



TEVRA TIMES - July 2010

FROM THE BOSS!

Well I know that it is only a couple weeks since the last newsletter but there are a few important notices to get out so decided to keep Jo from getting bored.

First of all, good luck to those of you who are trying out for the NDTA team. It is not an easy position to be in especially when you have to perform on the day with all of the 'who is who' of dog obedience watching, so all the very best.

A couple of weeks ago yours truly, along with Carol and Dawn, travelled down to Dunedin for a training seminar with Kamal Fernandez. This proved to be one of the best seminars I have ever been too, as you will see from Dawn's report further in the newsletter. It was a very motivating seminar and having been to both club training and shows in England it just reinforced the importance of food or toys for motivation. It was really worthwhile going to and a fun filled few days away (mostly at Dawn's expense I might add)

You will also see in the newsletter information on our next Tevra Teams Event (after the success of last years one). Please do get your entry in early and please also only enter if you know that you are going to be able to come along. The teams will be drawn prior to the day (under police supervision of course!!) and if you do not turn up, you will let the team down. There will be a shared lunch during the day so bring along a plate of nice goodies.

And from Australia.....As most of you know, my working sheepdog Bullet is currently over in Sydney working with Kim towards obtaining his Aust Ob Ch title. Kim has worked very hard with Bullet and recently obtained 3 passes in a row, as well as winning his tests. He now has only 3 more passes to obtain before he has the title. Following this he can then obtain the title of Grand Ob Ch with 3 more passes at a higher level which should not be too much of a problem as the exercises for this are very similar to the training he received in NZ for his Ob Ch title here.

Recently I have been involved with Whitebait TV filming a programme all about Sibe-bords. As any of you who have worked with the film industry will know, everything has to be done yesterday and done perfectly! The first session we had was in June and involved Anne Morgan with Ammo, Karen Winter with Brio and yours truly with Streak, Liam and Joker. Unfortunately it was filmed at the RDA building during a week of wet weather that we had and the noise of the rain on the roof meant that we had to re film it again last week.

As usual we managed to make a few faux pas along the way. One of us (not mentioning names but will just add that it was neither Karen or I) managed to back our large vehicle into the glass doors of the building just

as filming was about to start. The excuse was "I could not see so I thought I would just keep going until I felt the vehicle touch the doors!!!" Next up, as they were about to film again Streak managed to "water" the agility tunnel, followed by Ammo giving the presenter (Sarah Ulmer) a lovely big kiss, fresh from eating the cat poo. Apart from all this, the dogs could not have been better behaved with Brio doing a flying round in the agility with Jeremy McGuire in control and Ammo running up to them on cue. Amazing what food will do for that puppy. Joker learned all about agility in one easy lesson but the problem was that he had to be jumping over two jumps in the back ground with me running (yes running!!) beside him while Sarah and Jeremy were saying their lines. Problem was that they kept getting their lines wrong and I had to keep on jumping Joker as I did not know when they were on camera and when they were not. Guarantee we ran between those jumps at least thirty times!

For those of you who may not believe this it's true and should be screened on Animal Academy on 19th September. Thank you so much Anne and Karen for both your time and for how good your dogs were.

I think that is all for now.

Regards
Janice



CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



On the 24th of July we have an Assessor coming in for Intermediate & Elementary. Those of you who are ready for assessment I will have already spoken to.

Intermediate will be at the usual time of 9.30am, and possibly Elementary will be about 11am. Come a bit earlier so you can toilet & settle the dogs. There is nothing worse than rushing into an assessment with excited dogs that have not had time to settle into their surroundings.

It is always good to see people moving up a class, but sad to know some of my Intermediate class are going off to "The Boss", I would have to say that this has been the best Intermediate class I have taken.

Welcome to the "newbie's" who have joined us recently in Elementary, I hope you all enjoy training your dogs with Tevra. Don't be afraid of making a fool of yourselves and don't be embarrassed if your dog does it at home but won't do it at training. We have all been there. Train in as many different places as you can.

