



TEVRA TIMES

September 2009

FROM THE BOSS!

Well where do I start? There have been so many happenings since the last newsletter! As you will know we have been away on an extended holiday which was just awesome. Many thanks to Stewart Miller who converted my "Ramblings" as he put it, into a legible book form. Thank you also to all of you who helped out while we were away. We really could not have done this trip without your help (oh shucks!!!)

Now it is back to work and what great results we have been having at the shows recently. Last weekend Tevra people won every test on the Saturday and then went on to win 2 more on Sunday.

Congratulations to Jo Wakefield and Eli on becoming an Obedience Champion. Jo I know that you are only a newish Tevra recruit but I don't think that is any excuse not to shout morning tea next time you are up here on a Wednesday for training, do you? And I do believe that is in the very near future. The same goes for our other long distance handler, Elizabeth Gill with Ruby, who won Novice recently at Timaru!!! Thanks for the offer girls!!

Our Special Beginners handlers are all going well with Karen and Brio really blowing them away by winning 3 out of her 4 entries in Special Beginners and on excellent marks.

We are all waiting for Carol and Morgan to become our first Tevra trained Grand Obedience Champion with only 2 more challenges to go. He will get them so wait for that shout, it'll be a good one!

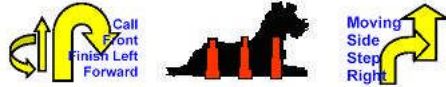
Most of the other items are in the general newsletter so I will leave the Bosses report at that for now.

Janice

A Passing Thought

We like to think of ourselves as our dog's master/mistress – but who picks up who's poo?!!!

Gail



RALLY-O REPORT

Rally classes are progressing well, with members getting more and more proficient and their dogs gaining in skills. New members are joining us on a regular basis and finding Rally challenging and enjoyable. NZKC have provisionally accepted Rally as a recognised event and are trialling official competitions under Southern Region Guidelines in the South Island for a year.

The 2009 NDTA Tevra Rally Team who will be competing for the first time at what is considered the crème de la crème of NZ Obedience are:

Piper with Evelyn Turner Kiki with Cynthia Muir Sazu with Yolande Nuberg,
Diesel and Gem with Anne Benson Robbie, Jade and Chino with me

So here's wishing us all luck – I know the Team are putting in a lot of work to get ready!!

Training Dates:

Due to Rally-O competitions being on there will be **no training on Saturday 26 September & Saturday 24 October**

Gail



AGILITY TRAINING REPORT



Welcome to spring. Agility training is set to continue 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.

I am looking at holding another class late this year (after the majority of shows), in November.

Please contact myself or Janice if you are interested. 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.

Please contact myself or Janice if there is continued interest in attending.

Cost: \$10.00 per session.

Class Timetable

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

Beginners : 9.15am - 10.15am

Advanced: 11.00am - 11.45am

Wednesday Training

Agility equipment will be available each Wednesday depending on interest.

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

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

CERTIFICATE CLASS REPORT



Well we are back from our European trip ready for a holiday to get over it! Our boss & her husband keep up too big a pace for us oldies. It was fantastic going "Home" to Scotland but I am so glad New Zealand is my chosen home. In fact of all the countries we visited, we are the luckiest people on the planet to have a country like this. I also caught up with the people in Belgium who have Harry a pup I sent over, and had a lovely few days giving him cuddles.

You will see this term that we have changed the syllabus. It reflects the wishes and needs of handlers. It looks like it is going to be fun, as well as fulfilling the serious side of "bringing up a dog in today's society". Any of the Advance handlers who have passed but would still like to participate in classes are welcome to come along and do the **Gold Advanced Certificate**.

Classes will start as follows:

Friday	6.30pm	Elementary	Starting October 2nd
	7.15pm	Intermediate	Starting October 2nd
Saturday	10.00am	Elementary	Already started
Saturday	11.00am	Advanced	Already started

Friday nights will continue until the end of daylight saving and we will then return to Saturday training.

There are a few of you who have moved up in classes without being assessed. We will get these done as soon as possible & advise you individually of dates & times.

At present I have only one person who wishes to do Elementary on a Wednesday these will start again when we have sufficient numbers.

Congratulations to Anne Turnbull and Burnie along with Jan Scandlyn and Gracie who have since passed their Advanced Certificate. We also have two more dogs / handlers who are almost there so hopefully their name will appear in the next newsletter.

Please remember to come earlier than your class to toilet your dogs and give them a chance to become orientated with their surroundings before settling down to work.

