



TEVRA TIMES

March 2009

FROM THE BOSS!

Another busy year has begun with all our classes being well supported. Last year saw us branch out into Rally-O as well as Agility classes on a Saturday. At present we are in the middle of a very busy competition season with several of you travelling quite some distance to these shows. There have been some excellent results coming in, which is great to see. Speaking of results, congratulations must go to Carol Lavery with Morgan (Test C) and Jo Donachie with Shiraz (Novice) who were recipients of the inaugural Southern Region Annual Awards for the most points accumulated in their respective tests during 2008. Well done to you both.

Linda George has been doing an excellent job of promoting agility and with new classes about to start, looks like having another busy year. Meanwhile Gail has got our Rally-O up and running and has some very well supported classes. This month Gail is travelling up to Feilding to further her knowledge, by attending not only an event, but also a conference on Rally-O. This area of dog training is an up and coming sport which will soon be sanctioned by the NZKC.

While I always try to keep my report as positive as possible, there is an area that does concern both Carol and I, and we feel it needs to be addressed, so, here goes. While we all like to win (why else would you pay to get an improved performance) I do feel that some of you are trying too hard to win. How often do you hear successful Test C handlers talking about trying to beat this person or that person? How often do you hear them complaining about influences out of their control? Do you hear them talking so negatively that they have lost the test before they even start? BUT, do you see them train their dogs in the ring if they feel the need too and hear them praise their dogs for good behaviour? Top handlers are usually too focused on their own performance to worry about what other competitors either do or think. I would suggest that you all read the notes that most of you would have received through our competitive workshops that we did a couple of years ago.

Now, on a more positive note, our competitions sub committee of Jo W, Jo D and Carol Lavery have been working very hard to organise another Tevra Trial (as you will see further in the newsletter). Please support this venture as it is a great way to introduce new people, as both competitors and stewards. Please note that all money raised from the entries goes towards the ribbons, judging expenses, ground hire etc. Also, as we did not have an end of year BBQ in 2008, we are looking at a different type of 'teams' competition to be held at an indoor venue on a Saturday evening, combined with a bit of a social gathering. This will not be until late autumn so more details will follow. As they say "watch this space"

In June, a group of us are travelling over to Sydney to attend the Cesar Milan seminar. This is a once in a life time opportunity to both see and hear this world renowned Dog Trainer. I am sure it will be combined with a few social occasions as well as some retail therapy. Kim has already planned the shopping trips! Many thanks to Kim and Sheryl for procuring these tickets for us and for organising accommodation.

That's my lot for now, so keep up the good work and good luck to those of you who are running in CD trials over the next couple of weeks.

Janice

CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



Elementary Assessment

We have an assessment on the 7th of March for quite a few of the Elementary people. You will know who you are by this time. Good luck to you all, though you don't need it, I know you can already do everything. **N.B. There will be no Intermediate class that day.**

I am very pleased with the enthusiasm you have shown in training your dogs. It is an ongoing commitment owning a dog and learning to do things with them, as well as teaching them what you expect by way of their behaviour. Too many people get dogs and just leave them in the backyard, then start to complain when they become bad mannered and destructive.

I do know some of you find that the dog slips back a bit in behaviour occasionally, if this happens, ask yourself first, "Have I contributed to this?" Sometimes it is as simple as forgetting you are in charge and allowing the dog too much freedom or the dog is bored and getting insufficient exercise. If you still have a problem after this, then ask me about organising a chat with Janice. When you first came to Tevra for training you received a book to assist with training your dogs, go back to it and re read it, you will be amazed at how much you have forgotten.

The last Friday night for training will be March 27th. Those of you who are in this class will have the choice of joining the Saturday morning class or the Wednesday morning Class. So far we have been unable to get the hall this year, but if you have a real problem with day classes let me know and we will try to sort something out. **There will be no training over the Easter weekend so enjoy the break.**

A reminder, if classes are cancelled, check your email by 8am on the morning of training, if you do not have an email address I will try to contact you by phone, otherwise you have my number. The same if you can't make it to class, please try to contact Barbara rather than Janice because she is often in the process of training someone when the calls come in.

Changes to class times as from the 14th of March. (This is due to the influx of Intermediate people I am expecting after the Assessment.)

