



## TEVRA TIMES

November 2009

### FROM THE BOSS!

So much has happened that it is difficult to know where to start. For me personally, I think that the highlight was on Sunday 1st November at the CCOC Champ Show when Carol Lavery and her poodle Morgan became an Obedience Grand Champion. They are the first Tevra trained combination to achieve this and it is by no means an easy task. To be awarded this title a dog must gain 20 challenges (290 points + out of a possible 300) at the highest level, of which 10 must be firsts and 5 must be over 295 points. When you consider that the dog is competing in the highest test and that only two dogs are awarded challenges at any one time you will appreciate what an achievement this really is. Morgan first started training with us when he was just 8 weeks old. So, well done Carol, and we did SO enjoy the morning tea!

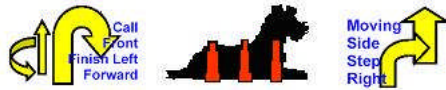
Labour weekend saw a large group of us heading off to the National Dog Training Assembly, held in Mosgiel. It is an annual event held throughout the country and covers all aspects of dog training competitions, along with an inter-regional team competition, which is always an exciting event. A number of our group represented the region team and yours truly was the coach. Well done to, Heather Lauper and Bailey, Marisa Bicknell and Santo, Jo Donachie and Chloe, Jo Wilson and Briar, Jean McClymont and Jamie and of course Carol Lavery and Morgan. You all looked so good in the ring and I felt that you were a credit to the Tevra group.

On Sunday October 11th we held a "Have A Go Day" to raise funds for the Regional obedience ring kits. This was a really successful day and I would really like to thank all of you for the wonderful effort you put in to be able to run Agility, Rally, Stakes Classes, as well as Obedience. There were so many positive comments from outside our group especially when we were able to raise over \$700 to donate to the Region. We now have "Donated by Tevra Dog Training" on the top of all the kits, as we not only raised enough money to pay for them all, but also to put towards some of the ring number boards. Thank you so much everybody.

This will be the last newsletter for the year and all I can say to you is thank you so much for helping to make Tevra Dog Training the successful group that it is. Special thanks to Barbara for all the work she does with the certificate classes, even if we do give her a hard time (she is so easy to do it too). There is no way that these classes would run as well as they do without her (aww shucks). Also thanks must go to Carol who is always there to help, with not only scent, but also with the training and any other problems that arise. Thank you Jo Wilson for the wonderful newsletter that you produce for us and also Jo Donachie, who is always first to arrive and last to leave on a Wednesday, putting up and taking down the rings for us all. Linda, you have always been very willing to help with the agility, sometimes at very short notice to help me out with a class, as has Colin who has helped with the agility for the certificate classes. A special thanks also to Gail, who has not only started a very successful Rally-O training program, but is always there when I need her, be it for dog sitting, training, writing notes up or just to throw ideas around. Last but by no means least, THANK YOU DAVID MORGAN FOR THE CRAYFISH SUPPLY.

Seems rather early to be saying this but, have a great Christmas and New Year and we will see you all back ready to go in 2010. We will be heading down to the lakes as usual so that Barbara, Liz and I can change the world over a few wines.

*Janice*



## RALLY-O REPORT

As most of you will have seen from the results emails, the Tevra Rally-O Team did very well at the NDTA. Yolande and Zazu were placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Novice B on both days, on full scores of 100. Yolande added to a great weekend winning several placings in Agility with one of her other dogs Rev. Well done Yolande!! In the results email there was one omission – Anne had a qualifying round with Gem as well as Denzil. Evelyn and Cindy conquered their nerves and had really good rounds with Cindy being placed twice. Now they're raring to go to the next event!!

Anne also competed in the Heelwork to Music with Denzil, and despite having technical problems with the music, had a great time and from the reports I received (my spies are everywhere!!) looked really good out there on the floor. You have more courage than I have, Anne!!!