A reminder that taking your dogs on the Tennis Courts is not permitted.

Barbara



RALLY - O

I'm delighted to report that Rally is going from strength to strength at Tevra. We now have 19 people training (with 21 dogs between them), and 7 currently competing. It goes to show how versatile Rally is that competitive and domestic training can be carried out side by side.

While it's easy to get carried away with the competitive side of Rally, the non-competitive aspect is just as important. I know some of you have no wish to compete and it's great seeing the progress of your dogs (and you) and how much you're enjoying yourselves!!

It was lovely to see three Tevra people in the Novice A line up at Christchurch Dog Training Rally in June. Evelyn was in 3rd place with Charlie (and a qualifying round with Piper), with Annabelle and Zoe, and Christine and Poppy competing for the first time, in 4th and 5th places!! Hannah and Cara also competed for the first time with a qualifying round. Well done to all of you - especially in the awful weather conditions that day!! Thank you Evelyn for not only competing, but also sorting out the certificates and writing them all up for us.

At the Judges/Trainers workshop Arend Van Den Bos (the Southern Region NZKC rep and *ardent* Rally advocate) put us in the picture regarding Rally and NZKC. As you know Southern Region has been trialing Rally for the last year to see whether the protocols we have in place would be suitable for nationwide application. While the trial was very successful, NZKC has decided to extend the trial for a further three months. There are many reasons for this, (far too many to go into here!) so we will have to be patient awaiting the final "judgement"!! We also went through the Judging Manual station by station, clarifying a lot of the grey areas. Following some in-depth discussion, some changes have been proposed (in addition to those proposed by a previous workshop in Dunedin) – but nothing too drastic!! Keep watching this space.....!!

Rally in Amberley has taken off again with keen new members learning the difference between 270° and 360°, spirals and weaves etc!! It's great to see Ruth and Hope back from their travels overseas, with Deeva and Baxter making a welcome return!!

Congratulations to Anne Benson, who has been officially accepted onto the Rally Judges Panel, so now two of the three Canterbury Rally judges are Tevra people (Cynthia is the other one for those of you who might have missed it!!) – not bad going!!

Training with the wet and cold weather is hard, and it's easy to put off!! However, one of the wonderful things about Rally is that you can practice stationery moves inside by the fire!! Call Fronts don't take up much room, nor do Sit, Down and Walk Arounds – and the tea, coffee or glass of ummmm, OJ is close at hand!!

Upcoming Official Rally Trials:

31 st July	CCOC (Christchurch)	Novice A and B
21 st /22 nd Aug	SCDTC (Timaru)	Novice A and B Advanced A and B
25 th Sept	OCTC (Dunedin)	Novice A and B Advanced A and B Excellent A

Things to Remember for Rally-O

- Breathe!!
- Signs on right
- Dog on left
- Count
- Breathe!!

We're hoping to run an official trial alongside the MCCOC Obedience and Agility Shows in October in Ashburton, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Gail



COMPETITIVE TRAINING NOTICES

TEVRA TEAM COMPETITION

As the last Tevra Team Competition was such a great success we will be having another competition, but this time it will be on a Sunday. We will be in touch shortly with lots of duties for you all so that you feel involved!!!!

Date: Sunday 15th August 2010 **Time:** Judging commences at 10.00am

Place: Clarkville Hall, Heywards Rd, Clarkville

Bring: Plate of finger food for a shared lunch, dog, husband/partner, comfortable chair (wooden are available) Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own cup, plate and utensils.

Rules:

- 1 A team will consist of 3 dogs/handlers in any tests (Elementary – Test C)
- 2 Eligibility for entry is as at Ribbon Trial level.
- 3 Teams will be drawn prior to, or on the day and may be drawn from any test.
- 4 There are no entry fees BUT you will be required to pay \$2.00 per dog entered towards the raffle. Further raffle tickets may be purchased as required at 3 for \$5.00.
- 5 The Tests will run one at a time in order for us to be able watch each entry. There will be no stays involved for Test A, Test B or Test C.
- 6 There will be a Trophy at stake for this event as well as medals for the winner of each test.
- 7 Teams will be identified by colours.

