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TEVRA TIMES

From The Boss

Well we are into the "will we cancel or will we not?" season. Very difficult to make a call when the sky is still black so please do keep checking your emails and / or Facebook page in case we do decide to cancel. Where possible you will be advised by 8.00 am although if in doubt please keep checking.

The past week has been all go with the organisation of the CGC assessments. Our training program revolves around your dogs becoming a CGC (Canine Good Citizen) dog who knows how to behave in public. This starts with your CG Basics class and goes all the way through to CGC Gold. The weekend assessments were a record number both in terms of handlers and also the pass rate. See our more comprehensive report further in the newsletter. With so many successful handlers and dogs we have had to revamp most of the classes.

Please be aware that on a Saturday when you are at Ouruhia Reserve do not go onto the side of the park where the playground is. This only applies to Saturdays although it is a CCC bylaw that dogs must not be closer than 1 metre to the playground equipment.

When it is cloudy and cold it is very easy to decide to stay home in the warm but do think of your dog. Getting him out and about will settle him down when you get home. It is always more difficult to exercise our dogs in winter so come up with other ways of keeping them occupied. Further in this newsletter you will see some suggestions.

Keep yourselves warm over the coming months and think positive. Next time I write the Boss's report we will be heading into spring and longer days.

Regards

Janice

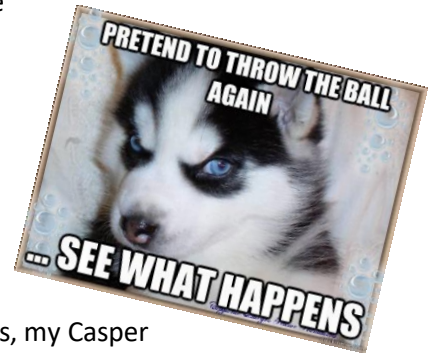
REMINDER

All dogs with Tevra at Ouruhia **MUST** be on lead when exiting vehicles. The lead must remain on and may only be removed when required for the class.



Rally-O

It's been very satisfying to see our "newbies" Kate and Suzy coming along really well. As they've grown in confidence, their dogs Vogue and Charlie respectively, have responded well to the confidence coming down their leads and are improving enormously. The "old hands" Gill, Jo, Gretchen, Claudia and Jenny are maintaining a good domestic standard in their work, with great teamwork going on when working out the signs.



Melinda with Marnie and Tony with Nimitz are consistently gaining good scores in competitions. With the new Dogs New Zealand regulation that permits the wearing of muzzles (on the dogs!!) Tony and Nimitz are able to move up through the rankings and have already gained their Rally Advanced title. The two newest Rally competition dogs, my Casper and Robbie (owned by Barbara Broadhurst), are taking to Rally well and have had some success (and "moments") in the ring.

In March we were lucky enough to be given permission by the people I was house sitting for at West Melton, to hold our training on their property. It was a beautiful day, in a beautiful setting and made a lovely change. The class also had the chance to meet the Bull Mastiffs that my clients breed and get up close and personal with these "gentle giants".

A reminder to be sure to reply to my emails each week. With 9 people enrolled in the class it doesn't take much to unbalance the numbers in each class. I need to know how many are coming in time to make the decision whether to combine the two classes or not so I can let people know. I also need to know in case of having to cancel classes at the last minute due to weather. Be sure to check your texts on the day as I often don't know what the weather is going to do until I get to Ouruhia.

Thank you all those who help clear up after the classes, and especially to Ginnie for helping me put it all out and test driving the courses, and Tony and Melinda who help with the training when I'm busy elsewhere.

Keep warm over the next few months, and keep in mind that if it's raining, I can train stationary stations caravan, so I'm sure you can manage in your houses!!!

Have a great winter!!

Gail



Agility

We are doing okay at present with all the old stalwarts coming to the 10 am class. Only problem we have at present is wives giving cheek from the sideline to the Instructor. Does that touch a nerve Angela? LOL

I want to thank Angela for the new bags she has made over the summer for the hurdles and weave poles. They are good strong bags that should last ages. Also, thanks to Jesse for collecting so many tennis balls for Tevra from her local Tennis court.

