

DOG TRACKS

Sunshine & Snooker

A Great Day for an Agility Trial



All our finger crossing for good weather worked and Saturday July 8th dawned bright and sunny for the Club's Agility Trial. Our fabulous team of volunteers were up at the very chilly crack of dawn erecting the rings and marquees and preparing the grounds for an action packed day.

And didn't we look good with our fabulous new marquees and flags and all our new, brightly coloured agility equipment, we received a lot of compliments from the competitors.

Sausages sizzled and the sun shone and the atmosphere was fun filled and friendly. There were 564 runs in total and we would like to say a big thank you to all the competitors and send a huge congratulations to all the winners and the happy competitors who achieved titles and qualies at the trial.

Manly & District Kennel & Dog Training Club

June/July 2017

A Big Round of Applause

Planning, organising and running an agility trial is a mammoth task so a huge thank you to the following people for making the day such a smooth running success.

Trial Manager - Jo Comber who did a brilliant job making sure that every aspect of the day ran like clockwork

Trial Secretary - Ashley Roach who, with Brett, worked their magic in the office to ensure qualie cards were done and ready for collection as quickly as possible.

Sarah Sharp - who did a lot of door knocking to get the most magnificent haul of raffle prizes.

Peter Martin, who worked tirelessly over the preceding days to ensure we were all fed with the best food.

Wayne Bogart - who, when we needed, ran across Sydney to collect new equipment, pick up gear for the trial, fixed things and double checked we had everything we needed.

All our precious volunteers, both agility and obedience members and extended family and friends who gave up their time to make the trial such a fantastic event.

Also our trailer towers and helpers, who loaded on Friday, hauled, repacked and unloaded back at Deep Creek on Sunday to ensure the clubhouse was in order before obedience classes that morning.

A huge thanks to each and every one of you



Agility Trial **Mega** Raffle

Thank You to All the Wonderful Companies who Donated Prizes

**Nutrimetrics
Pods for Pets
Hanrob Pet Hotels
Petstock
Love'em
Drage Dogs
Both Ends of the Lead**



**Schwarzkopf
Love Pets
Agility Fit
Groomingdales
Jahzzy Jumps
Winning Touch
Horseland**

The Raffle raised and amazing **\$1,370.00**
Thanks to all those people who bought tickets and
congratulations to all the prize winner



All the Raffle money has been donated to a wonderful charity.



The Club was so touched by this amazing organization that we
added to the Raffle amount and increased the donation to

****\$2,000.00****

Please keep giving to The Golden Oldies

A Matter of Good Taste

The Importance of Using the Right Training Treat

Using a training treat that your dog loves can make a huge difference to performance.

A dogs' sense of smell is forty times greater than humans whilst they have less than a fifth the number of taste buds that we do. So smell as well as taste is very important.

Think about it this way, you are asking your dog to work and the treat is payment for that work. Just like us humans the higher the wages, the better we work

Training treats should be high value and kept exclusively for training sessions.

So what is high value?

This does depend on the dog, as they all have their preferences, so it's important to try a variety of treats, you will soon learn which are the favourites. Treats such as dried liver are fine at home but for training in class treats should be moist such as cooked chicken, salmon slice, kangaroo sausage or cheese and cut into tiny pieces so they can be given abundantly. Treats, even for large dogs, should be small enough that they are swallowed not chewed. It is also preferable to bring a mix of treats so that your dog does not get bored with the same thing. (see web site for more recipes)

The High Low Re-call Game

This game should be played on carpet or flooring where the dog can easily see the treat, so not on grass as they will spend too much time searching.

Take a handful of kibble and a handful of a high value treats, let's say chicken. Get your dogs' attention then throw a piece of kibble across the floor, once your dog has run across and eaten the kibble they will turn to you to see if you are going to throw another piece. Call your dog to you and treat with chicken. Repeat the process; very quickly your dog will automatically come back to you without being called. This is teaching your dog, out there low value, with owner, high value and that's what it's all about your dog learning that the best things happen when it's with you.

Apart from family members in the home **NEVER EVER** let anyone else treat your dog, not friends at the park, other class members, instructors, anyone. You are not being mean your are training your dog that all good things come from you; you are the one that pays the wages.

