



Is Your Mate 'chipped'?

Dogs West will offer Club members the opportunity to have their loved ones micro chipped, onsite Sunday May 23 from 10.15am.

The cost will be a mere \$30.00 and payment can be made at the van on Sunday mornings up until May 16. Please make cheques payable to NST&ODC.

Source: blogtimes.com

CLUB CALENDAR OBEDIENCE – SUNDAY MORNINGS

| January 31 | Obedience starts up |
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| February 7 | Training all classes |
| February 14 | Training all classes |
| February 21 | Training all classes |
| February 28 | Labour day long weekend - No Training |
| March 7th | Training all classes |
| March 14 | Carine Fair - No Training |
| March 21 | Training all classes |
| March 28 | Training all classes |
| April 4 | Easter Sunday - No Training |
| April 11 | Training all classes |
| April 18 | Achievement Trial – No Training |
| April 25 | Anzac Day Long Weekend - No Training |

AGILITY – WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

| February 3 | Agility starts up |
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| February 10 | Training all classes |
| February 17 | Training all classes |
| February 24 | Training all classes |
| March 3 | Training all classes |
| March 10 | Training all classes |
| March 17 | Training all classes |
| March 24th | Agility/Jumping Member Comp - Juniors |
| March 31st | Agility/Jumping Member Comp - Seniors |
| April 7 | Training all classes |
| April 14 | Training all classes |
| April 21 | Training all classes |
| April 28 | Training all classes |

**The first Wednesday of each month is an assessment night for people wanting to join agility

Sterilisation: THE FACTS

(An excerpt taken from purina.com.au)

Why should you desex your dog?

The benefit of having dogs desexed far outweighs the consequences and is a very responsible thing for a dog owner to do.

Desexing a dog – that's castrating the male (removing his testes) and spaying the female (removing her ovaries and uterus) – not only prevents unwanted pregnancies, but also curbs unwanted behavioural patterns associated with sexual activity. It also reduces the risk of false pregnancies and certain diseases such as mammary tumours, pyometras (uterine infection) and testicular tumours.

Post-desexing changes

Male dogs may not stray as much (they no longer have an urge to find an un-spayed female), may become calmer and may cease any aggressive behaviour or sexual behaviour like mounting or marking their territory with urine.



Source: belmont.wa.gov.au

De-sexing your dog will not change his/her basic character.

Dogs usually recover from the desexing operation remarkably quickly. They may be a little drowsy for a few hours, but by the next day they are usually lively again.

Downside to desexing

Once a dog has been desexed, there is a stronger tendency for it to become obese. This is because it may become less physically active due to no longer feeling the urge to roam around looking for a mate.

You may therefore need to adjust the amount of food you provide should your dog start to put on too much weight.