The new Trailer is a great help when Janice does not fill it up with her "Important" Obedience stuff, it's working out great for unloading and packing up. Almost looks like a food trailer - perhaps the boss would install a coffee bar???

Will check re times for classes ASAP and will contact you. Having had CGC assessments and changes in class times anyone who cannot make the Agility class let me know ASAP.

Agility is a lot of fun for dogs and handlers and we have a great classes, so if you are interested come along and talk to Janice or me. The rules are... All dogs who participate must be Tevra Dogs. They must be under control.

Colin



CGC Foundation, CG Basics and Puppy Class with Ginnie



My CGC Foundation class had their assessment last Saturday, the result was a great pass rate. Congratulations to all that passed! One Mr Max Lavery's hormones got the better of him though so he will be resitting. The rest of his test was perfect! This class has great team spirit and I shall miss them as they go on to do CGC Bronze, and I know some are wanting to do agility. Good luck to you all!

My CGC Basics class are a great group, Teddy and Fergus are two beautiful Vizslas, Charlie the gentle Rottie, Hattie the Irish Wolfhound (Gail's favourite, she sneaks a cuddle with Hattie every Saturday, just as well Hattie is too big to smuggle away), little Oscar whose tail never stops wagging and Jose has joined our group to help him cope with all the big dogs. We are looking forward to seeing Lacie back

after a break, Brooke is using a clicker and Lacie is so receptive to this training.

We started a Puppy Manners Class last Saturday. A lot of these pups are quite young, some not fully vaccinated so their training was limited to mats and beds. This made the recall exercise just a little bit difficult for some but we worked on body language signs for the pups and started on a bit of trick work. Dogs love tricks. They are a fantastic way of bonding with your dog and a good way to show off! We will watch these little guys progress with interest.

Ginnie



Sunday Classes with Alastair

(This report includes both Advanced and CG Basics)

My Sunday classes are working well with two groups of handlers. I would like to congratulate Nikki with Rayner who passed their Foundation and Bronze CGC assessment last weekend. Although my other two out of the group Carol with Bailey and Kevin with Koda did not pass they were perfect in every exercise apart from one mistake.

My new group of Ross with Etta, Avalon with Izzie, Carol with Buckley, Sasha with Hank and Alan with Bobby are doing some great work and will shortly start working towards their CG Basics.

I am intending to introduce different types of dog sport to my more advanced group with more walks in busy places so watch this space.

Alastair



Canine Good Citizen (CGC)

Foundation/Bronze Class

I am so thrilled at the pass rate of my Foundation/Bronze class for their achievements on Saturday. Congratulations Anne and Suzie, Beth and Zephyr, Dyanne and Opal, Kim and Hazel, who not only got their Foundation but Bronze also. Ruby our youngest class member who sat her Foundation only and succeeded well done ladies. Sadly, Hannah and Fletcher got pinged for tight leads. That's okay sometimes nerves kick in next time you will automatically watch that.

Unfortunately, Jordana's dog Jommy had an injury and could not take part and the hospital called Leanne for her op a few days before.

Although I will be sorry to lose this class, I wish you all the best with the rest of your journey through CGC.

My 11 am class is working out well, with more little dogs than I have ever had in one class. Keep up the good work ladies and gentlemen and you will be up there with the rest of them.

The secret to success is..... **practice every day**, be consistent at home and out on your walks, get out amongst the busy areas where possible, be relaxed in yourself and it will flow onto your dog.

Barbara





Congratulations to Judith Moore and her Poodle Angus on their successes in the Breed Show ring.

At Canterbury Ladies Kennel Association in March Angus was "Best Puppy in Show". Then in Manawatu he won Best Junior of Group and Best of Group, both Challenge Certificates.

Judith with Angus at Manawatu



IMPORTANT NOTICES

Payment Terms

Unfortunately, due to the time taken checking on D/C payments and in some cases having to chase people up all payments for classes will now have to be in cash unless you have specifically contacted me prior to the class.

Rally O class payments will remain as last year – no online payments.

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.