ENTRIES CLOSE SATURDAY 7TH AUGUST. PLEASE DO NOT BE LATE. PLEASE SEND ENTRY (see entry form at the end of this newsletter) TO DAWN PRATTLE AT strathbridge@clear.net.nz PAYMENT MAY BE MADE ON THE DAY.

All profits from this evening will go into the Tevra Competition account.

NDTA TEAM TRIALS

This year 5 of our Tevra handlers, with 6 Tevra trained dogs, are trialing to represent the Southern Region in the Inter Region Teams Events at the NDTA in Taupo. Good luck to.....

Heather Lauper & Bailey (Novice), Roxanne Ramsay & Baillie (Novice), Margaret Van Oosten & Esther (Test A), Jo-Anne Donachie with both Chloe & Shiraz (Test B) & Carol Lavery & Morgan (Test C)

TEVRA TRAINING BAGS

If you have one of these and are not using it could you please return it to me as I have new people waiting for one.

UNIFORMS

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. Also available soon will be good quality red skivvies, in all sizes, with Tevra Dog Training monogrammed on the neck for \$30.00 each. Items available at present are:

Black vests / red logo	\$75.00
Black beanie / red logo	\$10.00
Black cap / red logo	\$10.00 (current stock only)
Red Skivvy / black logo	\$30.00 (arriving soon)
Navy polo shirt / white logo	\$20.00
Navy Skivvy / red logo	\$10.00 (XL sizes only)
Black training bag / red logo	\$35.00

GUESS WHO???

I have a competition now for you to guess who this would be:

This person is female, owns a dog and is a member of Tevra. Her dog has four legs and a tail. Recently she was having trouble with this dog lagging off lead so upon my advice we attached a light (fishing line) lead to the dog's collar and the other end to this persons trousers. Was all going very well until she told the dog to drop when she still had it attached. Problem was the dog dropped and so did her trousers!!!!!!!

Who do you think this is??

A wise person once said: If the garrotte is on, don't do a "drop" cos you will loose the lot.



JAFFA COMPETITION

A recent visitor to Tevra Training (Auckland based Gail Langdon, who is Carol Bach's sister) has been down again & very kindly brought us some more Jaffas (seeing as she's a Jafa)

Gail presented us with a big jar of Jaffas at one of our Wednesday morning teas & we are going to run a "How many Jaffas in the Jar?" Competition. Money raised will be put into our Tevra Fund.

So, over the next few weeks at Wednesday & Saturday training classes, the jar will be on display & you can have as many guesses as you want for \$1 per guess. For those who can't get to training, the photo is the actual Jaffa jar so if you want to take part, you can have an absentee guess (just let Janice know).

The correct number, or closest to the correct number, wins the jar of Jaffas. Once a number has been chosen, you can't pick the same number, so get in early. Winner announced at the Tevra Team Competition Day.

DUNEDIN TRIP

Carole & I arrived at Janice's place around 8 o'clock and loaded the Tevra Van up to the hilt, with 6 dogs, all their gear, and our bags containing clothes for all weather, leaning slightly towards the cold side. Well this trip was a first for Carol & Janice as they had never managed to arrive in Dunedin in daylight! Now I'm not sure if it was my influence or not but they never stopped to do any shopping. We had to be in Dunedin before dark as we were house sitting and had to get a briefing on stock and dog feeding. We left Kaiapoi at 8.30am and decided to get as far as the Waimate turn off for lunch, as the Café there sells a very nice Corn chowder and toasted corn bred.

