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TEVRA TIMES

From the Boss

As the cold wet weather and long nights descend on us training and exercising our dogs often becomes a task that is not something we look forward to. There is always a notable deterioration in many dogs behaviour over the winter months. This is the time of the year that you need to think outside the square and come up with other ways of keeping your dog at least mentally stimulated by using ways of feeding them that makes them think more about it or games to stimulate their brain. If you have a treadmill this is an excellent way of exercising your dog over these months. If you wish to know more on how to introduce your dog to a treadmill give me a call.

There are a number of behaviours you can work on in the warmth of the home such as stays, scent, tricks and general manners.

Not a lot to report in this newsletter apart from the number of successes Tevra handlers have had both in the obedience and rally ring (see further in newsletter). Also of note is the number of handlers who have passed the newly introduced CG Basics award. Also of note is Neroli Taylor achieving her CG Bronze award. Well done Neroli you have worked very hard and consistently to achieve this. Now it is on to Silver and Gold.

On a brighter note the next newsletter will be a Spring edition which will mean that winter will be over !!!!

Janice

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Cancellations

All Saturday training will be at Ouruhia unless otherwise notified.

The initial cancellation notice will be via both email and Facebook but if we have to cancel once we are already at the venue it will be via Facebook only. If in doubt, please send a text to 0274 570 819 or for Rally to 021 105 3255 (Gail). If you need to have a text or phone call please let me know.

Please please please check your emails and Facebook regularly for any cancellations. Don't just assume that training will be on. I need to make the call first thing in the morning and sometimes the weather does clear but by then it is too late to change so for the sake of checking it may save you a wasted trip. The weather pattern at Ouruhia and Leithfield is often quite

different to both Christchurch and North Canterbury so please don't assume that because it is raining in your part of town that it is also raining at Ouruhia or Leithfield which seem to have a weather pattern all of their own.

Also can you please ensure that you have given me the email address you can and do access in weekends?

Gail will contact the Rally people by text. Please be sure to acknowledge her text.



OURUHIA DOMAIN

We are fortunate to have this area for training so just a reminder to park (tidily) on the grass verge beside the first area. Also, to ensure you pick up **all** your dog's droppings (which I'm sure you all do anyway!).

Dog must be on lead at all times, unless the particular exercise you're working on requires them to be off.

PARK 2 (THE ONE WITH THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND) IS OUT OF BOUNDS TO ALL TEVRA DOGS ON SATURDAYS

Please be aware that we are under public scrutiny all the time we're there.

The Tevra Journey

INITIAL ONE ON ONE SESSION

All about you and your dog.
All family members invited to attend

PET DOG MANNERS

Small groups offering interesting training including scent work, tricks, flyball to teach a bond between you and your dog.

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN BASICS

First level of the Dogs NZ Canine Good Citizens program

AGILITY

Basic Agility for those who now have basic control of their dog

CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold.

RALLY O

For those who now have basic control

Pet Manners Classes

10.00 am: We had the 'best trick on the box' competition, won by Tayla and Skye although the judges did admit it was a very close race. This class are now all ramping up for the fastest drop and I can see the handlers getting more competitive, Kate and Vogue are working hard on this! Watch this space.

We have done recalls with the handler hiding from the dogs, then calling. All pups passed. The trainer was a bit clutzy though, wee Manu went charging off to find Rose... and I got tangled in his longline ending up on the ground! Manu was a bit confused as to why he couldn't actually get to Mum, so we gave him another turn which was way more successful.

We are now starting the basics of flyball with the dogs learning to jump over a small hurdle to a piece of food and jumping back to their owners. They are all practising catching a ball most of them surprising their owners and doing it straight away! It's a lot of fun.

11.00 Class: These pups and owners are mastering the basics, drops, sits and working on wait. They are also working on their box trick, aiming at winning the trophy. Lucy the border collie decided she wasn't going to do this in class but at home mastered it in one go! They are mastering the 'leave' command which will help when the pup decides a sock makes a better toy than a tuggy. Just as well we train in the day time as lab Charli has decided walking in the dark is definitely not for her.

