

Queanbeyan and District Dog Training Club Inc

THE NEWSHOUND

October 2009

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TRAINING TIMES SUNDAY MORNING

PUPPIES / KINDERGARTEN	9.00	to	10.00	am
BEGINNERS	9.00	to	10.00	am
INTERMEDIATE	10.00	to	11.00	am
ADVANCED	10.00	to	11.00	am
COMMUNITY COMPANION	9.00	to	10.00	am
RECREATION	9.00	to	10.00	am
NOVICE	10.00	to	11.00	am

Bitches in season are not permitted at training classes. All dogs are to remain on leash whilst at training classes unless they are doing an exercise controlled by an Instructor.

SECRETARY'S YAP

This term seems to have gone so quickly. Congratulations to all those members who passed assessment day and for those that didn't - there is always the next one and your dog will be so much better prepared for that competition.

The AGM was held on the 27th August and we were very fortunate that all of the last Committee decided to nominate again this year. This team is very hard working and only through their efforts is the club running smoothly. Thank you all for renominating and this year I know that we will be doing bigger and better things for the Club.

At the AGM we had to say a fond farewell to Trish Pope, our excellent Treasurer for the past few years and a stalwart as an instructor both for obedience and Flyball, Trish also organised our demonstrations which were fantastic and greatly appreciated by the organisations who held fetes etc. Trish we will miss you very much but wish you all the best in your new adventure up in Coffs Harbour.

In this Newshound you will find a notice regarding our Christmas Raffle. This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and one of the few times we ask members donate and sell tickets. Please read the notice and help where ever you can by donations or selling as many tickets as possible.

Also in this Newshound are the session dates for 2010, just so you can start to mark your calendars for next year.

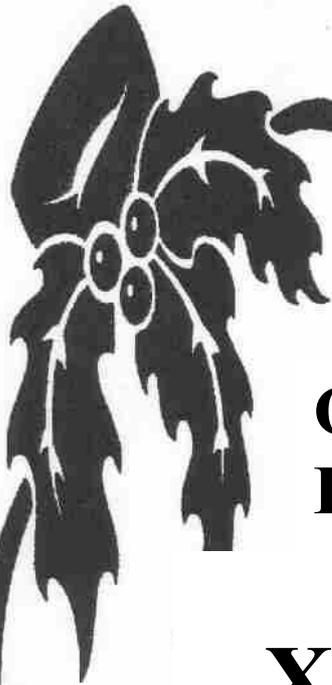
Don't forget that the next assessment day which is on the 13th December is also our breakup party for members. There will be a sausage sizzle, a cross country course which you and your dog might like to try during the morning. Most importantly we will be presenting the Club's Annual Awards to our well deserving members.

I know that this is very early but as this is the last Newshound for the year I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a New Year full of doggy delights. During the long break don't forget to keep up the training, all you need is just 5 or 10 minutes per day, the dogs will thank you for this and you will be ready for the new training year.

My thought for this Newshound:

He hath a **share** of **MAN'S** *intelligence*, **but no** share of man's **falsehood**.

Jacqui Griffin



Queanbeyan & District Dog Training Club

Assessment Day

Xmas barbeque

Mark this special event in your diary

**Bring the family to watch your dog
go through its paces for assessment.
Then participate in fun events and a
bite to eat**

Share lunch with us – hot dogs, hamburgers,
cakes and cold drinks will be on sale

Date: Sunday 13 December from 10 am

For more information ask Committee



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to welcome all new and existing members of the Club to our last training session for the year 2009. The primary objective of our club is to educate as many people living around the Queanbeyan district on how to make their best friend a more worthwhile member of our local society.

Future goals and achievements are always being set by administrations and our Club is no different. Insofar as this Club is concerned, not only have our initial goals been met but, in most cases, they have been surpassed.

After four decades of personal involvement in promoting responsible dog ownership in and around the Queanbeyan/Canberra district, my past four years as President of your Club have been the most enjoyable. This is primarily due to the friendly and co-operative nature of our members, instructors, committee, local council personnel and a very user friendly training philosophy (socialise, listen, learn & have fun).

My first couple of years (2005-2007) saw the transition of conducting Tuesday evening training classes at the Queanbeyan showgrounds to Sunday morning classes at the Hoover Road Reserve. Not only were our training grounds pretty rough, quite arid and full of bindii infestation at that time, we also had the normal problem (which is universal problem with voluntary organisations such as ours) of not having enough qualified instructors to conduct our regular training classes.

