



# HOT DOG

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi everyone. Things have been busy since we last "spoke". We have returned to a more regular training schedule with all those public holidays out of the way, now we have to do battle with winter weather, but it has not managed to keep us away from Sunday training yet this year! We have also successfully hosted our Canine Association obedience trial and agility double header, both went off smoothly and our competitors enjoyed the generous sponsorship of Advance and Nutro.

Speaking of sponsorship, did you know that if you register as a member of our club with Better Pets and Gardens, you get 10% off all Advance products, you also collect points and when you have 200 you receive \$10 off your next purchase. As well as receiving a fixed sponsorship from Better Pets and Gardens, the club also gets additional sponsorship for each dollar our members spend. A great deal! We will be running a campaign to register members with Better Pets and Gardens over the coming weeks.

The club's new "volunteer" notice board is proving a success with more members stepping up to help. A special thanks to Geoff Couper who is looking after our web site, which should get updated more now that Geoff is on board.

Did you know that Australian Obedience Nationals are in Perth this year? Why not pencil in the date and come and check them out if you are not competing. They are on 10 October, more information is available at the Nationals web site: <http://www.obediencenational2009.com/>

See you at training. Until then, remember, many short training sessions lead to far better results than one long session.

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## OFF THE EDITORS DESK

I'd like to start this edition of the HotDog with a sincere apology to you all. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond my control the June edition of HotDog did not go to press. I know you all enjoy reading the HotDog and it contains lots of important information for you all. So once again I am very sorry and I hope you enjoy this edition twice as much!!

This edition sees the introduction of a new feature "Activities For You And Your Dog". The aim each edition is to provide you with information on the different activities that are out there for you and your dog to try. This edition has a feature on Tracking.

With the cold weather here remember that our pets feel the cold just as we do ~ especially the older ones. If your dog has to be left outside make sure it has plenty of shelter from the wind and rain and a comfy bed. Even better visit Better Pets & Gardens and get them a jacket to keep them warm when outside.

With the cold weather also comes the signs of arthritis. If you notice your dog is a bit stiff to get up from his nap, takes longer to get moving in the mornings, or is a bit reluctant on walks, pop along to your vet and have them check your dog for signs of arthritis.

Stay dry, be careful,  
and remember.....  
It's all about having FUN  
with your dog!! Ed.