Welcome to Hilary, Hannah and Fletcher, first day at pre-school last week - Fletcher is a quick learner and will catch up fast.

1.00 pm Class: Welcome to Heather and Cooper, Amelia and Jose and Rachel and Pippa! Kim and Hazel have joined this class and can show them all how it's done. After only two weeks the new handlers wanted to learn how to get their pups on a box like Hazel does. Jose is killing the box trick but look out, Pippa and Cooper could easily sneak up from behind and take the lead! Thanks to the keenness of their handlers all these little guys are working well.

It is interesting to see the dogs respond to the energies of their owner. Laid back owners tend to have more laid back dogs, and high energy people the reverse. Put children in the mix and the dog's energy levels get even higher!

Ginnie



Canine Good Basics (CG Basics)

Huge congratulations to the following who all passed their CG Basics assessments held in April. You all did so well and now you are going on to train for your Foundation and Bronze

Jade and CJ
Julia and Minty
Simon and Gunner

Heidi and Jess
Ann and Watson
Uli and Lili



Jeri and Astro Michael and Murphy Allison and Bella
Grace and Maisey Kim and Benji Tracy and Saracen
Emma and Oakley Tania and Buddy
Jan and Nova Charmaine and Savanna Michelle and Coco



Ebony and Pickles Janet and Buddy Ray and Willy Dee
Adrienne and Phia Jan and Roo Marcia and Maisey
Andre and Sloane Alii and Arthur

Canine Good Citizen

Well done to the people in my class who passed their Basic Assessment. Some of you have gone on to Steve for your Foundation and some are with me. You are now well on your way to sitting your Foundation Assessment in the not too distant future.

It only takes 5 minutes a couple of times a day to train a dog and a lot can be done inside even in this weather. Teach your dog to walk closer to you in your hallway. Teach food manners at every meal. Etc., etc.

Please if you know you will not be at class let me know, all it takes is a message or a text. I certainly will let you know if I am not going to be at training.

Barbara

Rally-0

With winter training being very dependent on the weather, there will undoubtedly be cancellations over the next few weeks!! Sometimes it can be raining at Sefton (where I live) and not at Ouruhia and vice versa so it's very hard to judge until I get there. I'm usually there around 7.45am and will try to text you before 8.00am if we are going to cancel. For those of you training at Leithfield Janice will let me know on the morning and I'll pass the info on to you via text. Please ensure that you all check your texts on a regular basis.

Please be aware that the grounds at Ouruhia will start getting quite soggy at times, and I have no problem if you want train in gumboots!!

We welcome five new members and their dogs to our group: Margaret and Jemima, Susie and Connie, Lisa and Marty, Brenda and Skye, Uli and Sarga with Lili.

There are now regular Rally classes at Leithfield on Friday and Sunday mornings for those interested. Maybe you would like to do some training at Leithfield and some at Ouruhia for a change of scenery?

I'd like to thank Ginnie Hollander for coming in early on Saturdays to help with putting out the courses and test driving them!!

Please note there will be no Rally training on **Saturday 26 May** as Jade and I will be away competing, other classes will be as normal

Gail

Agility

I would like to thank everyone for the great help they have been during this time when I am unable to put the equipment out. It shows how keen you are to continue having fun with your dogs. Unfortunately, it will be for another 4 or 5 months at least.

You all do very well and have learnt a great deal. You are a pleasure to teach.

Colin



Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

Pet Body Condition Score (BCS)



Lightly run your fingers over your knuckles as you make a fist. If you imagine those knuckles were your dog/cat's ribs, this would be too thin.



Put your palm up, fingers extended facing the ceiling. Run your fingers over the base of your fingers- this is too heavy.