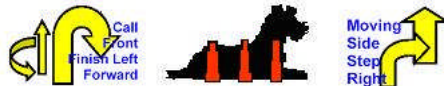
Barbara

Saturday Classes

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| Intermediate | 9.45am - 10.30am |
| Elementary | 10.30am - 11.15am |
| Barbara's Advanced | 11.30am - 12 15pm |
| Janice's Advanced | 11.15am - 12.00noon |

Wednesday Classes

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| Elementary | 9.45am - 10.30am |
| Senior Advanced | 11.00am - 11.45am |
| New Advanced | 12.15pm - 1.00pm |



RALLY-O REPORT

Rally-O is gaining in popularity with a new beginners class starting shortly in Amberley and the waiting list growing for the next class in Christchurch. Participants are finding the fun of Rally-O, combined with learning combinations of moves with their dogs is helping improve handling skills, and the challenge of the growing complexity of the courses is rewarding for both dogs and handlers.

Evelyn with Piper and Cynthia with Kiki will be putting on a short demonstration at 'Bark in the Park' at the Groynes in April, with Ruth, Robbie and Sharon from Amberley, guiding people through a Have-a-Go course. So, be sure to come and say hello and talk to us about Rally-O!

Gail



AGILITY TRAINING REPORT

Welcome to the New Year. Agility training is set to start up again with Linda George.

Beginners Pre-Agility Training

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.

There is going to be a four week course held on Saturdays 9.15am on the following dates. March 21st, 28th, April 4th, 18th. Further Saturdays will be included if training is cancelled because of rain. The full four week cost is \$40.

Advanced Pre-Agility Training

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

Cost: \$10.00 per session (reduced to \$5.00 if training in another Tevra class on that day)

Class Timetable

Saturday mornings, (note - there will be no training on occasional dates due to weather conditions &/or shows)

Beginners Pre-Agility: 9.15am - 10.15am

Pre-Agility: 11.00am - 11.45am

Contact Janice Kirk kirkj@clear.net.nz
Or Linda George Linda.George@xtra.co.nz



Wednesday Training

Agility equipment will be available each Wednesday.

Cost: \$5.00 (reduced to \$2.50 if training a session with Janice on the day)

Inner Peace (sent in by Janet Cornelius)

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can get going without pep pills,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

...Then You Are Probably The Family Dog!

TEVRA TRIAL – OBEDIENCE & RALLY-O

Where: Christchurch Dog Training Club Grounds (Marshland Road)

When: Monday 13th April (Easter Monday)

Time: Entries taken from 9.30am

Judging: Begins at 10am

Judges:

Gail Hamling - Rally-O

Joanne Wilson - Elementary

Dawn Prattley - Special Beginners

Miriam Dobson - Novice & Test B

Arend van den Bos - Test A & Test C

Cost: Entry fees will be \$4 for Obedience Tests & \$2 for Rally-O (or 2 goes for \$3)
There will also be a raffle running \$1 per ticket

Running Order: Beginning with Test A & Elementary, then Test B & Test C,
then Novice & Special Beginners
Rally-O will begin at 10am

Shared Lunch: Prizegiving & a shared lunch will be held at the completion of the trial.
Please bring something to share.

Questions & Answers Session: Arend van den Bos (Southern Region Chairperson & NZKC judge) has kindly agreed to be available for a questions & answers session after lunch so if you have any questions about obedience or happenings within the Southern Region, this is your chance to ask them.

Helpers: If you would like to steward one of the tests (learners very welcome to have a go) please let one of the following know (Jo D, Jo W or Carol L)
Other jobs will be allocated on the day (many hands make light work)



RECIPE - BEEF CRUNCHIES

Gail has submitted the first in a series of recipes from an English book "Cooking for Your Dog" – healthy recipes seasoned with affection.

Ingredients: 500g lean beef

Dice the meat into 1cm cubes. Cover a baking sheet with baking paper and place the cubes of meat on it, close together. Put into a cold oven and heat to 150C. Cook the meat in the oven for 1 hour.

Reduce the oven temperature to 100C, and prop open the oven door to allow the moisture to escape. Dry the cubes of meat in the oven for a further 2 hours.

Allow the beef crunchies to dry overnight at room temperature.

The crunchies will keep for up to a year in an airtight container – if your dog will allow it!!

BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

My grandson Howie has settled in very well and I have been watching his progress with a great deal of interest. Grandma Lindsay spends a lot of time playing and training him. His sendaways and puppy scent are coming along nicely. His heeling is not too bad but it is his retrieving that I am amazed at. Grandma has a big bag of toys, wooden spoons, balls, metal objects, plastic cooking utensils, and there was a nice new toy that I have stolen (and I will not put it back its mine now.) To my surprise Howie can retrieve them all.

Rebel has been on cage rest for the last 6 weeks. It's partly Rebel's fault as he climbs a tree and sits there waiting for the birds to come so he can catch them. Well, one day Rebel fell out of the tree and pulled his shoulder. Then, Grandad Lindsay accidentally stood on his toe and popped it. All of this happened on the one day! Poor Rebel, he wasn't even allowed to go swimming. I have put in a couple of photos of Rebel in his tree and one showing how much Howie has grown (he's the not so little guy at the front)



My UD training is getting there but sometimes I get a bit mixed up with it all. Some of the days I've had to have the day off training because it has been just too hot. Us Sibe-bords were allowed to kick the Poodles out of the doghouse so that the air-con could get put on for us.

That's all until next time, take care.

Wove Bullet, Rebel and Howie. XXOO



BULLET'S CHICKEN LIVER DOG BISCUITS

Ingredients.

2 cups flour
1 cup wheat germ
½ cup chicken stock
1 cup chicken livers – cooked and chopped
3 tblspns vegetable oil
1 egg – lightly beaten
2 tspns chopped parsley

Method.

Combine flour and wheatmeal.
In separate bowl, beat egg with oil, then add stock and parsley, mix well.
Add dry ingredients a little at a time, stirring well.
Fold in chicken livers and mix well. (Dough will be firm).
Turn dough out on lightly floured surface and knead briefly.
Roll out 2cm thick and cut into shapes. Place on greased biscuit tray 2cms apart.
Bake at 200C for 15 minutes or until firm.

Store in refrigerator. Makes about 24 biscuits.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

2009 has kicked off with many of our members doing some silly things. I don't know if these should be contributed to age related issues like eyesight or memory problems or whether some were still in holiday mode.



Anyway, on the topic of member contributions, the Boss has introduced a new savings scheme (for the end of year celebrations) with the revenue generated from people getting fined \$1 for every item they leave behind at training (or shows). I hear the fines tin has already had some 'donations' deposited and, going by the lack of memory skills displayed by some this year already, it could be quite a sum by the end of the year.

It seems that your fellow competitors are happy to send me information about the antics some of you get up to so, here are a few things our members have done this year already.....

We could start with Wednesday's, where one of our members (who owns longhaired German Shepherds) was shocked to come across a gruesome find along the bank of the creek. It seemed there was a cat killer on the loose after this person had spotted a dead ginger cat's head sticking out of a bag. On closer inspection by another member it was found that the ginger head was in fact a bread roll.

On another Wednesday one of our members (who drives the vehicle pictured below) had a bit of a problem when her tow bar got hooked on the wire rope as she drove away resulting in a post that has seem better days.



Staying with Wednesday's & that wire rope, well, it got its revenge a couple of weeks ago when it tripped up one of our members who ended up in a heap on the ground. She was later seen with a gauze pad stuck over her grazed nose, a bandage wrapped around her wrist and had to go & have x-ray's taken on her wrist. Beware the wire rope!!!!

Another rope incident, this time from Oamaru. The person who discovered the cat head in the story above had a "car Vs ring rope" incident at the Oamaru Show in February and nearly pulled the rings down as she tried to inconspicuously back up with the rope caught around the number plate surround. Maybe this person needs a visit to the optometrist?

And here's a wee tip for one of our members, who by the way, has been competing for years..... if you want to enter the Oamaru Show, you really should send your entry to the Oamaru Show Secretary, NOT the Southland Show Secretary ☺

Lastly, The Boss & Carol headed off to Dunedin in February for a long weekend of shows. Unfortunately, with an overheating van, they had to make a lot of stops and set a new land slowness record for the trip. Now I'm sure we all know that you should never take off the radiator cap (if it's boiling) until it's cooled down a bit & Carol did remind the Boss of that on quite a few occasions. But, the Boss, being the Boss, decided to take the cap off against the advice of her travelling companion & what resulted was the entire cab of the van having a steam clean, especially the ceiling! Good one Boss!

