



THE HOT DOG

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Club Members,

With 2011 well underway, we have hit that time of year when the weather is perfect for dog training more often than not.

In the last edition of the HotDog, I mentioned trailing. With our upcoming members competition (May15) now is the time you can give it a go. The competition is open to all classes. Classes puppy, 1a-1e and 2a and 2 are judged by our instructors and for members in these classes, you can enter on the day. For classes three and above, you will need to complete an entry form which is available on our website.

We have had continued success at proper trials – see the club's State Agility winners later in the achievements section of this edition of the HotDog. My own Maverick has also had a few wins recently as he returns to the obedience ring, along with Rocco with Tia and Candice with Mason successfully launching into their obedience career. Well done guys!!!

Rumour has it that the City of Stirling will be building a new toilet block, on the training grounds side of the play ground. We are trying to lobby the City to include a storage area for out agility equipment and a kiosk where we can take membership. If anyone has influence or knows someone with some influence, please have a whisper in their ear or pass on contact details to me. This is a great opportunity and would help the Club immensely

My training tip for the month – don't push your dog into something he or she doesn't like or fears. I have seen this many times at the beach where people pick their dogs up and carry them into the sea. The dog, scared, frantically tries to escape to shore. This might work for a dog, they MAY realise that they can swim and eventually lose their fear. Their fear is just as likely to get worse and consequently they may never like the beach or swimming.

A better way is to be patient. Let them choose to follow you in to the water, in their own time. As they take steps closer and closer, praise them and even reward them. Be patient, they will get braver, become confident and be swimming in no time.

The same theory applies with you train that your dog may not like or even fear. Take small steps and reward heavily and SLOWLY take it further.

Happy training everyone!

President Graeme Fairley

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Clubbies!

Firstly, please accept my apologies regarding the tardiness of this edition of the HotDog.

I have recently returned from getting married in Bali and as I am sure you can imagine – life has been a little hectic!

I trust everyone is keeping well and advancing. My poor Oscar is still yet to get out and amongst it with you all however, I am sure after the member's competition, we will see you out there.

Please enjoy the April edition of the HotDog – train hard and stay safe!

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DANCING WITH DOGS (DWD)

A fun and rewarding way to spend time with your mate is to dance with him.

Dancing with Dogs is already proving to be the ultimate dog training experience and aids obedience and agility training.

All dogs from all classes are welcome to come along and try this dynamic training technique in an upbeat and motivated environment.

No dog is too old nor too young – come along and see for yourself!!

Classes take place Friday evenings from 7.15pm adjacent to the Club House building at Carine Open Space.

We hope to see you there!

Humping - WHY DO THEY DO IT?

Dr. Nicholas Dodman
petplace.com

Although humping is considered a sexual action, it can also be used to signal power and rank. Dogs do, in effect, employ humping as a way of asserting authority. Whatever the motivation, when humping is directed toward peoples' legs, or objects in the environment, the result is the same: embarrassment for the dog owner and any guests who happen to be present.



Intact (unneutered) male dogs are most likely to engage in this disturbing behaviour but neutered males and females may also express the behaviour. The presence of sex hormones facilitates but does not dictate this annoying behaviour. One out of three neutered male dogs and the occasional neutered female still engage in humping years after neuter surgery. Even when it's slated to disappear, humping may persist for several months after surgery before its frequency and intensity eventually wanes.



DEALING WITH A FEARFUL DOG

By: Dr. Ilana Reisner
petplace.com

It's heartbreaking to see an anxious dog respond to everyday events by trembling, cowering, balking on his leash – or even biting. If your dog seems generally uneasy, or is frightened by specific places or events, you'll be happy to hear that he can learn to become more confident.

Fear Can Be Good

Fear can be a useful emotion for your dog. It warns him that something potentially painful, threatening, or dangerous is on the horizon, which may motivate him to escape. Or, if some ominous creature is approaching, his fear may lead to self-defence, perhaps causing the threat to withdraw.

Learned or Innate?

Fear may be a learned behaviour, or it may be an intrinsic part of your dog's personality. Some dogs are simply predisposed to be anxious and jumpy, just as others are stoic and resilient. The former may react with fear even to ordinary situations.

For example, if your dog's last veterinary visit was a little upsetting, you may have to carry him in for his next visit. Alternatively, a relatively resilient dog may acquire his fear because of an overwhelming, unforgettable adverse circumstance or event. Some important reasons for learned fear (and its exaggerated partner, phobia) include physical punishment, improper crating or other close confinements, and loud noises. If pushed far enough, your fearful or anxious dog may attempt to escape (sometimes frantically), submissively urinate, or even bite.

Treatment of Fearful Behaviour

Regardless of its specific roots, there are some common denominators in treating fearful dogs. First, because fear is stressful, and because stress and anxiety interfere with behaviour modification, some veterinarians believe anti-anxiety medication may sometimes be helpful. Medication can be used for short-term or long-term management of the problem.