One of the goals of competitive Rally-O (apart from having a good time) is to obtain three qualifying scores of between 90 – 100 to achieve a Rally-O title of RN (Rally Novice). With the exception of one dog (and I have to admit it - it was Robbie –entirely my fault!) everyone gained one or two qualifications towards their title. It was definitely baptism by fire for our Rally-O Team, being their first Rally competitions – and they came out smiling. Go Tevra!!

One year ago, on 30 October 2008, the first Tevra Rally-O classes began. It was a bit of a gamble with this previously little known activity but we have gone on to become a great group, gaining in expertise and confidence at all levels. Thank you all for your support, encouragement and hard work with your dogs. The domestic and competitive classes are still going strong and it's great to see you all coming along to have a bit of fun!

*Gail*



## BREAKUP DATES

**Certificate classes** will finish on Saturday 19th December with a few games followed by the presentation of certificates to those who have passed over the last couple months. We will then have a Christmas morning tea (so get your thinking caps on and bring along a plate of Christmas goodies). We will supply the tea, coffee, juice etc. If we could start at 10.00am we would then be finished by 12.00pm so that you could still get home into the garden etc.

Training for the certificate class will recommence on Saturday 16th January. You will receive notification of times, days etc nearer that date, but at this stage these classes should remain the same as at present. If there are sufficient numbers to warrant starting a Wednesday elementary class we will let you know.

**Wednesday classes** will cease on 9th December and recommence on 20th January. If you have a new dog or think that you will have more time to train over this time then I will still be taking a reduced number. Most of your dogs need a good break from training over this period as some of them have had a very intense year.

**Rally-O classes** will finish on Saturday the 19th December with a fun competition from 10.00am until 11.00am, prior to joining our certificate class for our morning tea. Gail will advise you of the starting date for 2010.

# CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



It is nearing the end of the year & the boss has confirmed dates we finish and dates to start back. On the last day of training we will be having a games day for all classes, not just the Saturday class. It is fun and you will enjoy it so come along.

I would like to remind you all if you take your dogs to rivers etc, to check them when you get home for barley grass. During the summer months, the grasses get longer and start to seed. Barley grass seeds in particular are quite sticky so dogs especially tend to pick these seeds up as they have fun walking and running through the long grass. As well as being prone to sticking to your dogs' coat, if they are not removed immediately after the walk or one is left behind, they can quickly find themselves working their way into the skin or ear canal of your dog because they have such a sharp needle-like point. Other pets such as cats are not immune. They just have a lower risk because they are not usually out walking through barley grass. Cats are more fastidious groomers, and other pets also have differing coat types, so they may stick less readily.

## How do I prevent this or something similar happening to my dog?

Where possible, avoid areas where there is a lot of barley grass.

If your dog breed is one that is normally clipped, such as a spaniel, make sure it is clipped quite short in the summer. This especially applies to the feet, underbelly and under the ears. Your veterinarian or groomer will be able to advise on this.

If you can't avoid barley grasses, shorter is better. After every walk do a thorough groom of your dog and search for any seeds or other debris and remove carefully. If your dog has a lump or suddenly starts shaking its head (possible barley grass in the ear) then make an appointment to see your [veterinarian](#) as soon as possible.

Also a reminder not to leave your dog in the car in the summer heat without loads of ventilation. If you have to leave your dog make sure you have windows open, park in the shade & have water in reach. The important thing to remember is that dogs need moving air or their brain can overheat.

