



TEVRA TIMES - April 2011

FROM THE BOSS!

We all know how disruptive the past few weeks have been around the area but things are slowly returning to normal and most of you are now back training your dogs. The most noticeable behaviour that I have seen come out of all of this is that in the majority of cases the dogs most affected in terms of nervous reactions are those belonging to people who react in a similar manner. There are a few exceptions to this, for example dogs who were left shut inside on their own during this event have become more wary of noises and movement but in general their behaviour does reflect the reactions of their owners. If you are having this problem then I suggest you listen to a Cesar Milan CD that I have here.

As we go into autumn and then on to winter please make sure that you do check your emails regarding cancellation especially if you are intending to come later in the day. Sometimes when it is raining in the morning I may decide to cancel and then it clears and you come along to find no one there. If you are no longer able to access emails please let me know. As most of you know I am not too good when it comes to sending or receiving a txt partly because when I am training I do not like answering and then I forget about them. Also please do not be offended if you receive the bare minimum in wording for the reply. I am a much more reliable emailer, I can assure you.

By the time you receive this newsletter Kim will have arrived in Christchurch from Sydney. Rebel arrived last week and has fitted in well with the Kirk clan. The pair of them will be here until the end of May and will manage to run in 11 obedience and 4 rally events while over here.

At this time of the year there are a number of puppies around and I am so pleased to say that we now have several of them training with Tevra for competition and we now have 3 groups running. Our previous group of puppies has now grown up into fully fledged competitive dogs now competing successfully at ribbon trials and shortly to compete at their first championship shows. We wish Liz with Hugo and Hariett with another Hugo all the best. Waiting to soon compete are Mike with De Ja and Caroline with Molly so as they say "watch this space" Unfortunately one of this group, Tiki with owner Britta left last week to live in Switzerland so I guess we will not see much of them for a while anyway. Britta hopes to continue working Tiki over there and we look forward to her reports coming through. We will miss you Britta and wish you all the very best.

Hopefully you have all visited our new obedience and rally results page on our website which now shows photos. We have also updated our general photo page so if you have any you would like to add please send them in. Thank you to Gail for organising this and also to Janet Cornelius who had been our chief placegetter photographer at most of the shows lately.

Regards
Janice



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



First of all I would like to congratulate the following people and dogs on passing their assessments on Saturday the 2nd of April.

Intermediate:

Chris & Sadie, well done, it must be good to be legally in the Advanced class ☺.
Rachel & Louie, well done to Louie who did not embarrass his mum with his enthusiasm.
Cindy & Max well done you guys are a really great team.
Jane & Kley, woohoo! Kley you didn't anticipate.
Anne & Sam, who is a really tough nut to try & work, his theme song is "I'll do it my way" ☺ (with apologies to Frank Sinatra.)

Elementary:

Gaye & Kase good work even with Kase's nervous piddle ☺ you also need to relax Gaye.
Geraldine & Barney very well done you two great work. Now we just have to superglue his mouth.
Ann & Sisqui I don't think anyone knows how hard it is to work a highly excitable Tervuren; you two have improved so much.
Donna & Diesel it has been a long haul for you well done. I am sure you will get through Intermediate faster.
Roxanne & Mecca she works so well with you, well done for taking on your husband's dog.

I would also like to thank our Assessor, Anne Morgan who stepped in at the last minute to judge you all. She was very pleased with what she saw.

Don't forget to send me your photo's so I can have your certificates done soon.

Class Times for winter

Saturday	9am	Advanced
Saturday	10am	Intermediate
Saturday	11am	Elementary
Wednesday	11am	Elementary

Cancellations

A reminder there will be no classes on the following dates.
Saturday April 16 & Saturday April 30

Advanced Class

First of all I would like to mention the group of you who turned up in the pouring rain a few weeks ago for your class. Just goes to show how either dedicated you are or else you have nothing else to do on a Saturday morning!!!

Most of you have nearly completed your Advanced syllabus and several of you have mentioned that you would like to carry on training with us (see we are nice people after all) I suppose now I will have to create some new ideas to extend you even further.

Advanced training times will remain as they are until 14th May when the following times will apply:

9.00am – 9.45am – Advanced CDX class for those who have passed their advanced certificate.
9.45am – 10.30am – Advanced.

