



THE HOT DOG

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Fellow Club Members!

Welcome to the 2011 year of training. I hope you and your pooches have a fun year.

The trialling season is just getting underway, so I thought I would devote my bit in the Hot Dog to talk about trialling. What is trialling?

Trialling is a dog sport in which a dog must perfectly execute a predefined set of tasks when directed to do so by his handler.

There are many events which you can enter. Our club focuses on training members for obedience, agility and dances with dogs.

In each discipline, you start competing at a basic level. A pass gives a 'leg' and after three legs you get a title. This you add as a suffix to your dog's name, for example: Tammy CDX means Tammy has her 'Companion Dog Excellent' title. Obtaining a 'leg' and then a title is very satisfying.

To enter a trial you have to become a member of the Canine Association of WA (CAWA - aka Dogs West – visit <http://www.dogswest.com/>.) Our club runs member's competitions and achievement trials during the year to give our members a chance to experience trialling. Member's competitions are for all classes, achievement trials are for those who are close to trialling, that is, for class 3 and above.

A great way to learn more about trialling is to steward at a trial hosted by our club, or alternatively come along and watch a trial – you will be amazed at the standard of the dogs' performances.

A good trial to watch would be the Western Classic, which is one of the most prestigious events of the year. The Classic runs in the evenings, from 4 to 7 March at the Canine centre in Southern River.

My training tip for the month.

Reward the behaviours you want. When you see your dog doing what you want him to do, don't just ignore it, reward it. You can reward with praise, a pat, a game, food or even your dog's dinner. As a puppy I rewarded Mav with his dinner when he lay on his mat. Now he runs to his mat and lies quietly when I get home and eat my dinner.

Happy training everyone!

President Graeme Fairley

CLUB VAN OPENING TIMES:

For enrolments, membership renewals, enquiries and merchandise, the van is open between the following times:

1 February - 27 March from 7:30-9:00am.

3 April onwards 8:30-10:00am.

Please ensure to arrive early when needing the service of the van staff as Instructors are unable to take enrolments or renewals.



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FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Clubbies!

With another year upon us, I am proud to offer you some light reading in the first edition of the 2011 HotDog series.

I trust you are all training hard and have those tails wagging! The hot weather has taken its toll on us all but now is the time to make the most of the calendar year and get geared up for the exciting events and activities that are just around the corner. Keep cool, ask lots of questions and reward all the wonderful behaviours your pooch displays.



I certainly have my work cut out for me with a new edition to the family – Oscar.

Train hard and stay safe.

Stacey Newton
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LIFE'S A BEACH FOR FIDO

experienceperth.com

Give your pooch a treat and take them for a run and some fun in the sun at one of Perth's many dog friendly beaches.

Perth's dog beaches usually have long stretches of white sand perfect for playing fetch as well as grassed areas where dogs can be taken off their leads for additional exercise. It is fun for the whole family and a great social outing for your dog too!

Here is a list of beaches around Perth where you and your dog can wallow in the water together! They have been given a rating by www.gooddog.info so you get the inside scoop on how they all compare!



BEACHES:

Northern beaches

- Peasholm Dog Beach, South Scarborough.
- Bennion beach, between Kathleen and Bennion Streets, Trigg.
- Watermans Dog beach, between Castle and Ada Streets, North Beach.
- Whitfords Dog Beach, north of Hillarys Boat Harbour.

Central coast beaches

- North Cottesloe dog beach, Cottesloe.
- South City dog beach, Swanbourne.

Southern beaches

- C.Y. O'Connor Beach, Cockburn, Fremantle.
- South Beach, between Marine Terrace and the Fremantle Sailing Club, Fremantle.
- Cockburn Dog Beach.
- Mosman Beach, between Beach Street Groyne and the City of Fremantle boundary.

CLUB TIP



Emotion and emotional energy.

If you are worried, your dog will be also. What is going on in your house has a direct influence on your dog's behaviour. Very excited, busy households lead to an active or distressed dog. Calm atmospheres lead to a calmer dog.

Be confident and believe in yourself as dogs feed off our emotions.

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!



DOG HEALTH CHECKLIST

purina.com

1. Body condition – You should just be able to feel the ribs and no more. There should be a waist between your dog's ribs and hips and the belly should not sag. Watch for signs of weight loss or gain.

2. Ears – Should be clear of any thick brown or green wax and have no smell. Some long-eared breeds benefit from regular ear cleaning with special ear cleaners. Be careful what you use to clean the ears – the skin is very sensitive – and don't clean too deeply or vigorously, as the eardrum can be easily perforated.

3. Eyes – Should be bright and clear, with no signs of runniness, redness or soreness. Your dog should not shy away from light as if it hurts the eyes. Eye problems can sometimes be accompanied by flu symptoms.

4. Nose – There should be no crusting on the surface, runny discharges or bleeding. Noses can change from black to pink and back again, something that can vary through the year. Nor does the nose have to be very cold or wet!

