelwork to music and I got another title. This time our music was from Dolly Parton "Working 9 to 5". My first time in the obedience ring doing Open was a disaster! I was second last on in the afternoon and it was SOooooooooooooooooo hot. I forgot what to do even just walking was hard, I think my brain was fried. I think there should be a rule if it is over 36 degrees we should be able to stay at home and swim in the pool all day.

Well, gotta go, stuff to do.

Wove Rebel. XOXOXO

Vale

Ch Rimrock Ruaidhri CDX

08/02/1999 - 04/04/2010

After a very tough but short battle with cancer Ruaidhri was assisted to Rainbow Bridge on April 4th 2010

Forever Loved

Forever Missed.

Barbara & Colin.



PUPPIES

Border Collie / Siberian Husky

Puppies ready early May. 3 bitches & 3 dogs, all black and white but some showing traces of brown coat. These puppies have all the lines from very successful obedience dogs in them and have been bred to work. They will be tested during the last week of April and ready for their new homes after that.

The dam is Coco, who as well as being the mother of our Australian puppies is also a daughter of my dog Bullet and a granddaughter of Alastair's Hocus, while the sire is a full NZKC registered working border collie called Sweep, who is from Maxine Young's lines. (Heidesa)

If you wish to know more please get in touch.

Janice