For those of you in my current Advanced class who have not yet passed your agility or rally sections there will be training for you on Saturday 30th April at a time to be confirmed.

At this stage there will be no training on the following dates sorry. April 16th, 23rd, 30th, May 7th unless you are notified otherwise.

Your Training at home, or lack of, over winter

Lots of people tell us that they do not get time to train or it has been too wet cold at night etc,etc

You can practice your heelwork up & down the hallway using the wall so your dog keeps close to you.
Sit stays or down stays can be done while watching TV.
Sendaways can be done during a TV ad break.
Every time you call your dog you can practice a recall getting him to come in front of you in a sit position.
Straight scent can be done in the hall during a TV ad.
Your daily walk can be used to practice downing sitting or standing while walking along.
Going through a gate or door can be done every time you go through any gate or door.

It does not take time to train a dog you do not have to spend hours doing it. It is a case of making use of what is available at the time & thinking laterally. Lots of little bits add up so by the end of the week you will be surprised with what you have achieved.

Barbara

COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES

Group Training Sessions

After a successful trial I will be running group training sessions approx once a month on Wednesday. This type of class enables to you better work on your dog's attention rather than in a one on one situation. All exercises will be covered. On Wednesday 13th April the following group times will apply.

9.00 - 10.00am - Test B and Test C
10.00 - 10.40am - Test A and Advanced Novice
11.20am - 12.00pm - Special Beginners and Novice.

WINTER TRAINING TIMES

Wednesdays as usual - Ouruhia Domain.
Thursdays 4.00pm - 6.30pm - Clarkville Hall.
Fridays 9.00am - 2.00pm - Ouruhia Domain
Saturdays - Ouruhia Domain



RALLY - 0



At the Timaru show in March, on a cold, drizzling, damp day, a certain dufus German Shepherd entered the ring and proceeded to complete the course in his own inimitable way – not giving much consideration to performing the stations in the prescribed way, but in the manner according to Diesel!! He had fun leading his Mum astray and as he left the ring was accorded a round of applause from the spectators. What I noticed was that many of those laughing and applauding were in fact people who had suffered greatly during the recent earthquakes. I think the fact that Diesel was able to bring a much needed smile to their faces shows that Rally really *is* fun for all, and while he didn't qualify, he was certainly a winner that day!!

It's good to see people coming back to Rally as they get their lives sorted out after recent events. I know some of you still have a way to go to get back to what is being called "the new normal", but spending some time with your dog away from the hassles at home has to have some healing content!!

As I'm sure most of you know, the Aussie Branch of Tevra Dog Training, in the form of Kim Lindsay and Rebel, are coming over from Sydney to join us for a couple of months. Not only will Kim and Rebel be doing Obedience but she is also going to be learning Rally, which is only just getting going in Oz, to take back to her club some new ideas. Kim has bravely entered several Rally competitions and we are hoping that she can qualify sufficiently to gain the Rally Novice qualification – the only dog in Oz to have it!! So make yourself known to her at training – neither she nor Rebel bite!!

Training Dates:

With competitions coming up there will be no training on:

Saturday 9th April

Saturday 16th April

Saturday 21st May

Plus another date in May that I'm not sure of yet but will let you know as soon as I do!! Easter Saturday depends on how many of you wish to train that day, please let me know as soon as possible.

Training on Saturday 30th April will be at Janice's house at 10 Vickery Street as I will be house-sitting there while she is away at the Nationals in Fielding.

Gail

Casual Part-time Kennel/Cattery work available.

Glenstar Kennels and Cattery at Ohoka are looking for someone to do casual, on-call work as required. The shifts will be 7.30am – 1.30pm and/or 4.00pm – 6.00pm and will include weekend hours.

The applicant should have experience with large, active dogs as they will be working mainly with Labradors.

Please contact Betty Hanson on 327 7015.



AGILITY REPORT

Hoping that everyone is safe and well.

After an interruption, agility will start again soon.

It will be with a smaller amount of equipment initially until the small hiccups like transport and 'stuff' gets sorted.

Agility will start 30th April, 10.45am...

There will be no further pre-agility until spring, however I will talk with those that were doing pre-agility, or are interested in training.