New Members

Please bring with you to class

- A saucer or a small bowl for your sendaways.
- Yummy soft food for training in a small plastic bag that will fit in your pocket or purchase a bait bag from Janice. These are great as you can use them during your daily walks to get the dogs attention. *I do not like dried food as we want your dog to work fast and they can inhale & choke.*
- You will need 12 scent cloths which you can purchase off Janice for \$7.50 unless you wish to make them yourself. I will have some with me at training.

Cancellations: If the weather is bad & we need to cancel, check your emails by 8.30 am. Friday night people check by 4.30pm. Those of you who do not check your emails regularly need to speak to your instructor so we can come to some other arrangement. Likewise I would ask that if you are unable to come to training could you please let me know.

My home number: (03) 359 6117 **Mobile:** 0275 634500 **Email:** barlin@clear.net.nz

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at training.

Barbara

COMPETITIVE TRAINING TIMES

As daylight saving is approaching training times will remain as is on Wednesdays but there will also be times available on Friday afternoons as well as some Saturdays. Costs will remain the same ie. \$20.00 per time if you come on a regular basis (ie. at least twice monthly) \$25.00 for casual and \$10.00 if you just wish to come along to do your own thing as well as the stays and scent. If you wish to book a 30min session (ie. for two dogs) the cost is \$30.00.

As you will also see, I now have Carol helping more with the classes, as I am the coach for the NDTA team and need to get all of your training completed before lunchtime where possible. So, if you wish to book with either Carol or myself please feel free to do so. Neither of us sulk for too long!!

TEVRA UNIFORMS

I have about 6 of the X Lge Tevra Skivies (which are quite big) to sell for \$10.00 each and I will be ordering more of the Navy Tevra Polo shirts with the white monogram on them. The cost of these will be \$25.00 each unless I can get a better deal on them for bulk orders. Please let me know before 30th September if you wish to order one. They are the style that Postie Plus stock so if you wish to check the sizing please do so. I need the orders in if they are to be ready for the NDTA.

We are also on the look out for good quality sleeveless vests for next winter if any of you have contacts in this area. It is actually not easy to get something suitable.

NDTA TEAM EVENT

Huge congratulations to the following handlers from Team Tevra who have been selected for the Southern Region Team at this year's NDTA in Mosgiel at Labour weekend. Those chosen in Special Beginners & Novice did especially well as there were quite a number of triallists.

Special Beginners - Roxanne Ramsay and Bailie are the reserve.

Novice - Marissa Bicknell and Santo

Test A - Jo Donachie and Chloe

Test B - Jo Wilson and Briar & Jean McClymont and Jamie

Test C - Carol Lavery and Morgan.

Congratulations and well done. Hope you do really well, especially as I am the coach. Make that, you had better do well!!

TEVRA TRIAL

As there are no ribbon trials coming up we have decided to hold another Tevra Trial on the morning of Sunday 11th October. This is just in the planning stages at present and a further notice will come out shortly. If any of you are interested in stewarding, judging, putting up rings, managing etc please let me know as we are all so busy at this time of the year that the more hands on, the merrier.

We will also be running a Rally O trial the same morning for those of you who may be interested.

All funds raised from these events go into our show fund for purchase of trophies etc. Watch this space for more information.

LIAM'S HOLIDAY

Hi to all the Tevra followers. As you are all aware, our Boss has just returned from her OE. This provided me with my big chance to get my hands on Liam, my personal favourite of her dogs. When I started training with Janice I was terrified of him, those blue eyes! Anyway, Janice has kindly agreed for me to run him in a CDX Silver trial at the NDTA, so I felt he and I needed the 6 weeks she was away to do some training and some extra bonding. At this point I must say, it was not a decision I took lightly. The fact Liam is a chicken and cat killer took careful thought as I have three dogs, two cats and a husband, and that all had to be taken into account. After much talking (and an excited husband at the prospect of maybe not having 2 cats at the end of Liam's visit) it was decided he would come to our place, much to my excitement.

My two cats spent their days locked in the spare room, their nights roaming the house while Liam was locked in his crate. Charley, my very large Persian (with attitude) made a mistake the first night Liam stayed, a mistake she didn't repeat again! Being quite nosy she had to look under the sheet I had covering Liam's crate "silly cat"!!! The speed at which Charley shot back out from under the sheet, I'm guessing Liam more than likely nipped her.