Had a quick stop at Palmerston to buy an ice cream (Boss's shout) I was having a slight problem with my beanie hat, it kept getting out of the van. I even found it in the gutter in Palmerston looking quite lost, all covered in leaves.

Away we went again making great time, the Tevra van even managing to pass 2 cars on the way, dare I say it, it was only in a passing lane though. We were flying but our driver, who I will not name, was having a little gear difficulty. She kept forgetting how many gears she had, but with a glance from Carol and at a later stage a hand signal from me, we managed to get some relief from the screaming engine.

Our next stop was at the A & P showgrounds at Mosgiel where the dogs had a lovely run.

Back in the van and onto Nicky's to get our quick dog & stock feeding lesson before dark. All the dogs at Nicky's know Janice & Carol so when Arrow, (a Husky Cross) greeted Janice with his paws on her shoulders hoping to kiss her nose, it did not go down so well as they were both the same height. Arrow was rewarded with a Kirk bop on his nose. Nicky had cooked us a lovely meal of roast ham and veges. After a catch up of the local doggy news it was time for bed. One last task to do, run the dogs. Now our forward thinking Boss had decided we needed blinking lights on our dogs so we could keep track of them, she had made this purchase of blinking collars. There was a little bit of customer dissatisfaction as I decided after paying, that Maiyah's collar was not bright enough, so the collar was packed back in its wrapping and another one got out. Can you imagine the comments when I asked for a refund as this next collar was faulty. It would not flash on the dog but did if you held it in the right place (eg. packing it back in its wrapper). I then said I would like the first collar back and give it another go. By this stage we were shrieking with laughter and the whole hill looked as if Nicky had invested in some neon signs. We had Morgan and Tussle blinking in bright red, Bramble & Bracken looking like a couple of lighthouses with their white light, Whisper the most colourful of the lot looking like a Christmas tree, and Maiyah with his greeny/blue stripes and us with our headlamps on. I must add that it was fantastic as we never lost one of our dogs! We did however think the UFO's had landed one night when all of a sudden there was this flashing light in the long grass up ahead on the track and it did not come when it was called. I was the brave one who went to investigate..... Bracken's collar had come undone and dropped into the long grass.

Next morning we were up at 6am, quick shower and breakfast, only problem was the butter was so hard we could not spread it on our toast, so we had to slice it off in layers, so much for a healthy diet! Then out we went to run the dogs and feed the stock. Janice & Carol were in charge of the small animals (cats, bird and dogs) and I was in charge of the larger animals (4 horses and 2 cows). This involved chaff for horses, and grain for the cows in the morning and hay for everyone at night. Saturday & Sunday feeds were all done in the dark and we got quite good at it. Just had a few hiccups.....like when Janice had her headlamp on back to front, and me with my trousers on back to front, don't know how that could have happened really as we had power on in the house. Our hearts stopped one night when Janice called from the pitch dark "I'm a dog short, after putting everyone away, I've got a run with no dog in it". It was Nicky's deaf dog who was missing. It was a great relief to find her curled up in a ball fast asleep by the hay shed. We jumped up & down on the ground to wake her so she did not get a fright.

Friday afternoon was our private lessons. We had 2 hours between 4 of us, each wanting some different instruction but we were allowed to watch each other which was great. We all came away just buzzing. We arrived home to do our nightly chores when Janice yells from the bedroom "Who let the cat in?" The poor little budgie had to live in the bedroom as one of the cats has this lifetime ambition to eat it. The cats had all been

put outside before we left, so how did it get in. After a bit of an investigation, the mystery was solved, the window in the bedroom was open. Janice took over bird duties from then on and the wee bird had a great weekend. Out of the bedroom at night to sing and dance and watch television, and out in the sun while we ate lunch on our days at home. Janice & Carol went down to the shops to buy a special seedy thing for him to eat. Carol decided to teach him to talk, she started with something easy. Guess what it was? "Crap!" He didn't get it though, she did not have enough time.

