



## TEVRA TIMES

### July 2007

#### FROM THE BOSS !

Firstly, I would like to welcome our West Coast trainer Simon Pontin. Some of you will remember Simon and his character border collie Cory, from the days of WDOC. Simon has since moved to Hokitika and is now training dogs under the Tevra name. Simon has been involved with dogs for sometime now and I am sure he will do us proud. Welcome on board Simon.

Training is made more difficult this time of the year because of several factors, including the weather, ground conditions & amount of daylight BUT, with a bit of careful planning, there should always be time to do something every day with your dog. You do not have to go out into the cold, many exercises can be broken down into smaller elements and taught indoors.

Thursday evening hall training is going well with a number of you enjoying getting in out of the cold, damp nights. As there is not a great deal of room in the hall, and the fact that sounds easily echo, could you please limit the number of dogs that are in there as it is difficult to concentrate with a lot of noise in the background.

On Wednesday 15th August the Broadhursts and the Kirks are away over to Cairns for a week of relaxation. Carol will be taking the Wednesday classes at the usual times and we also have Barbara's classes on the Wednesday covered. There will be no hall training on Thursday 16th August, although the hall is booked so if any of you wish to take responsibility, then you are welcome to make use of it.

This coming Thursday evening, 26th July, we have our competition / judges / stewards evening at the hall. Unless you are coming to attend the workshop evening, there will be no formal training.

**This months training tip:** Please check your dog's collar to ensure that it is neither too small or too large. How often have you held onto a dog either by the collar or by the lead to have it pull back and slip it's collar. It is also very easy for a dog playing to get its foot caught inside the collar and cause injury. When your dog loses coat it is very common for the collar to end up lose.

That is it for now. Keep warm. We are now into the later part of winter.

*Janice*

## CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION

The colder weather has seen us cut back on some of our classes. Below is a list of class times and days for your reference. If you are not going to be there it would be appreciated if you could drop us a quick email or phone message to let us know.

Welcome to our two assistant Certificate Class Trainers - Jo Donachie, who will be mainly helping Barbara out on a Wednesday and Nicki Keen, who helps out with the Saturday Elementary class.

Many thanks to Joanne Wilson for giving up her Saturday mornings to help the advanced certificate class with their agility section of the syllabus. It is much appreciated.

### Elementary Classes

Saturdays 9.45am - 10.30am  
Wednesdays 1.00pm - 1.45pm  
Thursdays 7.00pm - 7.45pm

### Intermediate Classes

Saturdays 3.00pm - 3.45pm  
Wednesdays 11.00am - 11.45am

### Advanced Classes

Saturdays 10.30am - 11.15am  
Saturdays 11.15am - 12.00pm



### Certificate Class – Talk

On Saturday 11th August at 3pm (Ouruhia Domain) Michelle Pierre, a Muscle And Ligament Therapist, will be talking to our Certificate classes as part of your syllabus. This afternoon session is in place of Saturday morning training that day. The usual \$10.00 fee will apply.

Michelle is highly recommended and works for several of the vets in ChCh.  
Check out Michelle's website [www.muscle-and-ligament-therapy.co.nz](http://www.muscle-and-ligament-therapy.co.nz)

Michelle's skills are not limited to dogs, she is just as capable treating humans so feel free to speak to her about any aches and pains you may have.

Although this is part of the Advanced Syllabus (no's 17 and 19) all certificate people are welcome, with attendance of this talk counting towards your Advanced Certificate.  
No 18 in the syllabus will now not be tested on this day, instead we will test this on Saturday 1st September at a time to be advised.

Could you bring with you a pad and pen to write your answers down to the section on 'Care And Welfare Of The Dog' (a copy of this is attached to the advanced syllabus). If you need another copy let me know.

## BARBARA'S CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT

Our Wednesday Certificate classes are going very well with Sally Bright, Bronwyn Williams and Colette Brick passing their Elementary Certificate and progressing to Intermediate level. Congratulations ladies, your dogs have improved so much, it is really good to see.

Thursday night Elementary people are also doing very well even though we have limited space to work in. It is really good that so many people are interested in training their "pet dogs", to be better members of society.

I know it is winter and cold so thank you to the core group who always turn up for classes. We have a good spot to train on a Wednesday, I think we have the best spot in the park and can usually guarantee very little wind and a spot of sunshine.

Thank you also to those of you who ring me when you are not able to come. My new cell phone number is 027 563 4500. If anyone finds it hard to get to classes at the times they are given, talk to Janice or myself & we will see if we can slot you in somewhere else.

I will be away on the 15th and 22nd of August. Cairns has been beckoning to me & the cold old bones are saying "let's go". While I am away, Jo Donachie will be taking the Wednesday classes. Jo will be with me on the next couple of Wednesdays to get into the swing of things so you will meet her then.

