



TEVRA TIMES – September 2015

FROM THE BOSS

Yippee it's spring. How good is that? Even if the weather is not exactly great at least we are not tromping around in the dark first thing in the morning feeding dogs, donkeys and birds.

The obedience and rally show season is just getting under way and is going to be a very busy time with the National Dog Obedience Assembly being held here in Christchurch as well as several other shows in Canterbury as well as Nelson and Dunedin.

The weather has caused several interruptions lately especially with our Saturday classes after a great run earlier in the year.

A few weeks ago our Wednesday ladies decided that Tevra could help with donations to the NDOA goodie bags so decided to make up 200 fleecy tuggy toys to put in them. Out came the design team and away they went. So far there have been about 120 made but we are getting low in suitable material so if you have any fleecy type material that may be useful please let me know. Any colour would be perfect I am sure.

By the time you read this the Australian member of Tevra will be all packed up, dog and all and heading across the Tasman to spend two months amongst us. Kim travels to NZ every three years with her dog to compete, learn, socialise and generally enjoy our weather. Kim will be competing in obedience with her young dog Cy bred by Nicky Rutherford and also in Rally with my dog Bramble so no doubt all of you will meet up with her along the way as she is competing every weekend she is here apart from the week before the NDOA.

Social Lunch!!

One of long serving Tevra members has not been in the best of health so instead of training on a Wednesday a few weeks back we all headed out to Jeanette Miller's place for lunch which was very enjoyable. A pot of homemade soup made by our hostess along with lots of goodies from the group lead to a great lunch with lots of chatter and laughter. Jeanette has been with Tevra for around 15 years and you can always rely on her to have a good word to say and a smile on her

face. Look out Jeanette we are working towards another Wednesday visit while the Aussie is over here !!!

Take care and see you all at the forthcoming shows

Janice



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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. Last Saturday was a classic example of this where the rain cleared by about 10.00 am.

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

Can you please acknowledge that you have received the notification?

Gail will contact the Rally people by text.



DIRECT CREDIT PAYMENTS:

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



COMPETITIVE TRAINING INFORMATION:

Our Wednesday training classes have also been affected by the weather although recently we have had a good run so fingers crossed this will remain. We are training in several different venues in order to give the dogs (and their handlers) a variety of distractions.

Now that the days are getting longer we will go back to starting at 9.00 am with a break at 10.40 before stays at 11.00 am. I will have board with me on Wednesday to write the times in for you all. These times will apply each week unless you are unable to come. If you will not be there please let me know as well in advance as possible so that I can fill that slot.

Saturday classes will run from 9.00 am until 10.00 am at Ouruhia Domain. There will be no training on the following Saturdays: Sept 12th, 19th. Oct. 10th 24th.

Friday morning competitive training is also available from our place as a one on one if required.

Janice

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### **AGILITY CLASS REPORT**

At present the only agility we will be doing is for the certificate class. Next year we will have a Beginners' agility class, but until then keep training your dogs with their obedience exercises.

*Colin*

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CERTIFICATE CLASS

"The Weather" dare I mention it? Has not been on our side. We seem to have more Saturdays off than on. So many plans for our classes have had to be changed, but spring is tomorrow as I write this so I guess we can only look forward from Saturday the 5th onwards and get some work done.

The North Canterbury Dog Training Club is having its inaugural Championship Show on the 12th and 13th of September, so if you want to come and have a look and see what Competitive Obedience is all about it starts 12 noon on the Saturday, which means that of course we will be having no training that day. (Rally-O starts at 10.00am if anyone wants to see what that's about.)

I hope you are all enjoying your training when you can get there, please keep up the practice, it is only with the practice your dog will learn. You can do training inside. Your stays going to mat etc. etc.

Barbara

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## RALLY-O

Due to competitions there will be no Rally training on the following dates: September 5<sup>th</sup> , 12<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Training on 19<sup>th</sup> September will be at Janice's place.

The competition on 5<sup>th</sup> September is being held at the Christchurch Dog Training grounds across the road and down a bit from Ouruhia, and is only Rally (no Obedience). You are welcome to come along and watch the competition and support the Tevra competitors (Mel, Lorraine, Jess, Anna – and me!!) September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> is the North Canterbury Dog training Club competition being held at the showgrounds at Rangiora. In my other life as Rally Instructor at the Club, I would love to see you there, either taking part or helping out!!

