



TEVRA TIMES

March 2008

FROM THE BOSS !

The show season is now well and truly upon us and we have had some excellent results coming in. As an instructor, it is always very satisfying when handlers that you have trained win Special Beginners. So far this year both Lois Rich with Elle and Karen Winter with Chelsea have had wins at Championship Shows, on very good marks. Well done both of you.

At most of the shows, Tevra handlers fill the majority of the placings, which is very encouraging. One of the highlights recently would have to be when Carol Lavery made her miniature poodle Morgan, up to an Obedience Champion. Well done Carol.

As you will already know, my Obedience Champion dog Bullet is now living in Sydney with Kim Lindsay who is competing with him in order to gain his Australian Obedience title. To the best of my knowledge this will be the first time this has been achieved with a NZ dog. In April Kim's Sibe-bord dog Rebel, whom we bred, will be returning to NZ for training in preparation for Kim to come over to compete at several of our shows later this year. I am really looking forward to working with Rebel to convert his thoughts from Aussie to NZ. Rumour has it that Rebel may even be used at stud a couple of times while he is over here.

Well, good luck to all of you who are competing this weekend in Timaru, and over the next few months. Keep the good results coming in, but most of all, enjoy working your dog.

Janice

Training Analogy

Thinking about everything you DON'T want your dog to do and trying to get them to stop, instead of training your dog to do what you want them to do, is like getting in a taxi and telling the driver everywhere you DON'T want to go, and expecting them to find your destination.

CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



With winter coming on, Friday night classes will be starting at 6.30pm (This is so I don't lose any of you in the dark!) We have to make the most of the daylight available to us. Winter training is always a bit cold & I find a lot of you are put off by the weather. My advice would be to wrap up warmly in thin layers that you can take off as you get warmer training your dog & to wear gloves. Your dogs still love getting out there, no matter what the weather.

Cancellations will be sent out via email at 8.30am on Wednesdays and Saturdays and at 5.30pm on Fridays. Anyone who is unsure can ring me, you should all have my card with phone details on it, if you haven't, get one.

Please note there will be **no training** for any classes on **Friday 14th and Saturday 15th March** but there will be training for all classes over Easter weekend as normal unless otherwise advised. Advanced classes will only be held on Saturdays from now onwards.

Friday night training will cease on 28th March. This will be replaced by an Elementary Class on Thursday evenings at Clarkville Hall. Please let me know if you are going to be coming to this class so that we are able to ensure a training time for you.

Training Times for Classes from 01 April 2008 will be as follows:

Elementary Classes

Wednesday 12.00pm – Ouruhia Domain
Thursday 7.00pm – Clarkville Hall
Saturday 10.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Intermediate Classes

Wednesday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain
Saturday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain

Advanced Classes

Saturday 11.00am – Ouruhia Domain

If for some reason you can't make your usual class one week, join in one of the others, I am quite happy for you to do that.

Assessments Reminder

Assessments will be held on Saturday 5th April at Ouruhia Domain, for those who are ready.

Elementary 10am & Intermediate 11am

Anyone who can't make these dates will be assessed at a later date (to be arranged)

Barbara



AGILITY TRAINING

A reminder that the fee for agility training on Wednesdays is \$5 per person, unless you are training with Janice on that particular Wednesday, in which case the cost is \$2.50. Please make sure you pay this amount before commencing training. ALL of the money generated from agility training gets put back into it, for your benefit and as of publication of this newsletter the balance of the agility account is \$451.30



NEW PRE-AGILITY COURSE



Some of you will have already attended agility training as part of your certificate. We are now offering to all Tevra people a 6 week pre-agility course with Linda George, who has run this same type of course on several occasions with the Canterbury Canine Agility Training Society (CCATS).

There are now only a limited number of spaces available so please let me know ASAP if you would like to be included.

About Pre-Agility Training

At present, the New Zealand Kennel Club rules for agility state that dogs under 12 months old are unable to train. Between the ages of 12-18 months dogs are allowed to train on increasingly elevated equipment, and towards full height equipment. This is the basis of the pre-agility course.

Pre-agility is for dogs between 12-18 months old (and often older dogs to help with the basic experience of agility). This is a class which introduces agility - jump basics, learning a simple weave, some 'contact' training, and tunnels. It will provide lots of fun handling experience & dog socialising in a controlled environment.

Pre-agility classes will run on a Saturday morning, time to be advised.

Each course runs for 6 weeks, not concurrent due to shows (extended if weather bad for a full six week course).

Course cost is \$40.00.

Maximum enrolment is 6 dogs and their handlers.

Start date April 19th, then the following Saturday's.....April 26th, May 3rd, 17th, 24th, June 7th (June 14th as extra day if needed)

SOUTHERN REGION OBEDIENCE WORKSHOP

Recently, Tevra Dog Training have held several workshops aimed at helping improve both the standard and the understanding of Stewarding, Judging and Competition. Those of you who attended these will agree that there is a great deal to be learnt from this type of workshop.

The Southern Region is running an all day workshop involving several different speakers with all proceeds going towards the purchase of Southern Region NDTA uniforms. As we are currently in the planning stages we would really like an indication of which topics you would be most interested in covering.