Anyway, back to Liam. The Saturday before Janice left, I was at the park doing training with the two Jo's. I had put Liam in the back of the truck and had Diesel out to do some work, when one of the Jo's said "Anne, is Liam supposed to be taking himself for a walk?" To my horror, he had got out of the tuck and was happily enjoying his new found freedom. I didn't have any back to my crate's at that stage & it never occurred to me he would just jump over the back seat & out the back door, as my dogs wouldn't. So that was "episode number one".

I feed a lot of chicken frames which my dogs enjoy very much. They come in bags of six which I freeze. Each morning I take one out, place it on a large pot about waist height to thaw.....Firstly, back to the Boss.... she had given me very explicit instructions on Liam's diet (I must at this point say one of my cats eats more than Liam!) I had the lecture about his weight and how hard it is to get weight off old dogs etcBack to the frozen chicken framesDiesel kept running inside then rushing outside which he did several times till I decided to see what was up. As I went around the back of the house that Bad, Bad Liam (who saw me coming) managed to eat, yes, you got it, the last of the six frozen chicken frames! To add insult to injury, there were hundreds of little bits of plastic bag all over the back lawn. The _____(insert a bleep here) had eaten a week's food in one go! At this point I have to say with much pride, Liam went home weighing less than when he arrived. I however, am shorter, so that was "episode two".

Number three was a dogsitters nightmare! What is the worst thing that can happen? Go on have a guess? No, don't know? Well it starts with R (for Rat bait) The buggger managed not only to inhale half a tub, but did it while I was on the other end of the lead! My GOD this dog is quick. So, it was a visit to the vet. Thank god I teach puppy class for her & get reduced vet bills!! She put a pill in the corner of his eye & about 3 mins later up comes the first of many very blue vomits. An hour later, armed with 10 days of pills and no walking for 10 days, a very sleepy Liam spent the rest of the day shut in his crate with a worried Anne watching over him. At this point of my looking after him, I decided to confide in Carol, only to find she was having fun with her charge (Danny). Two of his feathers for some reason would not lie down properly & Carol and her husband had jokingly said that they needed to take a photo of him so if anything happened they could replace him. Well, that was ok for them. A bird is easy to replace, where the hell was I going to get another Liam at short notice LOL

At this stage of the Boss's holiday she decided to email me to see how her much loved Liam was doing. As you can imagine this sent me into quite a state. So, with lots of deep breathing I managed to send her a little up beat email back, the only one she got from me the whole of her trip. I was starting to relax by now knowing that bad things only run in three's, so my very wise Grandmother always told me. I soon found out that was NOT true

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Week five..... This "thing" appeared overnight on Liam's side. It was a cross between a wet graze and a lump of matted hair. I wasn't sure what to do but luckily I had a chat to the (very all knowing wise Margaret) who tells me it would be a hot spot. Having never had a dog that

had one before she told me just to treat with T tree oil and Aloe Vera. "Easy", I thought. I put lots and lots of Aloe Vera on the wound for two days and with Liam completely obsessed with gnawing lumps of hair, by Wednesday at training he was a mess of wet rash and matted hair. Lucky for me both Jo's were of help, cutting the matted hair away and telling me that he needed to see a vet, so off to the vet again! OMG the vet shaved the biggest circle of hair off before I was able to say or do anything. Why not just paint a big sign on his side saying ("LOOK WHAT ANNE DID"!) At this point, my mind was in overdrive as to how I was going to explain this to the Boss. That night as I was showing my husband what had happened to Liam, his reassuring words (that will stay with me) were, "you are in sooo much trouble".

The moral of the story

- 1) Don't leave your car door open .
- 2) If it's edible, a dog will eat it (defrost food in the fridge and keep rat bait in bait stations)
- 3) There is nothing you can do to stop hot spots.

To recap, I still enjoyed having Liam to stay and feel we are now working as a team, even if he was not supposed to ride shotgun in my truck (he liked it)

Regards Anne Morgan

BULLET'S 'BULLETIN' FROM AUSTRALIA

Hi to all my friends over in NZ.

I had a lovely surprise when my NZ Mum and some of my NZ friends came out in June to watch me up on stage at the Cesar Millan Seminar. I was selected to represent pet therapy dogs on stage at the Sydney performance of the Seminar and to demonstrate how I interact with physically disadvantaged clients. My two Mum's were so lucky because we got to meet Cesar Millan and got photos with him.



Also in June, I became the "Ambassador" for the World Dog Games to be held at ACER Arena at Homebush Bay over three days, October 30th to November 1st 09.