Sardine Nibbles

- 1 x Can of Sardines in Oil
- 1/3 x Cup of Oat Bran
- 1 x Tablespoon of Water



Empty the can of sardines, un-drained, into a bowl and mash finely. Mix in water, add oat bran and combine into a fine paste. Press mixture into a silicone mould and bake at 150° for 10 - 15 minutes.

The Benefits of Canine Massage

Just like us humans dogs also love massages.

Written by Sue Winn

Whether your dog is a pet dog, performance in showing, agility, flyball or obedience they can still all get sore. Just because your dog isn't lame doesn't mean it isn't sore. If your dog is elderly, has or showing signs of arthritis, slowing down, dropping bars in agility, decreased speed, recovering from injury or just not wanting to walk as much then massage could be for you and benefit your dog.

I have been doing agility for 10 years now with my cocker spaniels and have strongly believed in alternative therapies to help my dog. Just like elite athletes dogs also need to be kept fit and healthy to compete at their best. After years of taking my dogs for treatment, being shown what to do I went and qualified as a Canine Remedial Massage therapist and did a rock taping course and created my business:

Winning Touch K9 Massage.

There are various types of therapies available but I have found massage to be one that has a great benefit to all dogs. I have also found that Cycloid Vibration therapy also known as Niagara therapy or equissage has great benefits too and have added that to help dogs along with Rock Taping which is a unique adhesive tape which is perfect for all canine sports and used in the treatment of injured muscles, stiffness and to reduce pain.

Any dog benefits from being massaged, there is no age limit, no specific breed, no dog too old and no dog too young in fact it helps the elderly, arthritic, performing well any dog. There are some medical conditions where massage isn't advisable but we can work around that, by using other therapies.



Why Should I Massage My Dog?

Massage has many benefits for dogs of all ages and sizes and is very relaxing which is great for anxious dogs. It also helps with rehabilitation post surgery or if recovering from injury. Massaging regularly about every 6 to 8 weeks also helps increase muscle flexibility which helps prevent injury and improves range of movement and body balance both are especially important in performance dogs. After a performance such as agility or flyball especially it removes toxins which build up in the muscles and relaxes tight muscles and loosens fibrous thickenings around the joint.

It improves blood circulation which helps keep the muscles and bones healthy and increases the blood supply to the organs. It also stimulates lymphatic drainage which promotes healthy joints,

What does all of that really mean?

We all want our dogs to have great muscles and joints so we can do the sports we love longer and keep them healthy. Massage enables that by the various techniques that are used, it helps the muscles heal and feel better if injured or tight or just after any sport. Increased joint mobility is great for dogs with hip dysplasia or elderly dogs.

If your dog is unable to be massaged then other therapies can be used such as Cycloid Vibration or Rock taping which helps with inflammation and prevention of injury. Both of these along with massage can reduce recovery time and can be used on dogs that massage is unsuitable for, and can be used after surgery which helps promote quicker healing and reduce inflammation and post op trauma. Both of these therapies is another page or so about how great they all are !!!

Massage has many benefits which has been shown in my dogs, Jaxon used to drop bars all the time to now getting clear rounds and the one bar dropped. Lets admit it, we all love a great massage don't we and how relaxed do we feel afterwards, many dogs like myself just go to sleep during it. Its just not limited to performance dogs such as agility it also helps show dogs and obedience.



If you want your dog massaged, or to know about the other therapies or to discuss your dog, you can contact Sue on

0417 275 761

email WinningtouchK9massage@gmail.com

or visit her website to find out more at www.winningtouchK9massage.com

How to Make a Flirt Pole

A Flirt Pole is like a giant cat toy and is tremendous fun for both you and your dog. It is a great way to exercise your dog, it builds their chase drive and teaches impulse control. It brings the game to you.

Use the Flirt Pole as a training tool, have your dog sit or lie down then slowly drag the lure across the ground, your dog must only chase when you give it the release cue. As your dog chases the lure around you a quick flick of the wrist will snatch the lure away to change direction. You must let your dog catch the lure now and again but it must be taught to release it immediately on cue then you can start again. It is important to keep the lure at ground level as you do not want to encourage your dog to jump and twist as they could hurt themselves.

You Will Need :

A length of PVC tube

A length of Paracord

Scraps of Fleece or Sheepskin

Electrical Tape (optional)



The length of the tube and cord depends on the size of the dog. The pole shown is 110 cms. Tie a monkey fist knot in one end of the cord then thread the other end through the tube and attach to fleece (could also use an un-stuffed toy}. The pole can be covered in coloured electrical tape or left plain.



