



## TEVRA TIMES

### November 2008

#### FROM THE BOSS!

I don't know quite where to start here as so much has happened since the last newsletter. As you will all know, Kim from Australia, was over here competing with Rebel, from the middle of September until early November. Both had an extremely successful time in NZ and took home quite a suitcase of prizes (just ask Carol and Barbara, who helped repack the suitcases at the airport in order to save on excess baggage costs) as well as leaving the food bins here well stocked for our dogs. Just prior to Kim's arrival, a litter of Sib-bord puppies sired by Rebel, out of a Bullet daughter (Coco) were born. This worked out perfectly for all concerned and one of the puppies (Brio) has gone to Karen Winter, who at times is somewhat shell shocked at the speed of this puppy. Karen is really enjoying training Brio and is looking forward to getting her into the ring later next year. I currently have two of the male puppies here that I am preparing to send over to Australia to their new obedience homes. We will hear more reports on how Howie and Tallan are training in Australia over the next few months.

The end of September saw the Nationals held at the Westpac Trust Centre. What a magnificent venue this is. I would very much like to thank all of you who helped out in so many different ways. Carol and I could not have done it without your help. This was a most successful show despite a rather biased opinion printed in this month's Gazette by the NZKC Executive Council. During the week either side of the Nationals, it was lovely to have Kim's mother Sheryl and her friend Carol over here with us for nearly two weeks. It was a really fun time, even if somewhat tiring. I believe that they slept for a few days when they arrived home. Sheryl & Carol spent a great deal of time at training and have gone home with a whole lot of new ideas.

After we dropped Sheryl & Carol off to go home to Australia, it was straight down to Dunedin to the shows down there and then a week of sightseeing. Kim really enjoyed the trip through to Queenstown, down to Invercargill and Bluff and then back up to Dunedin, while our Carol really enjoyed scouting out all the Classic Clothing shops on the way and helping with their cash flow for the week. Bluff was typical, wet, windy and cold. In fact, Kim saw her first lot of snow falling while down there.

Back in Dunedin and we attended the Mary Ray seminar for 3 days. Mary is an incredible person with so much knowledge that the time at the seminar was an experience that I would not have wanted to miss. I was astounded that more people did not attend, but having said that approximately a third of those there were from Tevra, which was good to see. On the Saturday evening we held a surprise party for Alastair's 60th Birthday at Nicky Rutherford's house where we were staying. All of the Tevra people down there attended and the highlight of the evening was when I presented Alastair with his birthday present. The entire room knew that I had shouted him a trip to Japan, England, Europe and the USA next July and he had no idea until he read the itinerary inside the card. Barbara and Colin will be joining us, which was also a surprise for Colin. We had also prepared an impromptu video for Alastair's birthday, produced by Munter Productions. This was played in its unedited version. *Continued next page.....*

Less than a fortnight later we were all off to the NDTA in Feilding for a week. Once again, this was an enjoyable time away, but also very tiring. The NDTA team for our Zone was made up entirely of Tevra handlers and dogs. All of the dogs looked really good in the ring and many comments were made from spectators on the way both the handlers and their dogs worked. Unfortunately, as often happens, it was just the odd oopsie that prevented a better placing, but they were by far the most polished team on the day.

As we end this year, there have been so many handlers and dogs that have moved up the tests, so if I miss any of you please forgive me. Some dogs have had a very long year so please do give them a break over the summer holidays so that they are ready for a New Year. As usual, we will be heading down to the lakes in order to change the world over a few drinks and nibbles with the dog training gang down there. Have a great Christmas and I look forward to catching up with you all in the New Year.

*Janice*

## **CERTIFICATE CLASS INFORMATION**

We are very happy with the way the dogs are improving at present, We don't know whether it is the better weather or that the dogs are maturing & suddenly things are all clicking into place. Whatever it is, well done to you all. For those who come every week without fail, we really appreciate the effort you are putting into your dogs.

Assessments for the Intermediate Class people will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm and Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. Also there are 2 Elementary Class people who have times yet to be arranged. Advanced Class assessments will be now be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am for exercise no's 1 – 9 only.