## Tips for Summer

1. Never leave your dog in a hot car. The temperature can climb well over 120 degrees and can kill your dog in a matter of minutes. It's better if they stay home on hot days.
2. Buy a kid's paddling pool for your dog. Most dogs would love to splash around on a hot day.
3. Make sure your dog has access to water at all times. Dogs can dehydrate very easily in hot weather. Throw in some ice cubes for good measure.
4. Walk your dog in the early morning or in the late evening to prevent your dog from getting heat exhaustion and blistering on your dogs' feet. Cement and tar become unbearably hot in the summertime, as can sand at the beach.
5. If you have an outside dog, make sure it has a shady place to retreat to.
6. Be aware of your dogs' body language and appetite. He may be trying to tell you something.
7. Check with a groomer before shaving your dog. Even though you may think it will keep him cooler, many dogs, especially dogs with double coats, use their coats to insulate them from the heat.
8. If your dog is going to be out in the sun for a prolonged period of time, don't forget the sunscreen! Dogs can get melanoma/skin cancer and need protection too, especially on their ears and nose.

I have really enjoyed taking you all this year. I am amazed at the commitment of some people. Rest up over summer & come back determined to move onto the next grade.

*Barbara*

## **END OF YEAR LUNCH**

Our annual lunch will this year be held on Wednesday 16th December 1pm at The Theme Bar in Kaiapoi. All people training with Tevra are welcome to come along to this lunch so please do not be shy. We would love you to join us and we will make you most welcome.

If you need directions let me know. The lunch menu is reasonably priced and I will call and pick up one for you to have a look at. After the lunch you are invited back here to have a look at the DVD we took of dog training in England when we were there this year.

I do need to know the definite numbers by the 10th December please.

## **DOG FOR REHOME**

After a lot of thought, Marisa has decided to rehome Santo as she is not a dog that is comfortable around young children. Santo is a red/white 5 year old speyed sibe-bord with excellent working lines (as most of you will already know) so it would be ideal for her to go to a working home. She is currently running at Novice level, having won Special Beginners at the Nationals and this year represented the Region in Novice at the NDTA. Anyone interested please contact Janice.

## **TEVRA UNIFORMS**

As we are no longer able to get the red Black Dog vests and there are so many more new handlers joining us, we have decided on a new style of vest. I had a sample of one down at training last Wednesday and I am currently getting one of each size monogrammed for you to try on for size. They are made of a water resistant material which the dog hair easily brushes off. They are black and will have our name monogrammed on them in red. The cost will be approx \$80.00 each but they are very good quality and it was the general opinion that they were smarter than the cheaper style that I also showed.

These should be available in about 2 weeks for any of you to try on for size and then any orders can be made after that. For those going to Blenheim or Tairei, there may be one available in your size from these samples. There is no minimum order so we will probably put one order in prior to Christmas and another in early next year.

I also have available some more polo shirts with our name monogrammed on them. I was able to pick these up on special so the cost of this batch will only be \$20.00 each. There are also a small number of skivvies available but only in the XL size, which I am selling to clear at \$10.00 each.

## **TEVRA TRIAL**

Our show committee are in the process of organising both a Tevra Obedience Trial and an official NZKC sanctioned Rally-O competition, on Sunday 31st January 2010 commencing at 1pm at CDTC grounds on Marshlands Rd. We intend to have a BBQ tea at the completion so it is bound to rain! These events will be open to handlers from all clubs etc and will be a good opportunity for you to compete without the pressures of a championship show. While the Rally competition is an official event, the Tevra Obedience Trial will be unofficial.

There will be a further notice out to you all very soon but in the meantime write this date on you calendar for next year.

## TEVRA FUNDS UPDATE

Just to clarify the financial situation of Tevra Dog Training, although Tevra is a private professional dog training company all funds raised from activities other than training go into a separate account to be used for the benefit of our group of handlers. This includes all funds raised from our competitions as well as our Wednesday agility group. We have been able to buy our own supply of competition equipment for not only agility, but also obedience, as well as some of the rally gear. Funds raised at our forthcoming January competition day are intended to use for the purchase of a shade tent as well as more rally equipment.

The current funds we have are:

Agility \$125.65

Competitions \$58.76

and then we have our Lost Property fund which has been well supported lately and it has a grand total of \$61.10 in it at present.

