

From the Editor

As we kick off another exciting year at the Club, I would like to introduce myself as the new editor for the Hot Dog.

My German Shorthaired Pointer, Ruger, and I are relatively new to the Club and are enjoying every minute of it.

I volunteered to help out with the Hot Dog and (even though this is my first run on the newsletter) it feels great that I can lend a hand to the Club.

I trust as we progress through 2010, we will build a substantial volunteer base to ensure the smooth running and growth of our Club.

I look forward to keeping you all up to date with what's happening around the club and ask that if you have any information for inclusion in upcoming editions of the newsletter, please email me at stacey.newton@live.com.au.

WA's Top Dogs Set to Turn Out!



The Canine Association of Western Australia (CAWA) will host **The Western Classic, Western Australia's premier dog event, from February 26 to 29.**

All events are held in the evening at CAWA, located at the corner of Warton and Ranford Roads, Southern River.

This event showcases the best of the best in obedience, agility and conformation shows.

Come along and witness WA's top dogs competing – with many of our own Club members set to take the stage!

The Western Classic schedule will run as follows:

- Friday February 26 'Obedience Challenge' - By invitation, 2009's top 10 dogs in each obedience class.
- Saturday February 27 'Obedience'
- Sunday February 28 'Agility'
- Monday February 29 'Agility Teams' and 'Dancing with Dogs'.

Volunteers – WANTED

2010 is set to be another fantastic year at NSTODC! The challenge has been set...The Club needs to get some fresh talent on board to lessen the load of volunteering duties for all.

Volunteering offers people the chance to reap the rewards of meeting new people, develop new skills and more importantly, make a major difference in your dog's community!

The role of volunteering should not be left to one specific group – we want people from all walks of life to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand.

Areas in which people are required include:

- **Driving the NSTODC van** – the more people that volunteer, the less driving everyone can do!
- **Assisting with catering** – Why not help out by organising catering for our annual events! We are looking for people who are willing to help by cooking a dish for judges at our obedience and agility events.
- **Customer service in the NSRODC van** – does your partner bring the dog to training? Why not make it a family outing and help with new memberships and products while you wait?
- **Instructing** - Both agility and obedience instructors are always needed – and it's very satisfying to help other members with their dogs.
- **Handy on the tools?** – Why not make a little time to help repair our agility equipment.
- **Stewarding** – an easy way to give a little something back to the Club that supports our dogs – the Club is running a ring at the Agility Nationals, to be held in WA this year, so we are looking for stewards from April 29 to May 2. For information about the event, visit agilitynationals2010.com.

If you think you fit the bill in any of the areas in which volunteers are always needed, please contact the President at admin@northernsuburbsdogclub.org for further information.



Did You Know?

- Dogs and humans are the only animals with prostates.
- Dogs should never eat chocolate. Just a small amount can kill them.
- Aluminium foil and balloons should not be given to a dog or left around where he can get to them. If a dog swallows too large a piece of either, he could suffocate because they will never dissolve.

