



THE HOT DOG

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Members!

Well the year seems to be flying by! The Club's year officially 31 October and the Club New Year begins along with registration renewals. Our AGM is booked for 22 November, and includes the election of a new Committee. We can always do with more people and new faces on the Committee to, so if you think you can help, let me or an instructor know.

The last few months have been difficult for the Club weather wise, in all my time at the Club I don't remember so many days of cancelled training. Agility was hit particularly hard, with three weeks in a row of no training. But we hung on, and training has been back to normal over the last couple of weeks, with a batch of new starters discovering agility.

We have some major trials coming up. The State Obedience Trial is on 24 September and the Royal Show Agility and Obedience on the 2, 3 and 4 October. These are big events and tend to be the focus of many competitors, much like the 'Majors' are in Tennis or Golf.

As spring approaches, beware of lurking hazards that face your dog. It is never a good idea to leave your dog in the car as it is particularly dangerous as it gets warmer. With spring flowers come bees and while many dogs experience short term pain from a bee sting, bee allergies are not unusual and can be fatal. If your dog reacts to a sting, get them to a vet immediately. Snakes are much more prevalent in the warmer weather and some have already been spotted. Some of those fantastic winter trails may be off limits soon. Finally, look out for grass seeds. They tend to get in your dogs coat, particularly around the paws and then germinate into your dogs flesh. An operation under aesthetic is frequently required to remove the seeds.

On the positive side, the warmer weather makes it much easier to get Fido out for a run. So enjoy the sunshine with your pup.

Happy training everyone!

President Graeme Fairley

2011 CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 22 CARINE HALL FROM 7PM

- NSDC Committee election • Club awards presentation
- Title achievements • Perpetual trophies

ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

Members are encouraged to get their applications for title ribbon/medallion or achievement certificate to Vel Donatti or Irene Levitzke at training no later than 31 October presentation at the AGM. The application form is on the website.

NOTICE OF MOTIONS FOR THE 2011 AGM

The following changes to the Club's constitution are to bring the constitution in line with the Government of Western Australia Department of Commerce recommendations.

Motion A

61 Dissolution Clause

Insert the word "special" before "resolution" in Clause 6.1 as below.

61.1

The Club shall be deemed to have been dissolved if and when a special resolution to that effect be carried by the affirmative vote of not less than seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members of the Club on a poll taken in such manner as the Committee shall arrange to determine whether or not the Club shall be wound up.

Motion B

61 Dissolution Clause

Remove words "charitable object or objects" and replace them with "charitable purpose or purposes" as per below.

61.3

Any surplus property must be given or transferred to some other Club incorporated under the Act which has similar objects, wholly or in part, to the objects of the Club and which is not carried out for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual members and prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members, or some charitable object or objects charitable purpose or purposes.....

YOUR CLUB

President	Graeme Fairley
Vice President	Sue Boxer
Secretary	Frances Coull
Treasurer	Paul Dyer
Committee Members	Vel Donatti Robyn Griffin Irene Levitzke Daniela Fischer June Page Peter Kerr Stephen Lemish

YOUR INSTRUCTORS

OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTORS

Senior Instructors:	Bernice Nesbitt (Puppy Specialist) Lyn Harrison Lesley Ross Jackie Regterschot Graeme Fairley
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Trainee Instructors:	Daniela Fischer
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AGILITY INSTRUCTORS

Senior Agility Instructors:	Graeme Fairley
Agility Instructors:	Vicki Nemeth Andrea Carde Emma Papworth Jennifer Coton Steve Smylie Ashley Poli Irene Levitzke
Training Consultant:	Gina O'Keefe



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7 Sun Safety Suggestions for Dogs

By Julia Szabo, Alternative Pet Health Guru

Think sun protection is just for humans? Think again. Your dog needs a safe haven from those harsh ultraviolet rays, too. Here are seven pointers to help Spot enjoy the great outdoors this summer, without feeling the burn.

1. Don't shave your long-coated dog for the summer

When you shave your dog's coat, it exposes his skin to sun damage. The hair coat acts as a protective barrier against the sun's ultraviolet rays, and shaved skin is much more vulnerable to sunburn. Instead, thin out your K9's coat using a Furminator or an undercoat rake, so your pup carries a lighter load in the heat. Think of this as the difference between a cotton T-shirt and a wool sweater!

2. Dogs experiencing hair loss need special treatment

"Dogs most at risk for sunburn include dogs who are experiencing hair loss due to health reasons, such as allergies or hormonal changes," explains Dr. Heather Peikes, board-certified staff dermatologist at New York City Veterinary Specialists.