Cancellations



We will endeavour to contact you by 8.00am on the day by email or text and a message will be posted on Facebook if training is cancelled. However occasionally we need to cancel later in the day due to changeable weather, so if you are in one of the later classes or have a long way to come please be sure to keep checking your devices.



BLACK HAWK DOG FOOD

(Prices as at 1 January 2019)

BH Lamb / Rice	20 kg	\$135.00
BH Chicken / Rice	20 kg	\$135.00
BH LB Chicken / Rice	20 kg	\$140.00
BH P Chicken / Rice	20 kg	\$140.00
BH LBP Chicken / Rice	20 kg	\$140.00
BH Lamb / Rice	10 kg	\$80.00
BH Fish / Potato	20 kg	\$145.00

GF Salmon	15 kg	\$150.00
GF Chicken	15 kg	\$150.00

With advanced notice I am able to bring it into Ouruhia on a Saturday.



Please *do* become a friend of Tevra Dog Training so that you can keep up with what we are doing and also see the numerous photos of our members that we put up. We would also really appreciate any reviews you may wish to make (nice ones!!)



Tevra Boarding / Day Care Kennels

We have fully fenced secure areas. Five sheds accommodate 12 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.



We are already getting bookings for Christmas this year, so if you want to book your dogs in – better do it soon!!

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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CGC SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

Well, what a weekend with our CGC Assessments. With the help of our Assessors Gail O'Neill, Anna Thompson and Yvette Coutts, 49 handlers and dogs came along to be assessed. Thanks to our CGC Manager Ann Coulson and her helper Steve Kenmare the weekend went like clockwork albeit it a long day on Saturday. Bronze was completed on Sunday morning.

At the end of the day we had 20 x Foundation, 20 x Bronze and 3 x Silver successful handlers and dogs, with another 6 who I am sure will try again as in most instances it was just one mistake stopping them passing.

Thank you so much to all our helpers from not only Tevra but also NCDTC and CDTC. To those who came along to help with the various exercises or to scribe thank you as well. There is no way we would have got through this number without all the help received. A big thank you to our Assessors for making the day flow without problem. You are all so much appreciated. And finally thank you to our Tevra instructors who came along to support their classes and to ultimately enjoy their success. Ginny, Barbara, Jenny, Alastair and Steve you are invaluable, and I don't know where I would be without you!

Congratulations to the following:

Foundation

Grant Bartley and Bozwell
Anne Ditcher and Suzi
Beth Nariman and Zephyr
Kim Flanagan and Hazel
Liz Bermingham and Ruby
Petra Sullivan and Toby
Julian Firth and Charlie

Nikki Heald and Rayner
Ruby Hodgkinson and Rico
Dyanne Kirk and Opal
Liz Bermingham and Jasmine
Sally Hickling and Holly
Averill Bailey and Bailey
Tim Davies and Charlie

Bronze

Charmaine le Roux and Savannah
Michelle Freeman and Coco
Tim Davies and Charlie
Grant Bartley and Bozwell
Nikki Heald and Rayner
Kim Flanagan and Hazel

Peter Harris and Thomas
Ali Hornblow and Arthur
Dyanne Kirk and Opal
Anne Ditcher and Suzi
Beth Nariman and Zephyr

Silver

Ali Hornblow and Arthur

Michelle Freeman and Coco



Foundation Saturday am



Foundation Saturday pm



Saturday Bronze



Saturday Silver



Sunday Bronze



MIND GAMES FOR DOGS.

Scatter Brain:

Start by scattering your dog's food in a small area – preferably on a smooth surface so he can easily see it and find it. Once your dog has got the hang of this, try scattering it in a wider area, then move on to throwing it onto the grass – which means your dog will have to hunt with his nose, not just his eyes.

If your dog is a real expert at finding his dinner, you can make it more of a challenge by scattering it under bushes or in longer grass. You can even make a 'food trail' by dropping pieces of food in a long, random line.

Wet food doesn't really lend itself to scatter feeding, but you can easily adapt the idea by putting your dog's ration into several small containers and hiding them around the house and garden.

