

TEVRA TIMES – January 2016

FROM THE BOSS

And so another year begins !!! I do hope all of you had an enjoyable time over the festive season and coped with all the hectic times that seem to go with it. Around our place we have been busy with all the boarding dogs in here while their owners have been away. Because we only take in dogs that have been trained through the Tevra program we have not had one single dog who has not been able to run and play in the paddock most of the day with each other. So nice to see dogs especially those from single dog households interacting with each other just for the sheer joy of having fun. Our plastic pool has proved a huge hit especially for the Golden Retrievers and Labradors we have had in. And then of course there is always the residential Beardie who is always ready to get wet and dirty!! By the time it is bedtime they are only too please to make their way into the kennel and runs!!

Just prior to Christmas I had to make the awful decision to have my elderly Sheltie Tussle put to sleep as his spondylitis had reached a point where he could no longer stand. This was truly the end of an era as it was thanks to Tussle that my Australian connection began with several trips to give seminars and take training sessions over there. And then of course there is Kim and her family. Thank you to Margaret and to Gail for the lovely tributes they sent in.

I want to apologise for the lack of a Christmas break-up last year due to weather and various other circumstances – we'll make it up to you at this year's one – promise!!!!

Well I think that is all for this edition so take care and we will see you all as the classes commence

Janice Kirk
Owner/Director

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## CANCELLATIONS

*Please please please* check your emails 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 Domain 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. Leithfield seems to have a weather pattern all of its own.

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

**It would also help if you could please acknowledge that you have received the notification?**

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

Janice

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CLASS PAYMENTS

As the classes are growing so fast it is becoming quite a nightmare keeping track of the class payments so where possible I will mark off the payments at the start of the class as I often become too busy talking to someone as the class ends and then just collect the payments without writing them down. If this could be arranged that would be very helpful.

DIRECT CREDIT PAYMENTS

While it is always much easier for you to make payment by direct credit it can become a bit of a headache for your instructors. If you intend to pay by this method please let us know in advance so that we can put you on the list. Quite a bit of time was spent last year following up payments not made usually for genuine reasons.

It would be very much appreciated if you could please note the two bank account details:

Tevra Agility, Advanced Canine Certificate: 03 1585 0102954 025

All other payments including purchases: 02 0852 0002778 00

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### **TRIBUTES TO TUSSLE**

Margaret van Oosten:

I have been very privileged to have Tussle stay with me on many occasions and the last time was only a few months ago. He had limited mobility at that time but as soon as I started throwing a ball for my guys – he was out there. He was so determined to get that ball and was usually successful. We can take a leaf out of this dog's book for determination.

Tussle was a true gentleman, not often seen in dogs. He only had one bad bone in his body and that was for Banjo – the feeling was mutual. Tussle fitted in with all the dogs, big or small.

Tussle sired 3 litters (the natural way unlike a certain little sable) which resulted in 11 progeny of which I have Banjo and Esther and of course Janice has Bramble. Unlike these 3 progeny – Tussle loved children and would often see him patiently walking in the ring with a child.

Tussle and Janice achieved his Obedience Champion title and CDX Gold. My everlasting memory of him in Test C was executing distance control. Many judges had great difficulty in determining

the difference with his sit and down positions!! I did a little agility with Tussle and he also competed in rally although that was short lived – not too sure why.

And then there was the breed ring. I have on a few occasions, been at breed shows that Tussle was entered in (those were the early days). I could never understand why the judges didn't like him as much as Janice and I did. I am sure Tussle didn't mind at all that this career was short lived. Tussle was my introduction to the love of tri shelties and I have been biased ever since.

Tussle was much loved by Janice and I am sure that he will leave a gap in her life. Run free wee man and hope you find a lovely river to swim in and that there are hundred green balls to chase. You are one cool dude.

Love from Margaret, Banjo (maybe), Esther, Harriet, Jemima and Dorothy

Gail Hamling:

After being an amazing dog who worked well for both myself and Kim Lindsay, Tussle started Rally after his retirement from Obedience. He was doing well in Rally until his illness started to show, and he became confused in the ring having "blank" moments, and his sits/downs became painful, though he tried his best to complete the rounds. It was decided to retire him gracefully. He attained his Rally Advanced title.

He will be missed.

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COMPETITIVE TRAINING INFORMATION:

Well very shortly we will all be back into it with the first local Championship Show being the holiday weekend (Waitangi) up at Hanmer. If last year was anything to go by this should be a must go event on the calendar. If any of you are up that way and not competing there is always plenty of help needed especially with the preparation of the meals under the watchful eye of Jean-Pierre. I think it is very important that everyone gets a chance to run their own dogs and this will only happen if we all put ourselves out just a little bit more for this weekend.

Competitive obedience training has had a real boost lately with the inclusion of at least eight puppies for me to work with. All of these puppies and handlers are going so well at their different levels so look out later this year when they all start off in the ring.

Training on a Wednesday will continue to be at various locations in order to give the dogs some variety. I will send you out an email on the Tuesday with the details once I know the weather report so please do check your emails.

Training from home will be on a Friday morning so please book a time if you require one. On Saturday mornings from 9.00 am – 10.00 am we will have group training at Ouruhia Domain.

Further on in this newsletter is an excellent article written by Margaret Van Oosten which I have already sent out to some of you. Please read this again and take note of what it is saying as I do believe she has hit it right on target here.

Training starts back on the 20th January and I will let you know the venue.

Janice

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## AGILITY CLASS

A pre agility course is starting on the 13th of February.

The class runs from 10.30 am to 11.15 am at a cost of \$15 per session.

Most dogs love it as it is a chance to exercise and have fun. Dogs must be under reasonable control.