However, thanks to the assistance of some very dedicated and hard working members, our training grounds are now envied around the district; our car park is not only large but it is sealed; our training syllabus is extremely user friendly; and by conducting annual instructor courses, the Club has obtained excellent consequences (more instructors).

As many of you may be aware, the Club is not permitted to erect any permanent structures on the grounds under the terms of our agreement with local council. This embargo is imposed in the lease because the grounds were once (over 3 decades ago) the Queanbeyan waste disposal area (ie. the surface area is unstable for any type of residential usage).

To enable the Club to have suitable storage and administration facilities as close as possible to our training grounds, over the past couple of years we have progressively placed moveable type structures (ie. cargo containers, portable toilets etc) on the grounds. In this regard, Queanbeyan City council and their staff have always greatly assisted our Club by not only providing financial and general assistance in securing our toilet facilities but also carrying out regular grass mowing and general ground care.

The following are some of the achievements obtained during these past 12 months:

Grounds - Clover burrs and bindii infestation are now under control. Grass coverage is excellent and the recent installation of a controlled area at the rear of the toilets is well on target and in fact is being used for our puppy training classes. Many thanks go to those members who donated native bushes, shrubs and trees to the Club.

Assessment Days - These days are always hectic but have all gone off without a hitch due to some excellent participation by members.

Trials - Another well conducted and organised annual event held each July. Accolades have been received from exhibitors both local and interstate.

Publicity - The Club has received some excellent coverage from local news and print media at all events our members have participated in around the local area.

Fundraising - The additional income raised by selling those great eating confectionary is extremely appreciated.

Club house - With the placement of roofing between the two containers together with the installation of the toilets have already produced immediate results.

Flyball - This small but quite enthusiastic group of members are still having a ball of time each Saturday morning. This group of members have represented our Club at quite a few events around the district.

Newsletter & Web site - Both these outlets are still serving as great publicity and contact points for the club.

The club's primary aim, as summarised in the opening paragraph, is basically to teach people in our local community how to teach their four legged friends to be more obedient and socially accepted within our local community. To achieve this aim it is essential that the Club maintain a good supply of qualified instructors. We are very fortunate that, in addition to our small compliment of very dedicated instructors, the Club also receives assistance from some very qualified people from our sister training clubs around the ACT.

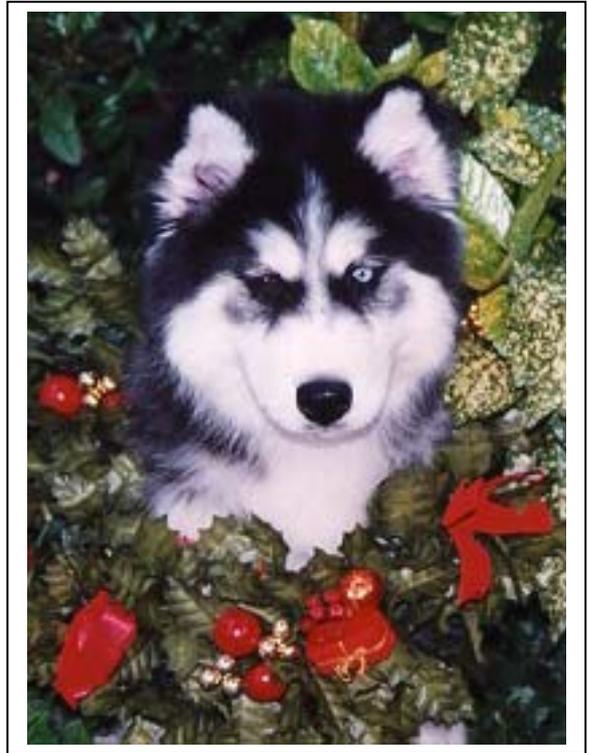
Queanbeyan Council free-run area on the Hoover Reserve is still operating on the grounds adjacent to our training grounds thanks to a lot of lobbying by local residents. These grounds are a great place to let your dog socialise with other dogs and for you to meet and talk with other dog owners from our local community.

Most of the visions I personally wanted to see accomplished for this Club since becoming President have now been achieved. However, this is not to say that with each passing year additional visions, goals achievements will emerge. Things such as placing suitable veranda coverage over the toilets; tweaking the roofing and facades around the containers; conducting regular Tuesday and Sunday training classes can all be improved.