The ginger cat took a liking to my sleeping bag but got off when it came time to share it with me preferring Carol's bed after dark. Could it have been that she had an electric blanket? Now here is a secret, Janice had the other cat on her bed!!!! The cats became very popular when it was found that we had a mouse inside as well. We had to resort to putting our bread in the microwave at night just in case it decided to share it. Janice was to bring one meal on this trip and I made a stew for the other. Unfortunately Janice lost her meal in her freezer at home. It was in a blue container labelled casserole she said. Carol & I were doubting that she had even made a meal, because how could you lose it. Sure enough it came to light when she got home, it was in a black container labelled boysenberry.....and she says I'm getting forgetful.

The seminar was brilliant and we came away with lots of new ideas, but man was it cold in that building. We had to get the 2 hot water bottles that Janice has in her van and fill them and stuff them up our jackets. I resorted to taking my shoes off and putting my feet on mine. The next day people turned up with sleeping bags, hot water bottles, rugs, scarves, hats & gloves. Some even went to the Warehouse and bought sleeping bags & hotties.

Janice's cooking duty was tea on Sunday night, so after being applied with a big glass of Vodka we left her to the kitchen. After a fair bit of giggling Carol and I had a plate slapped down in front of us containing a bit of toast with left over stew on top, she wouldn't win master chef would she?

Because Janice had to have a clean bench before we left each morning or before she went to bed, Carol did her a favour and took all her junk out to the van. One of the items was Janice's watch which Carol carefully put in a safe place, but she forgot where that safe place was. In her pocket was her first guess, being determined not to panic, Carol quietly search every nook & cranny in the van during the day. When we got home the watch was found in Janice's ashtray where she keeps all her extra cash. 'Trust fund' she calls it. See what I mean and they say I'm forgetful, but I have to confess to one or two easy mistakes. Now picture this, 10pm at night (I think) well it was pitch dark anyway, walking the dogs up the hill and I said "Oh look, the cows are up here already for their morning feed" and when some smarty pants shone their light, it was the septic tank, and yes those fat chooks did look like they were pregnant, anyway it was not my dog who chased the cooks, I bet they have not had eggs all week.

Janice's attempt to keep a clean bench was a disaster one morning. She had it beautiful when she went to bed only to get up next morning to chaos. Josh, the young man of the house, had come home and cooked himself a meal, I don't think I need to say more.

Now if you want an electric fence tested just call on Carol, she's good at it. There was quite a steep hill up to Nicky's house and we walked up and down it quite a few times in a day. Janice & Carol were feeling the effects of all this hill work and when we stopped one day to look into the pig pens Carol decided to rest hanging onto the fence, well you know how I said the dogs had flashing lights, Carol's eyes seemed to glow as well LOL.

Just one more thing, if any of you are going to buy scent cloths off Janice, check the number in the bag before paying. I did a lot of scent work with Maiyah and as I had forgotten and left my scent cloths in my car back at Janice's I had to keep using hers. Only problem was, I was helping myself to her supply of cloths she has for sale, opps!

As you can see we had a wonderful weekend. The seminar was the best I have ever been to but what a shame it was so poorly supported.

Dawn

SUSAN COSGROVES FAMOUS CHEESE BALL RECIPE

If you want to make enough to share at a morning tea shout, double the amounts below!

- 125g spreadable cream cheese
- ½ cup grated cheese
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped gherkin
- 2 teaspoons tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ cup chopped walnuts (I buy a bag of prechopped fine nuts from the supermarket)



1. Combine all ingredients (except nuts) in a bowl – mix well.
2. With clean hands, shape mixture into a ball.
3. Roll in chopped nuts until well coated.
4. Wrap in plastic wrap & refrigerate for 1 hour until firm (I usually make the night before & leave it in fridge overnight).
5. Serve with crackers or sliced fresh bread.

TEVRA TEAM COMPETITION - ENTRY FORM

HANDLER	DOG	TEST