## TOY SALE!

Maybe I am not quite as big as the Warehouse (yet!) but I can still have my own personal dog toy sale. From now until we breakup I will bring along the box of dog toys, including beef ears, beef sticks etc, and they will all be on special with 10% off. This only applies to items that I have in stock at present, which is quite a large variety of throw kongs, including water ones.

## DANNY MILLAN DOG TRAINER

Well my fellow dog trainers, I have a few tips and as you will see by the photo I have already discussed this with a few of my compatriots.

When dealing with dogs, especially if they are bigger than you it is important to "attack" on both fronts! Just recently I noticed that Bramble (the overgrown sheltie) was hanging around the bottom of my cage eating some of the arrowroot biscuits that had fallen off my perch (how rude!!) He would do this when he knew that I was well and truly behind bars and could not get him.



So, one day (when he was not looking cos he was too busy scrounging) I crept down out of my open door and pecked him on the ear and then when he looked up to see what had happened, "whammy" I got him on the snout as well hehehehe. You should have seen him move then. It does not pay to mess with Danny!

By the way, I am really enjoying coming along on Wednesdays to training so that I can see first hand how the dogs are behaving and I am also able to discuss some of my training methods with you all.

Got to go now.

*Love from Danny.*

# BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

I'm still training very hard in UD and we are about to go into night trials, which is just as well because the other day it was 40 degrees and that is just too hot to trial in. We had last month off because of the heat so fingers crossed we can get 7 more passes over 185 so I can be an Aussie Obedience Champion.

Monday the 26/10/2009 was my 9th Birthday. On the Sunday before my birthday I was allowed to go and pick my very own present at the pet shop. It was a so very hard to find the right toy. Mum found a very nice squeaky toy and that looked like it could be fun, but then I found the perfect toy for me. I had to jump up to get it and I gave it a good squeak and threw it around. Mum got it off me and had a look at it and saw the price on it, \$41.00!!! Mum said "no" I could not have it but as she was putting it back one of the shopkeepers saw us. So in the end I got to keep my Teddy Bear and yes, Mum got the other toy and said I had to share it with Rebel. I can live with that as long as Rebel does not get my Teddy.



On the 30/10/09, 31/10/09 and 1/11/09, I was involved in The World Dog Games as the Ambassador and I had very important jobs to do. The first job was to help Grant Denyer to give a Volvo car away. I had to sit in the car with a driver and Grant. The car was driven out into the middle of the ring and I had to wait until Grant opens the door and said "come on Bullet". Then I had to get out and sit there while people try and unlock the car. For some reason I had to be dressed up as a construction worker and parade around. Next thing I had to help out with the dancing dog. I had to pretend that I did not know any tricks so they can show people that any dog could learn tricks. The other important job was to hand the World Dog Games over to UK. That was fun!! I had to run out and jump up on a chair, look up at the very big screen and wait till the UK Corgi came on the screen and bark at it. Then the UK Corgi barked back. I had to bark back at the Corgi one more time. I thought that was a bit boring so I gave it a wave and two big barks. Then I had to run off. I have been told I was one of the favourites at The World Dog Games.

Well that's all from me.

**WOVE BULLET. XOXOXO.**

Oh by the way, there are no reports this month from Rebel or Howie cos they have done nothing compared to me!!!

## PHOTO GALLERY

What do we have here? Looks like 'The Boss', is being Bossy!

Or, is Janet having to pay more for her lessons now that she has earned herself a B.A in Biblical Studies (congratulations on that Janet)

But wait, Janet has friends in HIGH places..... see next photo.....



Oh dear! Now who is in BIG trouble?

Perhaps we should all ask the Boss what she did wrong at the NDTA to deserve this telling off!

Any one else think that Carol makes a good tent pole leg?

Makes a difference to seeing Carol legless after a few of those Captain Morgan drinks!



Another NDTA Photo.

Nice pic of Cynthia & Kiki with their two NDTA Rally-O ribbons.

Well done you two!



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<http://www.flickr.com/photos/10926451@N06/>