I look forward to seeing you on the grounds training your best friend to become that little bit more obedient to your wishes and more sociable to other dogs and handlers.

Terry Griffin
President QDDTC

'Tis the day before Christmas,
And all through the house,
The puppies are squeaking an old rubber mouse.
The wreath which had merrily hung on the door,
Is scattered in pieces all over the floor.
The stockings that hung in a neat little row,
Now boast a hole in each of its toes,
The tree was subjected to bright-eye whims,
And now, although splendid, it's missing some limbs.
I catch them and hold them, "Be good I insist!"
They lick me, then run off to see what they've missed.
And now as I watch them, the thought comes to me,
That theirs is the spirit that Christmas should be.
Should children and puppies yet show us the way,
And teach us the joy that should come with this day?
Could they bring the message that's written above,
And tell us that, most of all, Christmas is love!



Notice board

Check the Club Website for your Class syllabus
Be prepared for next Sunday's lesson by reading about what will be taught

See your dog's photo taken on Assessment Day
www.queanbeyandogs.org.au

These items (and more) are on sale each Sunday Morning

- a range of equipment for your dog
- dog treats – for training rewards
- treat bags - plastic lined and with velcro tabs
- poo bag holders - fasten on to your dog's leash
- ANKC Obedience Trial Rules – pocket sized books

DIARY DATES - October 2009 - February 2010

OCTOBER

18 Sunday Q&DDTC: New Term starts
29 Thursday Q&DDTC Committee Meeting – 6.30 pm – Jerrabomberra

NOVEMBER

6 Friday ACT CDC Obedience Trial
26 Thursday Q&DDTC Committee Meeting – 6.30 pm – Jerrabomberra

DECEMBER

13 Sunday Assessment Day & Christmas barbeque

JANUARY

7 Thursday Belconnen DOC Obedience Ribbon Trial
14 Thursday Belconnen DOC Obedience Ribbon Trial
28 Thursday Q&DDTC Committee Meeting – 6.30 pm – Jerrabomberra
31 Sunday Q&DDTC: New Term starts

FEBRUARY

16 Tuesday ACT CDC Obedience Ribbon Trial
23 Tuesday ACT CDC Obedience Ribbon Trial
25 Thursday Q&DDTC Committee Meeting – 6.30 pm – Jerrabomberra

Christmas Hamper Raffle

This is a major fund raiser for the Club

WE NEED

your donations of non perishable foods, small toys and gifts to fill HAMPERS

Please bring your items to the Club House on Sunday mornings
- any Committee member will gratefully accept them.

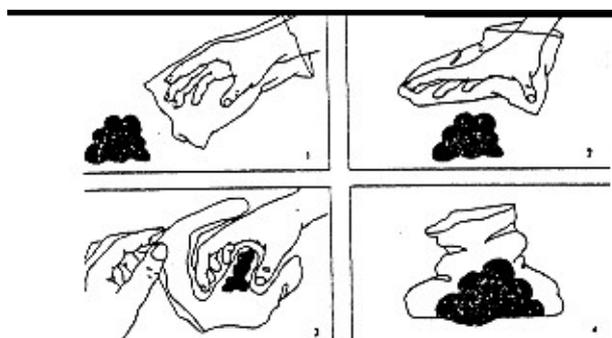
Choose one or two items from the list below when you are grocery shopping and add them to your trolley

Jam - marmalade	Honey	Pasta	
Olives	Pickles	Rice	
Sauces - sweet and savoury	Cans of drink		
Teabags	Coffee		
Tinned biscuits	Dried fruit (packaged)		
Canned fruit	Canned soup		
Packaged cake mix or pancake mix			
Shampoo	Bubble bath	Bath Oil	Soap

OR - Anything yummy in a can

TICKETS FOR SALE: \$ 1 each OR \$ 2 for 3
PLEASE - take some books and sell to friends and family

SCOOP THE POOP



You are required to clean up after your dog if it defecates on Club grounds

You can be prepared, wherever you go, by arming yourself with a small plastic bag or two. Simply put your hand inside the bag, scoop up the offending pile, reverse your hand out of the bag and tie the neck of the bag. Then dispose of thoughtfully.

Assessment Day 27 September 2009

It was a pleasant spring day that greeted dogs and handlers at the Hoover road grounds. You could not ask for better weather to see how well the instruction over the preceding 8 weeks had improved the team work between two legged and four legged companions.