Your geographic location determines how much protection you'll need to give your dog, she adds: "On the East Coast, we worry less about sun-induced melanomas and skin changes, but in Colorado, California, and Australia it's much more of a concern." Also consider your dog's breed. A hairless Chinese Crested, for instance, will need extra sun protection.

3. Protect serious sunbathers

Some dogs are serious sunbathers, and could happily fry themselves for hours. But don't let them sizzle! Dogs who worship the sun while lying on their backs risk developing tumours on the inguinal area, that vulnerable stretch of skin where the belly and hind legs meet; this area is unprotected by hair even on furry breeds. When you notice your sun-worshipping Spot panting, it's time to bring him back indoors before he sustains a sunburn. Please take extra precaution if your dog's snout is pink. Light-skinned dogs, like light-skinned people, are more prone to sun irritation.



Be sure to apply sunscreen to...

Protect your pup's inguinal area and snout if it's on the pink side.

4. How to help a sunburned dog

If Spot did sustain sunburn, give him a soothing bath with cool water and a gentle, soap-free product such as TheraNeem Pet Shampoo. Before lathering up, add 5 drops of Neem Oil to the shampoo in your palm, then work the mixture through your dog's fur, down to the skin. Wait a few minutes before rinsing with cool water. Non-toxic Neem works quickly and safely to heal heat as well as chemical burns.

5. Select the proper sunscreen

For an ounce of prevention, use sunscreen on Spot. "Select a sunscreen that's safe for human babies," Dr. Peikes advises. There's also an all-natural balm designed to prevent and soothe doggie sunburn: The Natural Dog Snout Soother (SPF 10), which contains shea butter, kukui nut oil, and vitamin E.

6. Watch out for zinc oxide

Whatever sunscreen you select, make sure it contains no zinc oxide, which is toxic to pets. "Try the product out on one small area of your dog's skin before spreading it further," recommends Dr. Peikes. If you see no adverse reaction, go ahead and apply the sunscreen to your dog's inguinal area (see above image) and snout. These are the key areas; there's no need to coat your entire dog with sunscreen.

7. Consider protective clothing in some situations

If your dog had to be shaved for a surgical procedure, protect that area from the sun using a T-shirt that you customize to fit him. If you anticipate spending hours out in the sun with Spot - say, while out sailing or hiking - investigate performance sun protective dog clothing such as Rash Guard.

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Clubbies!

Welcome to the (late) August edition of the Hotdog.

I trust you are all enjoying the warmer weather. As always, there is a lot happening around the Club.

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

Stacey Newton
HotDog Editor

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DANCING WITH DOGS (DWD)

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.

FROZEN FRUITY POPS FOR PUPS

www.woofreport.com

Indulge your dog this summer with fresh, frozen "Pupsicles," which are as healthy as they are yummy.

Ingredients: two mashed bananas, one cup strawberries (fresh or frozen), one cup organic apple juice, and two cups yogurt (plain or vanilla). Instructions: Puree all ingredients in a blender, pour into ice cube trays or small plastic cups, freeze for one hour or more as needed, and thaw just so slightly before serving.

Bone Appétit!



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Your 'Teenage' Puppy

By Eukanuba Australia

Adolescent behaviour is natural in dogs too

We all know about surly teenagers, or those with a wayward streak, and the world of dogs has its own versions during the adolescent phase. This is natural behaviour that may see playfulness turning into boisterousness, or even a little aggression at times. Obviously you need to curb this with firm reinforcement of basic training but also understand that, with the right control from you, it will pass.

Heightened awareness can cause some issues

During this stage, your puppy will also be experiencing heightened awareness that can result in some behaviour that you may associate with a much younger puppy. He may for instance display irrational fear of objects or actions previously familiar to him. New experiences may seem particularly daunting too. Again, this is a passing phase that you can help him through with your own display of calm patience.

Don't be tempted to have him confront his fears repeatedly - this could make things worse at this stage. Nor should you provide excessive reassurance through stroking during any such incidents as this could reinforce this type of trait.

Instead, you should increase exposure gradually and gently and positively reward your puppy, when he is coping, with some verbal praise or maybe a tasty dog treat.

Good socialisation will benefit your puppy

The value of good socialisation during the adolescent phase is huge. A maturing puppy that has been well trained and socialised to different surroundings, people, other dogs and animals is much more likely to be comfortable in a range of situations and environments, and therefore behave acceptably - particularly when meeting new people or dogs.