Alternatively, you can put your dog's wet food inside a Kong or two and allow him to chew and lick the toy in order to get it out. You can even freeze the Kong with your dog's dinner inside for a refreshing puzzle on hot days.

If you have more than one dog, be careful not to increase competition around food by scatter feeding them together. Instead, occupy one dog with scatter feeding indoors, while the other is outside searching for its food. Alternatively, feed in separate rooms.

Message in a Bottle:

1. Choose a suitable size and type of empty plastic water bottle. Make sure it's the type that crumples – and doesn't split – when you squeeze it.
2. Remove the cap, the plastic ring around the neck of the bottle and the label.
3. Put some of your dog's dry food into the bottle and shake it to get his interest. For the first few tries, add some really smelly titbits too – such as small cubes of cheese or hotdog sausage, so he can smell that good things are inside.
4. Give your dog the bottle and allow him to explore how to get the treats out. Some dogs will shake it, others, will roll it around and some like to fling it – so watch out!

Some dogs give easily if they don't get instant success, while others try to chew their way to the treats. You can help by putting 'easy wins' in the neck of the bottle that tip out without effort.

Safety First:

Supervise your dog carefully when he plays with the treat bottle. Check the bottle for damage and replace it frequently.

Tickle That Brain:

Start this puzzle by placing the cup or mug upside-down on a rough surface, such as a carpeted area or on a rug. Once your dog is confident with how to solve the mystery of the hidden food, make it more difficult by placing the cup on a hard or slippery surface. The cup will then slide, taking the treat with it, and your dog will have to figure out a new solution.

Turn an old cup or mug upside down and let your dog watch you place some really tasty treats underneath. These need to be smelly and tempting, such as tiny bits of cheese or cooked chicken.

Try not to help your dog work out how to get the treat. This is meant to challenge his brain after all!! If you really have to intervene because your dog is losing interest, then prop the edge of the cup on one of the treats, so that he can smell and taste it. Alternatively, change the treat to a higher grade one.

Time how long it takes your dog to work out how to get the treats from under the cup. Some dogs use their noses and others their paws.

What's in the Box?

Always check that whatever boxes you use are free from tape or staples that might cause harm to your dog.

1. Choose a low-sided box and encourage your dog to get in and out so that he feels confident. Click and treat him for doing so.
2. If your dog is a little uncertain about putting his front paws into the box, throw some treats in so that he has to lean in to get them. Resist the urge to pick him up and lift him in – this may put him off even more and also wastes a good opportunity to let him work something out for himself.
3. Now put a few more treats into the box, but this time cover them up with an old towel, some scrunched up paper, or a piece of cardboard about the same size as the floor of the box. Encourage your dog to dig for his reward.

You can create hours of fun for your dog by layering smaller boxes inside larger ones, with old towels, or scrunched up paper in between. Inside these layers you can hide food treats, toys or chews.

Indoor Hide and Seek

Basics:

Fold down the end of a toilet roll tube and pop a couple of delicious, smelly treats inside. Fold down the top. Let your dog sniff the tube so that he knows there's something inside. If you have trained your dog to wait or stay, ask him to do so while you hide the tube somewhere in the same room. He must not move – that's cheating.

Once you have hidden the tube, walk back to your dog before giving him a release command that tells him to find it. Some dogs may need encouragement but try to let him find it on his own. As soon as your dog finds the tube, encourage him to fetch it so you can open it and give him the treats.

Retrieve –vs- destroy:

If your dog is a loo-roll destroyer, try putting the treats into a zip-up furry pencil case instead. He'll need to bring it to you for help with the zip!

Moving on:

Once your dog has got the hang of looking for items in easy hiding place, start to make the game more challenging. You can make him wait in another room while you conceal the treasure, or you can pretend to hide it in one place when really it's somewhere else instead.

Kongs:

Cheese Delights:

Press some cheese into the very bottom of the Kong with the back of a teaspoon. Add a smear of marmite or peanut butter to taste.

Doggie Freeze-pops:

Cover the outer base of the Kong with cling film. Fill the Kong with wet dog food, or pieces of meat floating in stock or gravy. Place carefully into the freezer. Perfect for those hot summer evenings (in the garden only!)