*Barbara*

### Upcoming Training & Assessment Dates

**Training:** August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (3pm), 25<sup>th</sup>      September: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>  
(Unless advised otherwise)

**Assessments:** Elementary - Saturday September 22nd 10.00am  
Intermediate - Saturday August 18th 3pm



### WET WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

A reminder that an email will be sent out by 8am if training is to be cancelled, so please check your inbox. If you do not have internet access, arrange for an online member to let you know or ring me on 0274 570 819.

### TEVRA TRIAL TROPHY WINNERS

Several times I have asked for the return of the trophies won at our Tevra Trial (April 07) so that they can be engraved. We are still 3 short. I can follow this up with the photos etc but would far prefer that you return them ASAP. If you have done so please email me so that I can cross you off the list.

Janice

# OTHER NOTICES

## NDTA TRIALS

Good luck to Kathryn Snook & Izzy who are 1st equal after the first two trials for NDTA Novice Obedience position. This year's NDTA (National Dog Training Assembly) will be held in Auckland over labour Weekend.

## LOST PROPERTY

Barbara Broadhurst keeps losing one of her gloves. She says it keeps on flying out the window so if anyone has a spare glove or two you know what to do.



## MORE SENIOR MOMENTS – A WORRYING TREND??

Rumour has it that several senior moments have struck Tevra Members recently so I thought I'd share a couple.....

A certain instructor, who shall remain nameless, (for fear of retribution towards the editor) was dumbfounded one Thursday evening when she went to demonstrate an obedience exercise using her own dog, only to find the dog (let's call him Tussle) wasn't tied up behind her. A confused question "Where's my dog", was asked of those present, until the instructor remembered she had put the dog back in her van a short time beforehand.

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The following "Pair Up The Appropriate Items" puzzle is for a certain Tevra Member who, I heard, had a bit of a senior moment at the last Timaru Show & ended up with an unpleasant taste in their mouth.

**Match an item from the left hand column to the appropriate one on the right**



**Anti-inflammatory ointment**



**Toothbrush**



**Toothpaste**



**Sore knee**

## **MORE TRAINING TIPS (Not necessarily from 'The Boss')**

If you find yourself in the unfortunate situation of having to break up a scuffle between two dogs, the best items to use probably isn't a thin plastic bag full of doggie doo (which may break open upon impact & create even more of a mess)

When using a treadmill to exercise your dog, it pays to make sure he had been out to the toilet BEFORE the exercise session. Treadmills can make really useful fertiliser spreaders otherwise.



### **WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE??!!**

I don't know about anyone else but I think the photo below (that was submitted by another member) would make for a classic 'Caption Competition'

If anyone thinks of an entertaining caption, let me (Jo Wilson) know & I'll see if I can twist the Boss's arm & get her to donate a small prize.



# SOUTHERN REGION DOG TRAINING EVENTS CALENDAR 2007

## AUGUST

4 Aug	Nelson Dog Training Club	Obedience & Agility Ribbon Trial
5 Aug	Blenheim Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
11 Aug	Waimakariri Dog Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
18 Aug	Canterbury Canine Agility Training Soc	Ag Open Show
18/19 Aug	Southland Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Show
19 Aug	Historical Zone 4 Mini Assembly	Ob & Ag Inter Club Competition
25/26 Aug	South Canterbury Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Show

## SEPTEMBER

8 Sept	Southern Golden Retriever Club	Ob Open Trial (Goldies only)
8/9 Sept	Christchurch Dog Training Club	Ob Champ Show + CD Trial
8/9 Sept	Taieri Canine Training Club	Ag Champ Show
15/16 Sept	Waimakariri Dog Obedience Club	Ag Champ Show
22 Sept	Mid Canty Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
28/29/30 Sept	National Dog Show (Wellington)	Ob, Ag & Breed Champ Shows
30 Sept	Selwyn Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial

## OCTOBER

6 Oct	Canterbury Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
6 Oct	Nelson Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
6/7 Oct	Otago Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
7 Oct	Blenheim Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Ribbon Trial
10 Oct	Christchurch Dog Training Club	Ob Ribbon Trial (evening)
13/14 Oct	Mid Canty Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial
19-22 Oct	National Dog Training Assembly (Auck)	Ob & Ag Champ Shows

## NOVEMBER

3/4 Nov	Canterbury Canine Obedience Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
10/11 Nov	Selwyn Dog Training Club	Ob Champ Show
10/11 Nov	Canterbury Canine Agility Training Soc	Ag Champ Shows
17/18 Nov	South Canterbury Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows
24/25 Nov	Southland Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial

## DECEMBER

1 Dec	Nelson Dog Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows + CD Trial
2 Dec	Blenheim Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Show
8/9 Dec	Taieri Canine Training Club	Ob & Ag Champ Shows