Turn your hand over, palm down and feel over your knuckles. When your pet's ribs feel like this, it's just right- healthy lean BCS 5/9!

Profile: Steve Kenmare

Meet Steve Kenmare our resident CGC trainer with Dexter and Keisha

Steve first came to Tevra for training in 2008 with his 4 month old Rottweiler named Rico. Sadly just a few months later Steve had to put Rico to sleep due to hip dysplasia.



Later in 2008 Steve was back to training with us with his new Rottweiler puppy Dexter who was well known for his attachment to fluffy bummed dogs. He also managed to put me into hospital with a torn rotator cuff in my shoulder due to his enthusiasm . Late 2009 along came Keisha who is predominantly Rottweiler with a bit of Dobermann thrown in.

Once Steve had finished training in our certificate classes he decided to give competitive obedience a try resulting in both dogs reaching Test A level as well as representing the Southern Region at the National Dog Obedience Assembly on two occasions.

Steve started taking classes at Tevra in 2011 where his passion for Canine Good Citizen (CGC) training saw him taking these classes. Steve attained CGC Gold with Keisha in October 2014 while Dexter's like of fluffy bummed dogs saw him just sitting in the car looking for the next victim.

Under Steve's guidance many of our members have achieved all levels of CGC and can often be seen at training on a Saturday morning walking the streets. We call them Steve's little ducklings.!!!

Recently Steve has become an assessor for CG Basics and we are quietly working away in the background encouraging him to become a full CGC assessor. I am sure we will wear him down eventually.

Although Steve is a relatively quiet unassuming person he has an excellent rapport with his classes as can be seen by the consistency of their attendance.

Thank you very much Steve for your support over the past 7 years. You are very much appreciated.



Rally O

Rally-O is a combination of obedience (not too serious!!) and agility (not too strenuous!).

The objective is for both you and your dog to HAVE FUN!!!

This sport is ideally suited to dogs who are under good basic control and wish to have fun while continuing to train. It's suitable for all ages - dog or handler!

Rally can be adapted for physical disabilities – dog or handler!)

Classes are currently run on Friday morning at Leithfield, Saturday at Ouruhia Domain and Sunday morning at Leithfield.

Numbers will be limited.

For further information please contact:

Gail on 021 105 3255 or email ravencoat@xtra.co.nz

R - relationship
A - attitude
L - learning
L - laughs
Y - yay!

FOR SALE



\$20.00 each

Great for teaching a dog how to play as well as teaching impulse control.

Tevra Uniforms



Polo Shirt \$25



Jacket \$65

Contact Janice-

I am putting in an order for **jackets** at Queen's Birthday weekend so please let me know as soon as possible if you want one.

Tevra Boarding / Day Care Kennels

We have fully fenced secure areas. Four sheds accommodate 10 dogs with enclosed kennels and runs. Various other kennels and runs suitable for dogs of all sizes as well as a family area with their own runs and fenced area. .



Most of you will have seen our kenneling set up, but those who haven't are welcome to come and view by appointment.

We are keeping the number of dogs limited, with a preference towards dogs that are trained in the Tevra system and are therefore socially well behaved dogs able to play together in the paddock when not resting in their kennels.



**Bookings for Christmas are now
being taken so get in quick!!!**

Board and Train

We also have a Board and Train option, where you can leave your dog with me and I will train him and have a follow up session with you going over all the work that has been done.

For further information contact Janice

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DIRECT PAYMENTS:

Unfortunately, despite several pleas for these payments to be made on the day of training, we have found that it is taking up too much of our time chasing up non payments so have had to make the following decision: Payment by D/C will only be possible if you pay for 5 sessions in advance unless you are advised otherwise. We will keep a record of the dates and will advise you when you have used the payment up. Obviously, you are also able to keep your own records as well if you wish. If this is going to be a genuine problem, please let me know

Gail will contact the Rally people by text. Please be sure to acknowledge her text.

Payment account numbers:

All payments (except Rally)

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