



THE HOT DOG

February Edition 2010

President's Report

Hi everyone and welcome back to training! The summer break is over and we are well and truly back into it.

There have been several movements in the Club. Firstly, Vicki Nemeth has left the Committee following a dedicated two year stint – we must thank Vicki for all her hard work. We have lost two awesome instructors with the departure of Ann Storrie and Kaylene Nichols. Kaylene looks forward to using her time to take her new pup through classes and train her not so new dog, Cade, in tracking. Ann Storrie has also taken up residence down south. Both will stay associated with Club. I would like to wish them good luck in their new adventures and thank you both for your tremendous help at Northern Suburbs Training and Obedience Dog Club (NSTODC).

On a lighter note, I would like to welcome a new member of our Committee - Stoney Boudville. Welcome aboard Stoney!

The Western Classic is around the corner, running every evening from Friday February 26 to Monday March 1. Being a renowned show, it is definitely worth making the trip down to the Canine Centre in Sothern River to check out these awesome dogs.

Happy training everyone, and remember, many short, upbeat training sessions are better than a long shard session.

President Graeme Fairley

Dancing with Dogs

A fun and rewarding way to spend time with your mate is to dance with him. A relatively new sport on the scene, Dancing with Dogs is already proving to be the ultimate dog training experience!

An expression of interest is sought from Club members to have our very own Dancing with Dogs class – to be lead by Instructor Vel Donatti.

Dogs in class 1A upwards are welcome to come along and try this dynamic training technique in an upbeat and motivated environment.

To register your interest in Dancing with Dogs, please contact Vel via email: velfred@bigpond.net.au.

We look forward to your response!



Instructor Vel Donetti takes to the stage!

Your Club

President	Graeme Fairley
Vice President	Emma Papworth
Secretary	Frances Coull
Treasurer	Paul Dyer
Committee Members	Sue Boxer Vel Donatti Robyn Griffin Irene Levitszki

Your Instructors

Obedience Instructors

Senior Instructors:	Bernice Nesbitt (Puppy Specialist) Lyn Harrison Lesley Ross Jackie Regterschot Graeme Fairley Suzie Ammerer
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Obedience Instructors:	Tracey Care Frances Coull Heather Cregan Vel Donatti Fay Gretton Vicki Nemeth Kaylene Nichols Jacqui Howle Jenny Parker Antionette Parker Ann Storrie Dorothy Williams Paul Dyer Elaine Hughes
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Trainee Instructors:	Katie Finkemeyer Marilyn Brennan Shane Garvey
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Assistants:	Sonya March Jan Golding Irene Levitzke
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Agility Instructors

Senior Agility Instructors:	Vicki Nemeth Emma Papworth
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Agility Instructors:	Andrea Carde Graeme Fairley Nyree Lally Ashley Poli
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Trainee Agility Instructor:	Irene Levitzke
Training	Gina O'Keefe



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.



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.

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.





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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
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
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.





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With thanks...

Au revoir!

Firstly, what a lovely gesture to present Blazer and ourselves with the gorgeous bowl as a going away gift. Thank you so much.

For those who do not know, we will be moving to Busselton - Blazer has given it the leg-up of approval, especially as we back onto a bush reserve that extends about 200 metres to the beach, and is, of course, all dog run and swim area!

I started in the Club in the late 1970's and took two Rotty's to CD. We then had a break from the Club for several years while my last Rotty plodded on for 14 years. Then came Blazer. When he was just eight weeks old, we went straight into the Club's first year (infact, first week) of positive reward training! I was rather sceptical, but not for long. My aim was for CDX (Open), but we quickly zoomed to UD and are now struggling with UDX! I know I would have gone so much further with my other dogs if we had been using food and positive reward training then.

NSTODC is certainly a Club to be proud of and it has been a real pleasure to be involved. Congratulations to all the Committee, Instructors, helpers behind the scenes, in the van, and the general members for making the club what it is today. Many, many owners and pets have benefited from your efforts. And special thanks to our friends who have spent many hours helping Blazer and myself achieve our goals.

Wayne and Anne Storrie and Blazer.

Cheers Pete!

On behalf of the entire Club, a BIG thank you goes out to Pete Kerr who, over the Christmas break, undertook major renovations of the Club's agility trailer. The trailer now much easier and safer to load.

Food for Thought...

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car he sticks his head out the window! ~ Steve Bluestone

2010 Hot Dog Dates

Edition	Date of publication	Deadline to have material to the Editor
February	25	CLOSED
April	29	15
June	24	10
August	26	12
October	28	14
December	16	2

Community Notice Board

PA SYSTEM ADVICE

The Club is considering a new PA system. Would anyone who has expertise in this area please contact the President to assist – it would be a great help.

BUSSELTON ACCOMODATION

The Pylon Inn at 18 Craig Street, West Busselton is now open.

The Inn mates (Share owners - Wayne and Ann Storrie) invite you, as like-minded friends, to enjoy and look after the Pylon Inn's many positive features.

Donations of the following would help keep the weeds down:

\$80 per night for up to four people.

\$20 per night per person for a group of four or more.

To book, Contact Ann Storrie on 08 9385 9355.



The name everyone's pleased to see!

Coming Up:

Million Paws Walk (May)

Each year more than 60,000 people and 25,000 pets take part in the RSPCA's Million Paws Walk, to raise much needed funds for the RSPCA. The next Million Paws Walk will be on May 16 2010 - registrations are now open! For more information, visit www.millionpawswalk.com.au.