I will be the promotional face of the Games and was filmed for a promotional video. The 5 minute video was shown at the Official launch of the Games at Centennial Park on the 24th June 2009. I attended the launch and Grant Denyer, the M.C. for the Games, claimed me as his dog for the "Green Carpet" parade of stars and their dogs. Given my entry to showbiz, I now have a stage name " Spike". I have sent a copy of my video over to mum in NZ. There was an article in our local newspaper about me at the Cesar Millan Seminar with a very good photo of my two mum's and me. I also had to do photos with Grant Denyer for a newspaper and I did another photo shoot for a banner for the World Dog Games.

As well as all my showbiz jobs, I was still training for UD & finally got it together in the ring and got my first pass and came 3rd. I was the last dog to go in and it was a very hot day, 34 degrees. We will be going into night trials soon, I think that will be better. I now have to get two more passes then that's my UD title. After that I have to get 5 more passes over 185 points to be an Australian Champion. I met a dog the other day who been trying now for two years, I hope it doesn't take me that long.

Well that's all from me.

Wove Bullet XOXOXOXO

TEVRA'S A ONE (AKA REBEL) - NEWS FROM OZ

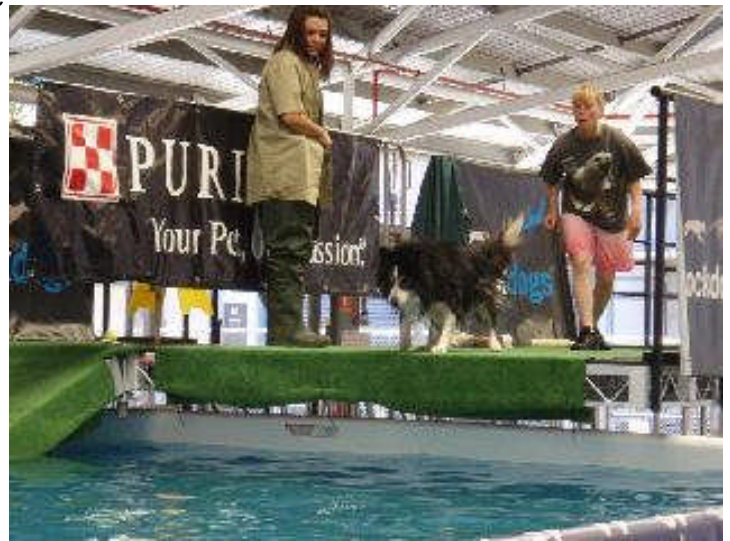
No Bullet, they all came out to see me. Bullet gets to do all the fun stuff. The only thing I got was a car trip with J.T, the silly little poodle, to the vets for a small op and a nasty shaving rash. I'm pleased to let you all know that I'm ok but I'm now two stone lighter and J.T is two pebbles lighter.

I've been training very hard and have now got two passes in Novice. I've been finding it hard to work in the heat because I still have got my winter coat. Mum keeps brushing me trying to make it fall out but it won't come out.

The other day I had try outs for the World Dog Games in dog diving, it's a bit like long jump. They wanted me to run along a jetty and jump off it into a pool without stopping. The silly water dogs did it. I was more careful, I ran, then I stopped, then I looked, then I jumped. You can never be too careful. And yes Grandma Kirk, I was a good boy and got out of the pool every time Mum asked me to. I never once made Mum come into the pool and get me out. I did not get picked as one of the dog divers though. They wanted the dogs that were not stopping before they leapt into the water. If it was a beauty and brains competition, I would have won it paws down.

That's all from me.

Wove Rebel XOXOXOXO.



HOWIE THE WONDER DOG

Bullet got me into the Official launch of the Games at Centennial Park. I attended the launch as Farmer Dave's dog.

Farmer Dave is man that runs a Cattle and Sheep station over here in OZ. Farmer Dave became famous by being on TV show's Big Brother and Dancing With Stars. Farmer Dave said I was a VERY PRETTY boy and how well I was trained. I did not once have an accident on the green carpet. Bullet and I had lots of people taking photos of us on the Green carpet. I even let Cesar Millan have a photo with me. The Newspaper people thought I was lovely because I could smile. After this I was asked to do a photo shoot for the World Dog Games, I guess it was my smile that got to them.

My training is coming along slow and steady. I am heeling with a bit of slow and fast pace, with sit, downs and stands, stand for examination and recall. With my dumbell we are taking our time to make sure the present is very impressive, Great Grandma Kirk I think would be very pleased. I have started to go to training at night at the Blacktown Club. The people there a very friendly and I have made a lot of new friends with their dogs. I have got quite the reputation as being very friendly, well mannered, and very handsome with a BIG SMILE.

Wove you, Howie.