If enough interest we may be able to do something on Saturdays.

Agility will be cancelled if there are shows, or weather interruptions.

Linda



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.

TEVRA GEAR

An order will be going in very soon, so if you want any of the below items, please get in touch with Janice ASAP.

Black vests / red logo \$80.00
Black cap / red logo \$12.00
Black training bag / red logo \$40.00

Black beanie / red logo \$12.00
Navy polo shirt / white logo \$25.00
Navy Skivvy / red logo \$10.00 (large sizes only)

NO LONGER WITH US

Sadly over the past month two of the original oldies are no longer with us.

Kita competed with Colin in obedience, flyball and agility and sadly passed away recently at the grand old age of 15 years. She was well known for her speed regardless of the fact that she did have problems with pain and arthritis.

Hocus Pocus was Alastair's first sib-bord and competed with him up to Test C and then in later years Anne Morgan achieved his CDX. Hocus was always known around the Kirk household as "gobby" due to his ability to always have his say.

It is always sad to say goodbye but both of these dogs had a great life with plenty of fulfillment and that is all you can do for them.

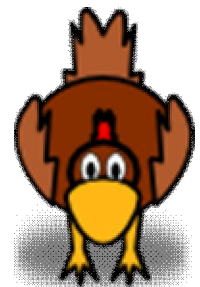
GROUP GOSSIP

THE BOSSES CUP

Many of you will have seen The Bosses special cup she has for her much needed cuppa at morning tea & lunchtime. Well, Marilyn Hengst came along to her first Wednesday training session & had a bit of a mishap at morning tea time, resulting in the 'Boss Cup', trying to defy gravity & gently fall onto the concrete without breaking. Unfortunately, the cup didn't fare too well and ended up looking like a casualty of an aftershock. Consequently, the Boss was gifted with two new cups the following week so now Marilyn can come back to training, safe in the knowledge that a further mishap, will mean the Boss still has one spare cup.

ANNES CHOOKS

Anne Morgan recently added to her tribe by getting three laying chooks. Cheap eggs you think to yourself, well, not quite. You see, these chooks were living in a \$1,500 (flash as) chook house. Free board & food, what more could you want? It seems they were so laid (excuse the pun) back about their new life, that they retired from laying & produced nothing for Anne. To add insult to injury (oh dear, another pun) Grommitt decided to give one of the chooks a hurry up to see if that would trigger some egg laying action resulting in said chooky needed some vet treatment. So, after weighing up expenses over lack of any return, Anne now has a new set of chooks that are doing their thing!



NEMO & HAPPIE'S U.S. UPDATE



It's almost spring here, although it snowed unexpectedly last night. Hopefully, it will be warm enough to run around naked soon!

We also hope that people in Christchurch are being able to get back to the routine you all used to have. We hear some people haven't got the utilities yet. We now appreciate the luxuries we have taken for granted in our lives. Our grandparents, uncle and nephews are still shaken up by continuing aftershocks just like you are. They are also worried about radiation and power shortage. Hopefully, mother earth will calm down very soon so that people here will stop calling Mom "Earthquake Girl".

The good news is, we got an agility set from Santa. We got a tunnel, weave poles, a tyre and three jumps. Mom set them up in an empty room so that we can play with the tunnel and the weave poles, but we can't wait until spring arrives here and we do the agility with our friends in the neighbourhood!



Photos from the recent Championship Show in Timaru

LEFT: Are you applauding yourself for winning Novice both days Colin?

CENTRE: Who else thinks Alastair wanted that first place Test A ribbon, not second?

RIGHT: The Boss is on a mission here, you'd better keep up Joker!

Janet Cornelius's Yummy Loaf

Jelly Fruit Loaf

1 packet Jelly - lemon or orange best.
2 cups of mixed dried fruit
2 ozs of butter
2 Tablespoons of Golden Syrup
1/4 cup sugar
2 teaspoons Baking Soda

Put all in a bowl, add 2 cups of boiling water and stir well.
Leave to cool

Add:

3 cups plain flour
3 teaspoons Baking powder

Bake at 180 degrees 45 - 60 minutes. (It is possible to use 2 standard loaf tins.)