We do hope you all manage to come to our Christmas break up on December 13<sup>th</sup>. This break up is for Certificate Class handlers only. It will run from 10.00am – 11.30am with a shared morning tea / lunch afterwards. It is always nice to socialise with the people in your class and the instructors look forward to it also. Bring the whole family for fun & games.

In case you wish to put in a little extra practise, the games we will be having are fastest sendaway, fastest recall, sausage retrieve as well as a very beginner's Rally-O course. All dogs will be able to compete equally regardless of class level.

Last day for training for the Wednesday classes is December 10<sup>th</sup> and for Saturday classes will be December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Starting Dates for 2009 will be Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Have a great Christmas and New Year.

*Barbara & Janice*



## **CHRISTMAS BREAKUP – COMPETITIVE CLASSES**

The last day for Wednesday training will be 10<sup>th</sup> December, Fridays will be 19<sup>th</sup> December and Saturdays will be 20<sup>th</sup> December. Training will recommence from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

A breakup lunch will be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 12.30pm at Harringtons in Belfast (across the road from Robbies). I need to know the numbers attending by 1<sup>st</sup> December please.

## BARBECUE

A barbecue will be held at the Kirk's on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December from 6pm onwards. All classes are invited but please do let me know the numbers by 1<sup>st</sup> December, as I will supply the meat etc. If you could all please bring a salad, bread or desert, that would be appreciated.

## TRAINING FEES FOR 2009

For those of you who are currently training with Tevra on a regular basis there will be no fee increase next year. I have been giving some thought to those handlers who may only come once or twice and then leave it for another month or two, which makes training a lot more involved. I have decided to increase these fees to \$25.00 per session effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Just to clarify the times allotted for training:

On a Wednesday your fee covers 20 mins with me, plus scent with Carol and stays at 11.00am. If you wish to book 30 mins with me, as well as the time with Carol and the stays, then the cost will be \$30. If you wish to train yourself but still join in the stays and the scent then the fee is \$10.00.

On Friday evenings and Saturdays the fee covers 30 minutes just with myself.

If you are unsure of anything above please ask.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following for their achievements throughout the year:

**Colin Broadhurst and Indie** who were not only a part of the NDTA Zone Team but who have won their way into Test C  
**Jo Donachie and Shiraz** who won several Novice tests and will compete next year in Test A along with Jo's other goldie **Chloe**, who also won out of Novice during 2008.  
**Carol Lavery and Morgan** who represented Zone 4 at the 2008 NDTA, was a member of the winning Carmele Cindy Trophy Team at the Nationals and became an OBEDIENCE CHAMPION  
**Dawn Prattley and Mayiah** for very quickly becoming an OBEDIENCE CHAMPION  
**Sonia Parnham and Spring** on becoming a Test C dog  
**Margaret Van Oosten and Banjo** who are now a Test B combination  
**Joanne Wilson and Briar** for not only being a member of the NDTA Zone Team but also for gaining their CDX & winning their way out of Novice and Test A to become a Test B combination  
**Linda George and Merlot, Janet Bainbridge and Travis & Mary McNulty and Frankie**, who all obtained their CDX  
**Alastair Kirk and Joker** for winning out of Novice and becoming a Test A combination and  
**Alastair and Streak** for being a member of the NDTA Zone Team and a member of the winning Carmele Cindy Trophy Team at the Nationals  
**Ann Readman** for obtaining CDX with Mac.  
**Anne Morgan & Gromitt** who won out of Novice & are now competing in Test A  
**Lois Rich & Ellie** for winning out of Special Beginners  
**Kim Lindsay and Rebel** for being a member of the NDTA Zone Team, winning numerous Special Beginners Tests, being a member of the winning Carmele Cindy Trophy Team at the Nationals, achieving CDX at the NDTA and I guess above all for putting the time, effort and money into coming out to NZ to achieve all of this.