Second, and especially if the cause of your dog's fear is known, it helps to expose your dog to the feared situation incrementally while rewarding his calm behaviour (a technique known as desensitization). For example, if your dog panics when a rollerblader whizzes by while you're in the park, take him home and rehearse the basic commands "sit" and "stay," using small food rewards. Then, take him back to the park and, working at a distance from the rollerbladers, rehearse the commands again there. Slowly inch toward the place where people are skating and continue to repeat the sit-stays at intervals, rewarding calm behaviour and not catering to any mild apprehension. Your dog should never be allowed to become overtly fearful during the desensitization process. If he does, you have approached too quickly and should back off before starting again. As long as progress is made at each exposure, and your rewards are well timed, your dog will eventually be able to remain calm even when close to the skaters.

Dealing with a Biter

Biting can be a troublesome outcome of fear. If your dog is aggressive through fear, your veterinarian can refer you to a behaviour specialist for help with retraining. With patience and consistent effort, your dog may once again - or for the first time - become confident and calm in the face of what once was perceived by him as danger.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dogs can be trained to detect an upcoming epileptic seizure.
- Nose prints are used to identify dogs, much like humans use fingerprints.
- About 30% of Americans admit to talking to their dogs or leaving messages on their answering machines for their dogs while they are away.



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POISONOUS PLANTS FOR DOGS – By Bron Edwards

Below is a list of some of the poisonous plants that can affect our dogs (and cats). It is by no means a comprehensive list of all the poisonous plants, but rather a list of some of the more commonly grown plants in West Australian gardens.

Agave: the sap of the plant can cause skin irritations
Almond: seeds
Aloe: sap
Amaryllis: bulbs
Apple: seeds, leaves and stems
Apricot: stem, bark and seed pits
Asian lily: entire plant especially bulbs
Asparagus Ferns: berries
Autumn crocus: entire plant including bulb
Avocado: fruit and seed
Azalea: entire plant
Begonia: tubers
Bird of Paradise: seed pods
Boston Ivy: leaves and berries
Box: entire plant
Brunfelsia: seeds and seed pods
Buxus: entire plant
Cactus: entire plant
Caladium: entire plant
Calla Lily: entire plant
Castor Oil Plant: entire plant especially seeds
Cherry: stem, bark, leaves and seeds
Citrus: oils
Clematis: entire plant
Clivia: bulbs
Convallaria: seeds and flowers
Cordatum: entire plant
Cordylone: sap
Cotoneaster: berries
Creeping fig: berries
Crocus: bulbs
Croton: sap, stems and seeds
Cycads: seed pods
Cyclamen: roots
Daffodil: entire plant especially bulbs
Daphne: entire plant
Datura: entire plant especially seeds
Day Lily: entire plant including bulbs
Delphinium: entire plant especially seeds
Dicentra: entire plant including roots
Dieffenbachia: entire plant
Digitalis: entire plant especially leaves
Draceana: sap
Duranta: berries
Easter Lily: bulbs and leaves
Elephant Ears: entire plant
English Holly: berries
English Ivy: leaves and berries
Eucalyptus: oils
Euphorbia: sap can cause skin irritations and blindness if contact with the eyes
Ficus: berries
Foxglove: entire plant
Frangipani: sap can cause skin irritations and blindness if contact with eyes
Geranium: leaves
Gladiolas: bulbs

Heavenly Bamboo: see Nandina
Hellebores: leaves and stems
Hyacinth: bulbs
Hydrangea: new flower buds
Ilex: see English Holly
Ipomea: seeds
Iris: leaves and roots
Ivy: see English Ivy
Jonquil: bulbs
Juniper: berries
Kalanchoe: entire plant
Lantana: entire plant especially berries
Laurel: leaves and berries
Leucosium: see snowflakes
Ligustrum: berries and leaves
Lily: all types of lilies can be poisonous
Lily of the Valley: see Convallaria
Lupins: seeds
Macadamia: nut
Marijuana: entire plant
Melia azedarach: seeds
Morning glory: see Ipomea
Mother in Laws Tongue: entire plant
Mushrooms: entire plant
Nandina: berries
Narcissus: bulbs
Nutmeg: seed pods
Oak: see Quercus
Oleander: entire plant including when dried
Onion: entire plant
Oriental Lily: bulbs
Peace Lily: bulbs
Peach: seeds
Peony: entire plant
Philodendron: fruit
Pittosporum: entire plant especially berries
Poinsettia: sap can cause skin irritation & blindness if eye contact
Poppy: seeds, stem and sap
Potato: leaves, stem and green potatoes
Privet: see Ligustrum
Pryacantha: berries
Quercus: leaves and acorns
Rhododendron: entire plant
Rhubarb: leaves
Rubber Plant: see Schefflera
Sansevieria: sap
Schefflera: berries
Snowdrops: bulbs
Snowflakes: bulbs
Sweet Pea: seeds, seedpods and leaves
Stephanotis: seed pods