The grounds were in excellent condition, and Thanks for a great job to keep them grassed and green must go to Alec Hempstead who prepared them for the day. Thanks go to those wonderful people who helped out on the day and particularly those who volunteered to Judge, set up rings, run the food stall and run the check in table and various other responsibilities that needed to be done.

Beginners Ring 1

- 1st Caroline Roberts with Bella
- 2nd Andrew Snashall with Cointreau
- 3rd Lorraine Burk with Missy

Beginners Ring 2

- 1st Diana Dilley with Rika
- 2nd Viv Tulloch with Cooper
- 3rd Peta Bailey with Honey

Beginners Ring 3 Judge John Gryniewicz

- 1st Suzan with Toby
- 2nd Narelle Montgomery with Murphy
- 3rd Adam Tutalo with Melvin

Other passes went to:

Anna Crichton with Zoe; James Crichton with Gosia; Aldren Roferos with Ice; Jane Davies with Penny; Bernadette Hurley with Diesel; Amanda Edwards with Sapphire; Julie Wilson with Muz; Rachel O'Keefe with Miko; Zoe Tuckfield with Kelsi; Cathie McArth with Doug

Intermediate - Judge Jo Ireland

- 1st Erin Donchi with Bonnie
- 2nd Mark Edwards with Violet
- 3rd Natasha Wise with Ben

Intermediate - Judge Kathy Griffiths

- 1st Fay Grunsell with Crystal
- 2nd Ann Tyllyer with Zeppy
- 3rd Chris Wilson with Nelson

Other passes went to:

Grant Dixon with Barney; Milica Pudja with Rex; Debbie Hall with Bailey, Ian Batterly with Dusk; Penny Daniel with Maggie; Karen Roberts with Belle; Mate Pratezina with Ruff

Advanced

- 1st Chris Schultz with Yvie
- 2nd Ann Paterson with Grover

Special Achievements

Chris Motbey and her English Springer Spaniel Annie
Champion Alhambra Annie Lennox

First Place in Community Companion Dog (CCD)
with 93 / 100 at the Belconnen Dog Obedience Club
on 29 August 2009
Judge: Mr Terry Griffin



PLEASE
drive with care
on the dirt entrance road
To the grounds

Children and dogs
are often present

10 kms Speed Limit
suggested

So you haven't passed at the level you were working at

Don't despair!

Some advice from a "been there, done that" dog owner.

There are others out there who know how you feel. I have had to take a Siberian Husky through Beginners twice, and Intermediate 3 times (and these are the classes where you teach the dog basic stuff - the stuff you need to get the dog to be a decent citizen). I got to be very good friends with the Class instructors.

Stop trying to measure your success (as a team, you and your dog) by other people's successes. It is hard, but you really can't progress with your own training by doing these comparisons in each class.

If that "Super Dog" does a Sit Stay for 1 minute with his owner 3 metres away and your dog gets up as soon as you walk that distance - then don't walk that far away. Be like me and feel the humiliation of standing toe to toe with your dog while everyone else seems to be so far away.

If your dog Stays sitting for 30 seconds with you that close and all those distractions, then return and PRAISE him as though you had gone to the shops and back.

These small successes are the marks of your own milestones and you need to recognise them as such and react with much joy when they happen. Just like in real life, you cannot compare your progress to that of another dog / owner team.

Did your dog not fidget as much on the Sit / Drop Stay?
Did he look up at you once (just once) when you were walking along? Twice?
Did he hold your gaze for three steps?

By marking your own milestones you will become a more observant (and therefore better) trainer and one who will learn to read your dog's actions and reactions - and both of you will benefit. You will value the first milestone you achieved with your dog far and above many later achievements.

When it comes easy, some people don't value the accomplishment. It took Patches and myself 8 tries between his 2nd and 3rd CD qualification - 8 long months to get our goal, and we did it. Not as lofty as the string of titles other dogs earn, but to us, it meant the world.

Each of my dogs gives me a different gift in education. Sometimes a dog will learn by leaps and bounds - other times - when no progress seems to be made for week after week it can be frustrating. It is hard to see the progress sometimes. Sometimes it is so tiny that you have to look very hard. But if your dog is putting effort into the work, and so are you, then you should praise your dog so very much for the progress you make every day as a team, no matter how small. To me, it is the time I spend with my dog that makes it all worth while. The time we spend together is more important than the accomplishments (don't get me wrong - they are nice as well) but I do all these things just to spend time with my dog - not to measure up to somebody else's yardstick.