Please email me if interested at [barlin@clear.net.nz](mailto:barlin@clear.net.nz) or mobile: 027 563 4500 or turn up on the day.

**THERE WILL BE NO AGILITY TRAINING ON FEBRUARY 20th, MARCH 5th**

*Colin*

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CERTIFICATE CLASS

Saturday

Happy New Year to you all and I wish you Health and Happiness in 2016. Hope you have had a great break and are getting ready to come back to training.

I would like to welcome my new group to this class. You have all spent a number of weeks training with Janice working towards this class so I am sure you will fit in very well. This new class will be from 9.45 am - 10.45 am starting on the 23rd January.

The advanced Companion Certificate class will now be held from 11.00 am – 12.00 pm (Lauren Jennifer and Coral)

I suggest for those of you who have had a rest from training you give your dogs and yourself a refresher on all the exercises you have been shown so far. 10 minutes twice a day is good. Come early to training to give the dog a walk around the park and time to settle in the environment.

If at any time you cannot make it to training, please text me or email me in advance. If training is cancelled, you will be notified by 8.30 am.

THERE WILL BE NO SATURDAY CLASS ON 6th FEBRUARY.

Barbara

Sundays

The *Advanced Companion Certificate* class will continue at 9.30 am on Sundays commencing 24th January. Some very good results from the last assessments for some of you. The *Novice Companion Certificate* class will start on Sunday 24th January at 10.30 am. This is a new group and I have contacted those concerned. You will receive your training records and paper work outlining the course on the first day.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY TRAINING ON 7th FEBRUARY.

Janice

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## RALLY-O

All set for a new year of charging round Rally courses??? This year I am planning on adding the Dog Games program for you to work on while you are waiting to get onto the courses. Unfortunately, the website from which I was getting the program has gone “under construction” so we may not be able to start it for a bit, but once we get going I know you will enjoy it!! This is an optional program running in conjunction with Rally.

You all made a lot of progress last year, and I’m looking forward to seeing you continue to grow in your skills and confidence on the Rally courses.

Previously the class times have been pretty fluid, but this year I’m adding in two new classes so times will be set. All classes commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

9.30 – 10.00 Module sessions (people from other classes ie Barbara’s)  
10.00 – 11.00 All levels  
11.00 – 12.00 All levels  
1.00 – 2.00 Advanced and Excellent  
2.00 – 3.00 Pre-Rally

There will be the opportunity to be flexible should you need to change for any reason. I will be contacting you separately to confirm which times you wish to attend. This will mean that I won’t be contacting you each week, unless there is, for instance, a cancellation, but I would still appreciate it if you would **text** me if you are not coming.

If I *do* need to contact you for a cancellation it will be by **text**. So please check your phones prior to heading out and confirm that you have received it.

**THERE WILL BE NO RALLY TRAINING ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 6 FEBRUARY, 12 AND 19 MARCH DUE TO COMPETITIONS.**

*Gail*

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CANINE GOOD CITIZEN (CGC)

We have two groups working hard towards their CGC certificates with assessments planned for late January, mid-May and then at the end of September there will be assessments at the National Dog Show being held at the Riding for the Disabled facility in Christchurch.

The Canine Good Citizen Test is a certification programme that tests dogs in simulated everyday situations in a relaxed atmosphere. It identifies and rewards dogs that have the training and demeanour to be reliable family members as well as good-standing community members. It will be open to all dogs.

Canine Good Citizen training is fun and useful. Through it, you and your dog will establish a closer bond and your dog will have the added benefit of knowing how to please you. The test of your dog’s manners and training is not a competition and does NOT require that you and your dog perform with precision.

Start Dates: Thursday 14th January – 10.00 am, Saturday 23rd January – 10.00 am

THERE WILL BE NO CGC TRAINING ON SATURDAY 6th or 20th FEBRUARY.

Janice

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**PET DOG MANNERS CLASSES**

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new dogs and handlers who are starting in these classes this year. I hope you enjoy these classes as much as those who have now moved on to other dog sports within the Tevra training group. This class is designed to give you a taste of several different sports you can enjoy with your dog as well as to help you gain more control of your dog when you are out and about. While it is not a set course we do encourage you to come along as often as possible so that the progress is continued. Class times for this class are as follows:

Thursdays: 11.00 am – New class – Starts 28<sup>th</sup> January

Saturday: 10.00 am – Intermediate group – Start 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
11.00 am – New Class  
1.00 pm – Advanced Class  
2.00 pm – Puppy Class

Sunday: 10.30 am – Intermediate Class (Leithfield) – Start 24<sup>th</sup> January  
11.30 am – New Class (Leithfield)

A large number of dogs and handlers from this group have now gone on to become involved in Rally, Tevra Canine Certificate, Canine Good Citizen and Agility so we will still see plenty of you around. It has been great to see so many friendships develop within the group.

**THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING ON SATURDAY 6th FEBRUARY OR SUNDAY 7th FEBRUARY FOR THESE CLASSES**

*Janice Kirk*

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Annie and Stella Clapham's Day Out at the Amberley Show.

Won Champion Handler

and 1st Fancy dress as Snoopy the dog!!!

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**TEVRA TRAINERS CONTACT DETAILS:**

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TEVRA BOARDING/DAY CARE KENNELS

We have now finished the main extensions to our kennels (though I'm sure more will appear from time to time!!). 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 have five fully fenced areas, plus the tennis court for them to run in, all with shaded areas for those hot (or wet!!) days. Most of you will have seen them but those who haven't are welcome to come and view by appointment.

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### WANTED

Does anyone have an old wooden ladder that is no longer used. It can be broken, but needs about 4 or 5 consecutive rungs intact.

Please contact Gail at [ravencoat@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ravencoat@xtra.co.nz)

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