Your influence as pack leader is very important at this time, so calm, assertive commands and positive reinforcement are the order of the day. Gradually introducing your puppy to new situations will make future new experiences less challenging for him, until they become a natural part of his regular routine.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Buzzle.com

- The sweat glands of a dog are located between their paw pads. Most dogs today would heave a sigh of relief for not being born earlier as in the ancient Roman times, mastiffs had to don lightweight armour and follow the mounted knights!
- The first ever dog show was held in Britain in the year 1859.
- When you speak about maturity, a dog that is merely one year old can have the physical maturity of a 15-year-old human being.
- How often have you used the phrase, 'raining cats and dogs'? It is believed that this phrase has originated during the 17th century. This was because many cats and dogs were known to have drowned during a heavy downpour.
- An adult dog always has 42 teeth.
- On an average, at least 70% people all over the world always sign their dog's name on a greeting card along with the rest of the family names.

off the mark by Mark Parisi
www.offthemark.com



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SEPTEMBER

- 3/4 Sat/Sun Championship Show Ladies Kennel Club
- 3/4 Sat/Sun Endurance Test (Vims/Montemelia)
- German Shepherd DA
- 3 Sat Novice & Restricted Stakes Labrador Retriever Club
- 3 Sat Agility Trial Agility Club of WA
- 4 Sun All Age Stakes Retrieving Club
- 10 Sat Championship Show Golden Retriever Club
- 10 Sat Championship & Open Show Dachshund Club
- 10 Sat Championship & Open Show Utility Dog Club
- 10 Sat Agility Trial x 2 Gosnells Obed. DC
- 10/14 Sat/Wed Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 11 Sun Championship Show Hound Club
- 11 Sun Championship Show Non Sporting Dog Club
- 11 Sun Championship Show Working Dog Club
- 11 Sun Championship & Open Show WA Chihuahua
- 11 Sun Championship Show Boxer Club
- 11 Sun Championship & Open Show Doberman Club
- 11 Sun Herding Trial All Breeds Herding Club of WA
- 17 Sat Championship Show Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 18 Sun Championship Show (Charity) Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 18 Sun Members Competition German Shepherd DA
- 18 Sun Obedience Trial x 2 Bunbury & Dist.DC
- 17/18 Sat/Sun **State Championship Ret. Trial CAWA SCRTC**
- 24 Sat **State Obedience Trial CAWA Obed Com.**
- 25 Sun Open Show Fremantle Dog Club
- 25 Sun Open Show Canine Stewards Assoc.
- 25 Sun All Age Stakes Golden Retriever Club

OCTOBER

- 1/2 Sat/Sun Championship Show (ROYAL) RASWA
- 1/2 Sat/Sun Agility & Obedience Trials (ROYAL) RASWA
- 3 - 7 Mon/Fri Championship Show (ROYAL) RASWA
- 3 Mon Agility & Obedience Trials (ROYAL) RASWA
- 8 Sat Championship Show (ROYAL) RASWA
- 8 Sat Agility & Obedience Trials (ROYAL) RASWA
- 9 Sun Championship Show WA Toy Dog Spec.Club
- 9 Sun Championship Show WA Beagle Club
- 9 Sun Championship Show WA Terrier Club
- 9 Sun Championship Show Am. Staffordshire Club
- 9 Sun Championship Show Tenterfield Terrier
- 15 Sat Championship Show Bunbury & Dist.DC
- 15 Sat Agility Trial German Shepherd DA
- 16 Sun Championship Show(Charity Benefit) Bunbury & Dist.DC
- 16 Sun Obedience Trials Rockingham Dog Club
- 22 Sat Championship & Open Show Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 22 Sat Obedience Trial German Shepherd DA
- 22 Sat Urban Tracks Trackwest
- 23 Sun Championship Show Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 23 Sun Championship Show German Shepherd DA
- 29/30 Sat/Sun Championship Show All Breeds Dog Club

CLUB CALENDAR

Sept 4	Training all classes
Sept 11	Obedience Members' Comp - No training
Sept 18	Training all classes
Sept 21	Agility Block 3 finishes
Sept 25	Training all classes
Oct 5	Agility Block 4 commences - New Agility starter assessment
Oct 2	Training all classes
Oct 9	Training all classes
Oct 16	Training all classes
Oct 23	Training all classes
Oct 28	Queen's Birthday Long Weekend No Training
Oct 30	Training all classes

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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 VAN OPENING TIMES:

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



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