Over Labour Weekend in October the National Dog Obedience Assembly is being held at the A & P Showgrounds in Christchurch. This includes 3 Rally shows and we would appreciate hearing from anyone who could spare some time to help out with various jobs on Saturday and/or Sunday.

At Timaru last weekend, Jo Donachie and her Golden Retriever Shiraz achieved the Rally Excellent (RE) title. Although Jo doesn't train with Tevra Rally, she is a very active long time member of the Tevra Obedience competitive group. Jo and Shiraz can now add RE to Shiraz's Obedience Champion title. Congratulations to you both!!



Even though there has been little training over the past weeks due to weather and over the next few weeks due to competitions, I hope you are all keeping up with some training!! Focus work especially can easily be done inside, in fact it's a good place as there as so many distractions – especially when the family are home!!

*Gail*

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CANINE GOOD CITIZEN

Our Saturday classes are now underway again after a bit of a break under the guidance of Steve. Some of you are working towards the assessment in early October while some of the new members of the class will be assessed early next year. We also have a very enthusiastic Thursday group working towards their assessments, with training in several different parts of the city and North Canterbury. We have been visiting malls, cafes and dog parks over the past few months. If any of the Saturday group would like to join these outings please contact me.

Canine Good Citizens (CGC) is a New Zealand Kennel Club recognised award which acknowledges dogs that make good all round members of society. There are four levels to be attained so a lot of hard work is involved.

We wish all those involved in the October assessment all the very best.

Janice

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## NATIONAL DOG OBEDIENCE ASSEMBLY October 2015

The team to represent the Southern Region (entire South Island) at the National Dog Obedience Assembly has been announced and we so wish all the following Tevra members all the very best of results so that we can retain the cup won last year in obedience. Of the team of ten obedience dogs seven of them are Tevra members so we must be doing something right.

**Obedience:** Novice: Steve Kenmare and Dexter, Sue Boag and Jinty  
Test A: Alastair Kirk and Twister, Kerry Hurst and Minnie  
Test B: Anne Morgan and Jack, Roxanne Ramsay and Baillie  
Test C: Jean-Pierre Derveaux and Deeva

**Rally O:** Novice: Anne Readman and Mac



### PET DOG MANNERS CLASSES

These classes have become hugely popular with four classes on a Saturday and three on a Sunday so a lot of organisation is involved to ensure that they not only run smoothly but are interesting and helpful for the handlers and dogs. We try to make a mixture of fun exercises as well as more controlled times. If any of you have any new ideas on what we can include in these classes or comments on the classes we would be only to happy to listen to you.

Just recently a group moved on to work towards either their Tevra Canine Certificate or Canine Good Citizens. Most of this group had been with me for many months so it was quite an occasion when they moved on.

The Pet Dog Manners classes are an ongoing class where we cover several facets of dog training including tricks, focus and scent work, advanced control as well as flyball and agility for the older dogs.



*"It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds."*

## **K9 NATURAL DOG FOOD.**

Now available from Tevra Dog Training in frozen or rehydratable as well as a full range of treats. So that we are able to offer a competitive price we do not carry a large stock instead we order in as required with some of the slower selling items so if you do require any bags of K9 Natural please give us a few days warning.

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Meet the youngest member of the Tevra Family!!!!



Mandy the Rottie Nana looking after her baby Hayley Veltman
(daughter of Missy Temple and Arran Veltman – Domestic Class)

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## **Peanut Butter, Banana and Parsley Dog Treats à la Barbara Broadhurst!!**

### **Ingredients**

- 1 medium banana, peeled
- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- 2/3 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup dried parsley
- 3 T creamy peanut butter
- 1 egg, beaten

### **Instructions**

Preheat oven to 150 c. Mash banana in large bowl. Add all additional ingredients and mix well. Let sit for 5 minutes.  
Roll out mixture to desired thickness and cut with cookie cutters.  
Put on lined-baking sheets for 40-45 minutes.  
Let cool completely.