Tiger Lily: bulbs
Tomato: leaves and stem
Tradescantia: leaves
Tuberous Begonia: tubers
Tulip: bulbs
Virginia Creeper: berries, leaves and stems
Walnut: nuts
Wandering Jew: see Tradescantia
Weeping Fig: berries
Wisteria: seeds
Yew: seeds needles and bark
Yucca: sap
Yesterday Today Tomorrow: see Brunfelsia
Zamia: seed pods

*All types of plants
can harm our
four – legged friends!*

While it may seem impossible to have a dog and a garden at the same time, adult dogs rarely eat their way through your garden. Puppies on the other hand do!

When you first acquire your pup, fence off or remove dangerous plants. Puppies will stop the chewing and eating plants around 8-12 months of age but this can vary so keep an eye on your dog.

Be on alert at all times. If your dog or pup has eaten any parts of a plant, especially the berries or bulbs and you see any signs that your dog or pup is acting differently or looking different, please do not hesitate to take your pet to the vet straight away!

Other dangers in the garden are pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, snail pellets, fertilisers and other toxins. Make sure that you store these items safely away from your dog. Remember, dogs as a rule are curious creatures.

This information is brought to you by Bron Edwards Garden Design - Designing your garden for you... (and your dog!)

Poisonous plant consults available by contacting 0401 645 154 or 9345 0794
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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to those who were state agility winners from our club:

AWARD	SCORE	CANINE	HANDLER
Excellent Jumping	400	Jess	Suzette Adlem
Excellent Jumping	600	Roy	Erica Pope
Excellent Agility	500	Bernice Nesbitt	Chuckles
Excellent Agility	600	Gina O'keefe	Rumba
Masters Agility	400	Indie	Gina O'keefe
Masters Jumping	400	Indie	Gina O'keefe
Masters Jumping	500	Terror	Kriszty Cumming
Open Agility	600	Roy	Erica Pope

Another worthy mention to note is Kaylene's dog Cade won three out his four heats and obtained his title after only having two passes in the previous four years of trialling! Well done to both!!

CLUB VAN OPENING TIMES:

For enrolments, membership renewals, enquiries and merchandise, the van is open 8:30-10:00am.

MEMBERS COMP SUNDAY MAY 15!

ADVERTISE IN THE HOTDOG!

The Club has agreed to offer members the opportunity to advertise businesses on the back of the hot dog.

Quarter page ads will be charged at \$50 per issue of the HotDog (every second month).

For more information, contact the Club secretary via secretary@northernsuburbsdogclub.org.

CLUB CALENDAR

May 1	Training all classes
May 8	Training all classes
May 15	Obedience Members' Comp - No training
May 22	Training all classes & Micro-chipping
May 29	Training all classes
June 5	Open Double Header Trial Agility – No training
June 12	Training all classes
June 19	Open Obedience Trial - No training

WHAT'S ON MAY

- 8 Sun Agility Trial Bunbury & Dist. DC
- 14 Sat Agility & Obedience Trials Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 14 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 15 Sun Championship Show Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 15 Sun Agility & Obedience Trials Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 15 Sun Herding Trial CAWA
- 20 Fri DWD Event DWD Club of WA
- 21 Sat Championship Show All Breeds Dog Club
- 22 Sun Tracking Search Dog Trial Trackwest
- 28/29 Sat Championship Show (B&A) Canine Fund Raisers

JUNE

- 4/5 Sat/Sun Championship Show Ladies Kennel Club
- 4 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 4 Sat All Age & Restricted Stakes ANRTC
- 5 Sun Agility Trials x 2 Northern Sub T&ODC
- 5 Sun Novice, All Age and Novice Stakes ANRTC
- 6 Mon Obedience Challenge CAWA Events Ctee
- 6 Mon Obedience Trial Southern River A&ODC
- 11 Sat Obedience Trial Perth Training & ODC
- 11 Sat Open Show Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 12 Sun Championship & Open Show Bull Terrier Club
- 12 Sun Members Competition GSDA
- 12 Sun Agility Trials x 2 Agility Club of WA
- 12 Sun All Age Stakes Retrieving Club
- 12 Sun Tracking Search Dog Trial Trackwest
- 18 & 19 Sat & Sun Championship Show x 2 Canine Stewards Assoc.
- 18 Sat Herding Trial CAWA
- 18 Sat Agility/Jumping Trial Gosnells Obed. DC
- 19 Sun Obedience Trial Northern Suburbs T&ODC
- 25 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest



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