5. Breath – bad breath is not just a cosmetic or social problem (we all know dogs with bad breath can be less-than-pleasant company). Bad breath can indicate a digestive problem or bad teeth, which could potentially lead to organ problems if left untreated.

6. Oral hygiene – Teeth should be white with no excess tartar, which looks thick and brown. The gums should be pink or black, not red or swollen.

7. Skin and coat – Your dog's skin can be pink or black, depending on the pigments normally found in the breed. The coat, meanwhile, should be thick (depending on breed) and shiny with no broken hairs. And both should be free of any scruffy dandruff or sores. Hair can be shed all year round, but it's normally worse in summer and autumn – you'll need a good vacuum cleaner. Some breeds like poodles don't shed, although they need clipping regularly.

8. Nails – Should be smooth and can be white or black. Nails that are roughened and break easily may require attention. When checking the nails, remember the dewclaws found on the inside of the leg just below the wrist. Some dogs have them on the front legs only; some have them front and back; and some don't have any at all.

9. Digestion – Keep an eye on your dog's appetite for any noticeable changes? This can be very difficult to tell if the dog is new to you or a very fussy eater. There should be no sickness or choking when eating and stools should be a normal colour, with no diarrhoea, constipation or mucus (clear jelly) passed.

10. Thirst – If your dog suddenly becomes thirsty or starts drinking more than usual, consult your vet.

11. Attitude – Your dog's general attitude to life can tell you a lot. If you notice that his head and tail are down, it usually means your dog is feeling under the weather. Poorly dogs can also skulk in corners, or even dig holes in the garden to lie in. If you're worried, ask your vet for advice.



Did You Know?

- As with training, don't play for too long at any one time. Short, sharp bursts of structured play are best.
- If you reward your dog with food, include any treats or tid bits in their daily intake of food.
- Don't leave uneaten food in your dog's bowl. Remove any leftovers after 20 minutes. If your dog doesn't eat all of its food, you might be feeding it too much.



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HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR CLUB?



DECEMBER EDITION ANSWERS:

1. **List three things you should bring to every class.**

Lead, treats and water.

2. **List the names of three instructors.**

Any three listed on page 1 of this edition.

3. **When are our Agility Classes held?**

Wednesday evenings

4. **What is the club's website address?**

www.northernsuburbsdogclub.org

Take the challenge and see just how much you really know about your Club...stay tuned for the next edition for the answers!!

- **How many obedience classes are in the early group on a Sunday?**
- **What date are subscriptions due each year?**
- **What is the minimum age a dog can begin agility?**
- **Which classes run throughout the Christmas break?**

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to those who took part in the Dogs West Obedience trials on Sat 5 February, in particular:

Novice /CD

1st - Fay Gretton & Mistivale Dreammaker

3rd - Lesley Palmer & Gryphon

Qualified - Leonie Gilligan & Andre



WHAT'S ON

Trackwest Pre Season Tracking Workshop - Martin

March 26 8-10.30am for more info visit

www.trackwest.com.au

Retrieving Club of WA Beginners Course – Guildford

13, 20, 27 March & 3 April – for more info contact Lynne

Strang on 9295 0820 or 0414 721 367 or

moralana@inet.net.au

DWD Club of WA Competition – Southern River

9 April – for more info contact Jill Houston

on 9296 4996

Perth Training and Obedience Dog Club Obedience Trial – Southern River

18 March– for more info contact Denise Mousley on

9459 2818

All Breeds Dog Club of WA Open Show – Southern River

9 April – for more info contact Heather Jones

on 9297 3445

Dogswest State Agility Trial – Southern River

16 & 17 April - for more info contact Sarah Wickham

on 9310 8941 or 0400 034 693

Non Sporting Dog Club of WA Premier Championship Show – Southern River

30 April – for more info contact Jackie

on 9497 4190 (after hours)

Southern River Agility & Obedience Dog Club Double Header Agility & Games Trial – Southern River

24 April – for more info contact Angela Treanor

on 0422 330 060

2011 Canine Good Companion Instructor's Course – Southern River

For more info contact Honey Gross-Richardson

on 9349 8431 or Richardson@efel.net.au

Agility Trainee Judges Course 2011

For more info contact CAWA on 9455 1188

CLUB CALENDAR

March 6th **Labour day long weekend No training**

March 13th Training all classes

March 20th **Carine Fair No Training**

March 27th Training all classes

April 3rd Training all classes from 9am

April 6th **Agility Block 1 finishes**

April 10th Training all classes

April 17th Training Junior classes only

April 17th Achievement Trial Classes 3 -9 only

April 19th Dog Behaviour Seminar - Loftus Community Centre, 99 Loftus Street, Leederville 7.30pm. Refer to website for further details.

April 24th Easter Sunday No Training

April 27th **Agility Block 2 commences - New Agility starter assessment**