Welcome to Our New Members

Eva Andersson & **Harvey**
Leanne Bourke
Jennie Bruce
Michelle Brunton & **Banjo**
Jenny Woodward & Brendan Burling & **Honey**
Anna Cabrera & **Nala**
Emma Campbell & **Scout**
Richard Casall & **Gator**
Douglas Chick & Family & **Lady**
Debra Cleveland & **Nelly**
Christine Crisp & **Archie**
Mark Dowling & **Boris**
Kay Falck & **Maple**
Raelene Fleming & **Stella**
Michelle Gamble & **Missy**
Belinda Gaze & **Mickey**
Victoria Gore & **Bella & Orla**
Linda Grant
Kate Hajdu & Ben Martin & **Daisy**
Deanne & Abbey Hardwick & **Cleo & Tiger**
Michael Haven & **Rosie**
Scott & Shirley Hunter & **Oreo**
Kelly Khuu & Diego Intrieri & **Cookie**
Renee Jernigna & Claire Ohannessian & **Gus**
Kym Jolly & **Billie**
Belinda Long & **Freddie**
Paul Marnoch & Family & **Brett**
Rodney Mitchell & **Millie**
Ulla Moell & **Wally**
Amy Newsome & **Banner**
Kim Pangallo & **Bella**
Wallace Parry & Milly Martin & **Banjo**
Joseph Prestinenzi & **Sequoia**
Claudine Stelzner & Joanna Cowper & **Storm**
Carole & Stephen Stratigos & **Ruby**
Gaby Suchard & **Tanzie**
Maria Vargas & Eddy Jakobsson
James Vavouris
Sophia West & **Ripley**
Eleanor Williams & **Stormy**



Promotions

Obedience

Under 9 months to Class 1

Belinda Long & **Freddie**
Melinda Taylor & **Doris**

Over 9 months to Class 1

Rennee Jernigan & **Gus**
Deb Cleaveland & **Nelly**
Howard Christensen
Jo Dennington & **Snoop**
Michelle Brunton & **Banjo**
Jason & **Vadar**
Sue Landless & **Gemma**

Class 1 – Class 2

Joseph Prestinenzi & **Sequoia**
Gaby Suchard & **Tanzie**
Maxine Schrader & **Ollie**
Anita Moss & **Gypsy**
Phil Keys & **Charlie**
Mattie Stayle & **Davie**
Steven East & **Tango**
Lesley Weir & **Marcie**
Matt & Susan Skully & **Indie**

Class 2 to Class 3

Alex Bell & **Boss**
Jacqui Glendenning & **Harvey**
Chris Keys & **Boris**
Sophia San Juan & **Patrick**
Joelle Markiewitz & **Django**
Tricia Nicola & **Abbey**
Matthew Gass & **Olive**





Brags

Agility

Manly Trial

Novice Snooker

Glenis Beaumont & Dusty

Masters Snooker

Judy Bratter & Quip 1st

Masters Jumping

Patricia Cooper & Skye 1st

Ashley Roach & Jake 3rd

Jo Comber & Gus 3rd

Nick Heygate & Jimmy 6th

Excellent Jumping

Deb Patenall & Jet 4th

Novice Jumping

Paul Jumikis & Revan 4th

Virginia Mumford & Attila 5th

RQH Jumping

Ashley Roach & Jake 6th

Open Agility

Patricia Cooper & Skye 3rd

Masters Agility

Catriona Duncan & Puddles 3rd

& Agility Champion Title

Excellent Agility

Wayne Bogart & Layla 3rd



Castle Hill Trial

Masters Agility

Ashley Roach & Jake	4th
Nick Heygate & Jimmy	5th

RQH Agility

Ashley Roach & Jake	4th
Nick Heygate & Jimmy	8th

Novice Agility

Patricia Cooper & Skye	1st
Jenny Meggitt & Ash	3rd
Lyn Shaddock & Bonne	3rd
Deb Patenall & Jet	6th

Novice Gamblers

Patricia Cooper & Skye	1st
Lyn Shaddock & Bonne	3rd
Nick Heygate & Oscar	17th



There are a lot more Qualies and Titles to brag about but if you don't let Dog Tracks know we can't brag about your successes.

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or write up in the brag book at the club.