## UP & COMING PUPPIES

Just recently we have seen a few new puppies starting their obedience work. It is lovely to see the enthusiasm of both the puppies and their handlers. We look forward (later next year) to seeing how Elizabeth Gill and Ruby (Golden Retriever), Liz Wilkinson and Sabre (German Shepherd) & Karen Winter and Brio (Sib-bord) progress. We will also have our two Australian members training their puppies Howie and Tallan, although with their system, realistically it may take quite a bit longer to get into the ring, but we look forward to hearing about their progress in future newsletters.

We also have some young dogs working well & they will hopefully make their mark in our sport next year. Anne Readman with Laddie, Anne Morgan with Diesel, Margaret Van Oosten with Ester, Janet Bainbridge with Maggie, Lisa Hill with Harvey, Naomi Tsuchida with Nico, Janet Cornelius with Midge and myself with Bramble.



## AGILITY TRAINING REPORT

Well, it seems that the end of the year is catapulting towards us. Each Saturday (when weather and shows permit), there has been a trusty group of agility folks at Ouruhia, training their dogs. Much improvement has been shown especially in Cushka (who now competes at Ribbon Trials), and Deeva. Well Done. Agility also continues on a Wednesday, with a varying group of attendees. The equipment also being well utilised by the certificate classes.

It would be good to gauge interest for next year, as pre-agility will still be run on the Saturdays, and ongoing Wednesdays.

If you are interested in a pre-agility beginner's course please let me know. If there are sufficient numbers I will start another course in February/March next year.

Any interest or comments are welcomed to either Janice or myself

All the best

Linda

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## BULLET'S MEAT FLAVOURED TREATS FOR DOGS

Mix 1 cup of wheat germ & 2 jars of meat baby food together until you have a stiff dough.

Form into balls, place on a biscuit tray and flatten with fork.

Bake at 180C for 20- 30 minutes until desired hardness is achieved. These treats can be frozen.

I even get to lick the jars of baby food.

Bullet xxxxx

## AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**Tevra Short Sleeved Polo Shirts** - Navy with white logo. Good quality, hard wearing \$23.00 each.

**Tevra Long Sleeved Skivvies** - Last of the order. Large sizes only \$15.00 each.

**Training DVDs** - Agility noises, Motivational, Sounds (Thunder, Sirens etc) available in cases \$4.00 each

**Water Bowls** - Non spill, cage bowls and cage buckets - all ideal for summer weather.

**Dog Food** - Those of you who purchase dog food through me, could you please let me know any orders required in December as we will be away for approximately two weeks over Christmas.

**Kennels For Sale** - Two kennels, one is a plastic Igloo type suitable for fox terrier size dog and the other wooden with iron roof - would fit b/collie size dog. Open to offers for both. Please contact Diane Broadhurst if interested Ph 383 7758

**Christmas Specials** - Between now and Christmas I will also have at training a selection of toys, leads, collars, retractable leads etc at a reduced price. All ideal as either Christmas presents or else just to make managing your dog easier.

## TIPS TO KEEP YOUR DOG COOL OVER SUMMER

- ❖ Make giant beef stock ice blocks in ice cream containers. Dogs have a lot of fun licking them & pushing them around.
- ❖ Give him a frozen bone to play with.
- ❖ Take him for a swim in the morning or late afternoon.
- ❖ Make him a cool area by tying up a tarpaulin like a shade cloth in a draughty area.
- ❖ If he is long coated give him a good clip in the summer. Or at least have his belly shaved.
- ❖ Dogs need moving air to keep cool while they pant; if it gets too hot bring him in to the air conditioning or the fan. Often it is cooler inside than out.
- ❖ A wet coat is a good idea to cool him. Get an old towel cut for around his neck and sew tapes on under side to tie round his belly.
- ❖ Leave him a couple of **buckets of water** in a cool shady place he can get to easily, stainless steel bowls heat up quickly.
- ❖ Some dogs appreciate an old paddling pool to cool off in.

### Never Never Never

- ❖ Leave him in a locked car.
- ❖ Exercise in the full heat of the day.
- ❖ Leave his water where it can heat up or be spilled particularly if you are not home.
- ❖ Leave him tied up where the sun can come round and get him.

