



TEVRA TIMES

November 2007

FROM THE BOSS!

Here we are again, with the last newsletter of the year, and thoughts of Christmas Breakups and holidays already in our heads. The competition season is really upon us with still quite a few shows to go before the end of the year.

Barbara and I headed off to the APDTA Conference in the middle of September. This was well worth attending and both of us picked up a lot of information, mainly in terms of class structure and how to deal with handlers in general. It is always so interesting to hear about training from other perspectives and we both learned heaps from it.

A couple of weeks ago I took Bullet over to Australia to be with Kim Lindsay who owns Rebel. Some of you will have met Kim when she was over here. As you can see from Bullet's report later in the newsletter, he has already won his class on his only outing so far. Bullet will be returning to NZ at some stage, so we hope that he will at least keep his NZ accent.

Well it is coming to that time of the year where we pack up and head off down to Lake Aviemore for some well deserved R & R. It is here (while sitting under the trees with a cold drink in one hand and pen and paper in the other) that all the planning for training over the next twelve months is thrashed out (until the cold drinks take over of course!!) You will see in the general part of the newsletter, information regarding our breakups this year. As last years lunch was rather disappointing in some aspects, we are looking at somewhere else. If you have any ideas please let me know.

You will all be aware of the extent of the growth of Tevra Dog Training over the past couple of years. It has now reached the point where we have to become GST registered so I have had to make quite a few changes in the way I operate. I will no longer be stocking general play toys etc for your dogs. We will only be stocking training toys and accessories. We are currently selling all excess stock off at a discounted price. We will still be able to obtain other items for you on an order basis.

Another casualty of all these changes, for you as handlers, is that I have reluctantly decided to raise my prices and the structure of some of the training. I do feel that some of you are there (mainly on Wednesdays) for a social outing and that is fine. I would suggest that some of you do not need a one on one training session every week. With that in mind, the spare ring will be put up each week for those who don't have a lesson booked, but who would still like to do some ring training. You may like to buddy up & help each other. I have done a new fee structure that I will hand out to you all as a separate item. This is the first price increase for most of you since I started in 1997 so I think you will understand.

Well I will leave it at that and hope you all have a really great Christmas and New Year. Many thanks to all of you who helped out during the year. You are a great bunch of people.

CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION



Well it's that time of year again when everyone goes mad shopping, baking and attending various Christmas Breakups. Don't forget amongst all the hustle & bustle that training goes on throughout your dog's life.

The people who come regularly to classes are doing extremely well with their dogs and I need to say thank you for putting the time into them. It is only by training your dogs & sorting out problems before they get out of hand, that we can ever hope to put an end to all the accidents & maiming caused by dog bites.

The best books on dog training are by Cesar Milan. He is so up to date & "with it" as far as dog training is concerned. Tevra Dog Training has copies of both of Cesar's books including his latest book "Be The Pack Leader" for sale. These are priced from \$30.00 - \$40.00 and would make an excellent Christmas present for yourself or any dog owner.

Classes this year will finish as follows:

Wednesday Classes - 12 Dec Friday Classes - 14 Dec Saturday Classes - 15 Dec

Starting dates for next year are:

Wednesday Classes - 16 Jan Friday Classes - 18 Jan Saturday Classes - 19 Jan

As you will read in the report from the Boss, Tevra Dog Training has grown so much over the past few years we have had to register for GST. Therefore, we have had to look at increasing fees as of January next year to \$12.50 per session. This will be reduced to \$55.00 per 5 sessions if paid in advance. There will also be slight changes to the curriculum next year. Hopefully you will find them to your advantage. If you have any suggestions on areas that we may be able to change or improve on with regards to this, please let me know so that we can include your thoughts in our planning for next year. We are always open to suggestions.

Assessment Dates

Elementary - 7th/8th December

Advanced - 7th/8th December

There will be no Intermediate assessments until next year.

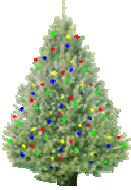
Barbara

TRAINING - FINISH (2007) & RESTART (2008) DATES

Competitive Training finishes on Wednesday 5th December and recommences Wednesday 16th January 2008.

Certificate Classes, as listed above in Barbara's report.

XMAS BREAK UP **Sunday 25th November at 4pm**



The end of year breakup will now be held at Christchurch Dog Training Club Grounds which are located on Marshlands Rd, on the opposite side to Ouruhia Domain and about 100 metres South.


This breakup is for all classes that train with Tevra Dog Training, so come and join us to finish off another successful year.

Children and/or grandchildren are very welcome.

We will have games for children, adults and dogs, followed by a pot luck finger food meal.

Please bring your own utensils, chairs, drinks etc.

There will be more information on this sent out to you in a couple of week's time but keep this date and time free to join us.



XMAS LUNCHEON

The luncheon date will now be the 12th of December, not the 19th as previously stated. If you have any suggestions on where to go, please let Janice know ASAP.

ZONE TRAINING DAY

On February 3rd 2008, the "Zone" (historical Zone 4) is organising a Training Day which will involve several aspects of training and competing. There will be a stewarding seminar, an instructor's seminar, a judge's discussion, plus several other activities. This is a fundraiser for the Zone and would be very worthwhile attending.

At this stage it will be held at Ouruhia Domain, starting about 10.00am and going through until 4pm. Keep the day free and we will advise you further in a few weeks time.

POLO SHIRTS

The Tevra Polo Shirts (navy blue with our logo printed in red) will be available from next week at a cost of \$20. These are good quality, hardwearing shirts. Be in quick if you want one.