DATE: Sunday 6th April 2008

VENUE: Christchurch Dog Training Club Grounds

TIME: 9.30am – 4pm

COST: \$10.00 per person

TOPICS: Stewarding, Judging, Instructing, Competing, Show Managing

LUNCH: Food available for purchase with all proceeds going to the uniform fund.

If you have any suggestions for other areas you may wish to include please contact either Arend Van Den Bos (arend7@xtra.co.nz) or Janice Kirk (tevra@clear.net.nz)

If you would like to attend the workshop, please contact Janet Bainbridge ASAP to indicate your interest. j.bainbridge@econ.canterbury.ac.nz 03 358 9493



*Carol Lavery &
Obedience Champion
Inchcolm Captain Morgan
CDX*

TEVRA'S LATEST OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

On Saturday 23rd February, at the Christchurch Dog Training Club Championship Show, Carol & Morgan finally got that first place Challenge, that had been eluding them for sometime.

This earned Morgan his Obedience Champion title.

Morgan is the second miniature poodle that Carol has titled in obedience, her first being 'Tigger' Ob Ch Khancoban Mr Tigger CDX.

WAY TO GO CAROL & MORGAN!

IMPORTANT NOTICES/REMINDERS

Kennel Cough

Those of you with email access will have received my note recently about the kennel cough outbreak that has affected some of the dogs that compete in the South Island. Please keep an eye out for the symptoms, which can include, loss of appetite, lethargy and of course, coughing.

Kennel cough can be caused by a variety of strains of a virus and/or bacteria so isn't always covered by vaccination. It is spread via infected airborne droplets created from coughing and by contact with nasal discharge.

In minor cases, human cough medicine (Benadryl) can be given to help with the cough but if you suspect one of your dogs is quite unwell, then please get it seen by a vet as antibiotics may be needed. At most risk are, very young pups, older dogs & dogs who already have health problems. If your dog is coughing then please don't bring it to training.

Wednesday Competitive Training

The spare ring will be put up for people to use on a Wednesday only if requested. The cost is \$10 which includes the group stay session at 11am (approx), scent and use of sendaway markers and retrieve articles. Also, please remember to bring your own mug/cup with you if you are going to attend our morning tea shout.

Cancellations

If it is wet in the morning and then becomes fine later during the day, please ensure you have checked your emails for any cancellation notices before leaving for training. Sometimes people will still come along after we have cancelled earlier in the day.

Tevra Clothing

I have left in stock a couple of Polo Shirts (2 x medium and 1 x large) as well as a few large Skivvies. If you wish to buy one of these please let Janice know.



BULLET'S – 'BULLET IN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ. I hope you all had a good Christmas? I know I did, I got very spoiled, see me there with Santa!!!

I got my Novice title last year and won in the ring every time. Now I play with the big guns doing Open.

I had my first Open Trial the other night, where a lot of the other dogs were bombing out because of the loud noises from the carnival. I had to heel off lead, stand for examination off lead, drop on recall, retrieve a dumbbell on the flat and even over a jump. That was fun! The last thing to do was a distance control exercise. I was good. We get marked hard over here for our heeling because they think I'm too close (I don't think so).

Only five of us got through to the groups with the handlers out of sight. The silly judge put our backs to the loud noise and the dog next to me ran away. When its handler came back it was not there. Now there were only four of us, with me on the end, for the five minute down stay. It was very hard because of the loud noises. There were lots of cap guns going off and a man doing whip cracking. It was all too much for me and I had to sit up. So that was a bomb but Mum was happy with me anyway.

We have had lots of thunderstorms over here and it seems to do it the days I trial but on the other hand we now have green grass and the water tank is full.

I don't know if you all know but I have a job now. I go to work and do pet therapy one day a week and it is very hard work.

Grandma and Grandpa's training is still going well, but I can only do it when Mum's not around because I get in trouble from her.



The other day I went to a breed show with Winnie the poo (I'm so glad I'm not a poodle) all the hair spray and the fluffing! She won her breed class. Her obedience is coming along nicely and she is now in Novice and has got her first pass.

The other day Rebel and I went away for the weekend and I got to see my first kangaroo. Mum and I did some training in the paddock and there were lots of kangaroos, but I was good and I did not try to chase them because Mum gives us some kangaroo mince. Now I know what she means when she said I've got kangaroo mince. Kangaroos are very tasty and they are good to eat.

Now, when young Rebel comes over in April you might all have to put him in his place because the other day he did a TV ad. He now has an even bigger head.

That's all for now.....Wove from Bullet....across the ditch.



Me & Winnie the Poo at the breed show

MISFITS GROUP

Most of you will know Diane Broadhurst with Bronson, Delta and Bridgit. Diane has started a walking group for dogs who are some of the misfits in society. These are dogs that display anti social behaviour when out walking or may never have had the opportunity to walk with other dogs. This group is most successful and I have had some excellent reports come in. The cost is \$5 per person if you are a member of our training group or \$10 per person if you are not. For more information contact Diane on 383 7758.