BEST AVOIDED:

Although some owners swear by raw-hide chews, they can be problematic. Once soft from chewing, they can become stuck in the back of the dog's throat, blocking the airway.

Cooked bones should never be fed to dogs as there is a risk of them splintering – which can then cause perforation of the gut.

While it might be tempting to throw sticks for your dog, your vet will be the first to tell you how dangerous this is as throat and mouth injuries caused by sticks are all too common.

Impulse Control:

Settle down:

1. Your dog needs to learn how to settle down on cue. This is not the same as a formal down stay, but just means that no matter where you are or what's going on, he can lie down patiently and become calm and quiet.
2. Sit down somewhere comfortable with your dog on a lead beside you. Place your dog's lead firmly under your foot, to limit his options. He should have enough slack to stand up, sit up and lie down, but no more than that.
3. Completely ignore your dog. Some dogs try to get you to interact by barking, chewing the lead, struggling to get away or deliberately getting tangled in the lead. Do not look at him, touch him or talk to him.
4. Eventually, your dog will resign himself and lie down. Praise him gently. Stay like this for a couple of minutes, then quietly say "Free!" and take off the lead.
5. Repeat this every evening for at least a week until your dog is settling down immediately when you start the routine. Now you can say "Settle down", or "Chill" just before he lies down as a command.

Amazing Mazes:

The construction of your maze will depend on a number of factors; the size of your dog, whether you are setting up the maze indoors or out, and how experienced your dog is at problem solving.

Starting indoors with a fairly simple maze is a sensible strategy as you need to be able to keep your dog relatively calm to begin with. Outdoors, he may be tempted to get overexcited and try to jump the maze walls rather than think his way round the problem.

Mazes can be created from any number of materials: mesh panels (available from garden centres and DIY stores) are perfect because you can tie them together and your dogs can see the booty that he is aiming for. However, you can easily make mazes using lengths of cardboard or by placing your furniture strategically to create maze shapes. For example, two dining room chairs laid on their sides provide lots of possibilities – three and you can have infinite maze creations.

Set up your maze.

Place some goodies or a toy that your dog really wants at the end of the maze.

Keep your dog on a lead if he wants to jump the sides or tries to knock the walls over.

Let your dog work out how to get to the goal, and praise him when he does. Once he's mastered going in, you can place the treats or toy on the outside of the maze and let him find them that way. Once your dog has mastered the maze, you can create 'blind alleys' and dead ends to really get your dog thinking about how to solve the puzzle.

Tricks:

Rollover:

Ask your dog to lie down. Watch to see that he rolls onto one hip, rather than lying in a 'sphinx' position.

Hold a piece of food tightly between finger and thumb and move it down and round, aiming for the corner of his mouth. Watch for his paw coming up, over your hand, as his body starts to roll. Follow through with your hand, keeping the food right by the corner of your dog's mouth as he rolls. Click and treat when he's upright.

Practice until your dog is really confident rolling over. Now try the same routine, but without having the food in your hand. Finally, you can cue the behaviour by saying "Rollover", just before moving your hand to prompt it.

Rollover Benefits:

This trick teaches dogs to concentrate, to resist grabbing food and to control their body movements.

Look! My dog can read!

1. This trick relies on the fact that your dog already sits or lies down on cue. The idea is that instead of saying "Sit" you can show your dog a sign which cues the behaviour instead – giving the impression that your dog can read!.
2. Get your clicker and treats ready. Present your Sit sign and then immediately ask your dog to sit. Click and treat. Remove the sign and move your dog's position. Now present the sign again and repeat your verbal cue to sit. Click and treat when he does.
3. Keep practicing! At some point (Usually after 3-4 repetitions) your dog will sit as soon as you present the sign, before you have said the word. Click and give a jackpot. (more than one food treat at once.)

Your dog now sits when he sees the new cue. Practice this in various places so it's perfect.

Doggie Dictionary:

Make sure that your signs for different behaviours look distinct. Your dog will be 'reading' the pattern on the page, not the actual word (!), so use a different font size or pattern around the work to help your dog differentiate between sit and down.