**Remember:** Fleas are at their busiest in summer, so is Barley Grass so check & groom at least twice a week.

## **BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA**

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

I've been away for a holiday all by myself while Mum and Grandma Lindsay were in NZ. It was a 5 star dog resort and was OK (but nothing beats the poodle house at home). I was so glad when Grandma Lindsay came to pick me up to take me home. I love Grandma Lindsay because I can do no wrong by her cos I think she loves me a lot.

Now that Mum is back in Aussie I am back into work mode. Last week I got 3<sup>rd</sup> at our biggest trial of the year and it will be the last one for a while till Mum and I get our heads around UD.

Rebel told me he was a Dad and I was a Grandfather, I'm tooooooooooooooooooooooo young to be a Grandfather!

Have a look at the photo; it's me and Rebel bonding on his return.... Yeah Right! We don't like each other very much.

I hope you all have a safe Christmas and a happy New Year.

Lots of Love Bullet

PS. Please read the note below from my Mum



Rebel and I would like to thank everyone for the help that they gave us. I had the best time of my life and I even think Rebel did. Well, I know he did when he met Coco!

I also would like to thank two very special people, Janice and Alastair for looking after us and taking us into their home. I hate going to work on Wednesdays now because I know I'm missing out on training. You all are so very lucky.

My Mum and Carol would like to thank everyone for a fantastic time. They were made to feel very welcome by everyone in NZ.

Have a Happy Christmas and safe New Year.  
Kim over in OZ.

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# WHAT IS RALLY-O ?

The goal is to attain more control off leash and to build a fast working dog/handler team. Retrieving and a combination of exercises and RALLY games, as well as agility obstacles are interwoven to create an interesting learning experience for dog and owner.

## RECIPE FOR FUN



GRAB A FEW DIRECTIONAL SIGNS. ADD A TIME LIMIT TO SPICE UP THE ACTION. COMBINE WITH A GROUP OF DOGS OF EVERY AND ANY TYPE. THROW IN THE OWNERS TO MAKE THEM "FEEL" IMPORTANT. ROLL IN "FUN AND LAUGHTER" FOR GOOD MEASURE.

## YOU NOW HAVE THE RECIPE FOR RALLY OBEDIENCE

For dogs with a basic obedience level that would like to add a little variety to their training! Rally-O is the next big thing in dog sports! Rally-O goes beyond the typical obedience class by incorporating up to 40 preset movements through a planned course. Dog and owner, at their own pace, complete the course of designated stations. Each station has a sign providing instructions describing the skill that is to be performed. Rally-O is a fun and challenging way to improve your dog's obedience! Looking for something fun to do with your dog? Well, why not try a Rally Obedience class!

The sport of Rally-O was first conceived by Charles "Bud" Kramer as an alternative to traditional obedience classes and competition. His goal was to encourage people to continue to have fun with their canine companions, while still working with basic obedience movements.

A Rally-O course consists of a series of numbered exercises, each with a sign that instructs the team to perform a specific obedience task. A course will consist of 10-20 exercise stations. Teams may be instructed to perform a Sit, Sit-Down-Walk Around, 360 Left, Halt 1-2-3 Steps Forward, Spiral Left or any number of fun and challenging sequences. Handlers are allowed to 'walk through' the course (like in agility) prior to their run, in order to familiarize themselves with the layout and plot their strategy. Unlike traditional obedience, Rally encourages the handler to talk to, praise, and use hand and verbal signals to encourage the dog along the course. An enthusiastic attitude and team spirit are more important than precision.

Beginner level competition is performed with the dog on-leash, while more advanced Rally competition is performed off-leash. Most dogs and handlers are ready to try a Rally-O class once they have completed two levels of basic obedience (or with permission of the instructor). This ensures they have an understanding of all of the novice obedience tasks that will be utilised in a beginner Rally class (eg: Sit, Down, Stand, Stay, Heel, Presents and Finishes).

Rally-O allows teams to strengthen their human-canine bond and continue their education while having fun together. So, if you are looking for something new and exciting to try with your four legged friend ... Ready, Set, Rally-O! Rally is intended to promote positive relationships between dogs and owners based on trust and mutual respect.