TEVRA RECIPE BOOK

Unfortunately, due to a lack of support there will not be a Tevra recipe book being produced. We will however publish some of the recipes submitted in the newsletter. Thanks to those who took the time to send them in. Here's a timely Traditional Christmas Cake recipe, which was sent in by Janet Cornelius.

CHRISTMAS CAKE

7oz (200gms) plain flour
6oz (170gms) castor sugar
1/4 level teaspoon salt
1/2 level teaspoon mixed spice
3/4 level teaspoon grated nutmeg
1/2 level teaspoon cinnamon
12oz (340gms) currants
6oz (170gms) sultanas
6oz (170gms) raisins
3oz (85gms) mixed peel
3oz (85gms) glace cherries
3oz (85gms) chopped almonds
grated rind of 1 lemon
4 eggs
4oz (115gms) butter
1 1/2 tablespoons sherry or milk
Almond Paste
Royal Icing (I now use Fondant icing - soft rollable icing)



Method

Grease a round 8 inch (24 cm) cake tin with butter and line with double thickness greaseproof paper. Sift flour, salt and spices together. Wash fruit and thoroughly dry. Chop the peel, cherries, and almonds and finely grate the lemon rind and mix all together. Beat the eggs. Thoroughly cream the butter and sugar, gradually add the beaten eggs and continue creaming until the mixture is fluffy. Stir in the dry ingredients, the fruit and sherry or milk.

Turn the mixture into the prepared cake tin and bake for approximately 3 1/4 - 4 hours in a slow oven, 300 degrees Fahrenheit (150 C) near the bottom of the oven. After the first 2 hours cover the top of cake with a circle of paper, and if necessary, reduce the heat for the last hour of baking. Leave the cake in the tin for at least an hour to cool. Finish cooling on a wire rack.

Wrap in greaseproof paper and store in an airtight tin. About one week before cutting, coat the cake with the almond icing and allow to harden for 24 - 48 hours. Ice and decorate with Royal Icing (or Fondant).

If you wish, about 3 weeks before using, make some very small holes in the top of the cake and pour in some brandy (flavour to your taste). It helps to preserve the moisture of the cake and REALLY ADDS TO THE TASTE.

Enjoy!! Janet Cornelius.

BULLET'S – 'BULLET IN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ. I have had a couple of busy weeks. I had to put the pin up boy (Rebel) in his place, he thinks he is so good because he is in the 2008 calendar Dogs of Australia.

I had my first birthday away from home and it was ok, got lots of presents. I have got my new Grandma and Grandpa all worked out and their training is coming along nicely. Like today... I got Grandpa to open the door and let me in.....then he was to sit and when I barked, he was to give me some toast with jam on it "good human". I can't do this around my new Mum, we get in trouble. Grandma is slower, but coming on nicely. David (Mums other half) is doing well in the training too cos he cooks us all pancakes for Sunday breakfast. I can say I have got them all wrapped around my paw!!!

Found out the hard way that the little poodles
(all four of them) like to play games.
They told me if I sit on the kitchen table they will let
me stay inside the house. They lied!!!!
I got in BIG BIG trouble for sitting on the table so
I don't listen to them no more.....
BAD POODLES!!!!!!



We have not had too many hot days over here but the good news is that I can go swimming in the pool. I can get in all by myself now and do laps up and down, it is a nice pool. Mum won't let me go swimming in the dam. She said I will get dirty and smelly if I go in there. I get brushed at least 3 times a week and I'm glad I'm not a Poodle.....they wear funny things in their hair and yes, the pin up boy loves to be looking good. I can't let him look better than me so I sit and let Mum brush me.

For CCD, which is like our Special Beginners over there, I had to learn to do all my positions next to Mum, so when Mum stops, I have to sit and when Mum tells me to stand, I have to stand with Mum and the same with the drop. We have to do all of this in normal pace, fast pace and slow pace, as well as left turns, left about right turns and right about turns. So, that is heel on lead. Then, I have to do a stand for examination on lead. After that we do a recall and I am not allowed to finish and Mum has to walk around me. After that we do our stays, one minute sit and a two minute down stay. Mum is about 6 metres away from me. I forgot to tell you all Mum is only allowed to say heel, stand, down, come and stay. No chatting to me, it is a big NO NO.

In Novice you lose your lead, do all the heelwork and the stand for examination and the recall,

but she can do either retrieve dumbbell or distance control to a down.

Saturday night 3/11/07 - Mum had entered me in a CCD and she did not tell a sole over here. We were on fire, the judge said all the way through "just beautiful, don't look at the dog look straight ahead, don't look at him". Then Mum looked like a nobby dog. Bad mum for taking her eyes off me. Can you believe that we lost 1 point for Mum looking at me and I lost the other point, I was a bit off centre in my sit on the recall. This test was marked out of 100 Mum and I got 98 out of 100 not bad. Oh yeah, AND we WON!!!



Me with my
new Mum &
my first Oz
Obedience
Prizes



Thank you to all that supported Mum and I. We were about to leave and a lady came up to our car and said that she heard someone saying that we should not have been in that class because I am too highly trained. Mum said yes, I was highly trained, but over here in Oz we are totally different to NZ and I had to learn to do our positions and then the lady said fair enough.

Mum has been asked by her boss if I could be a pet therapy dog. Rebel said it is fun as you get to sit on people, have lots of pats, steal lunches from them and just veg out. I think I can do that. I start this Wednesday.

Have not seen a snake but found out about bindies (prickles). There has been a lot of thunder and lightning storms. The last one was a very big one and I had to come up on to the veranda and get a rug around my cage so I could not see the lightning.

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



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