



THE HOT DOG

3RD EDITION JUNE 2011

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the year has gotten very busy for the club, with member's competitions, open agility trials and our open obedience trial both held in June.

Our member's competition was a great success, with large numbers entering in all classes – lots of passes and graduations to the next class. Great prizes from our sponsors Nutro too.

Our recent open double header agility trial was an awesome success. We had over 500 runs during day! The competition was stiff, with many national champions entered – WA is home to many national agility champions. Many of our members walked away with first prizes and/or placings. A huge thanks again to our tremendous sponsor Nutro for the prizes.

Our agility double header was followed by our open obedience trial. We were lucky enough to have some of the best dogs competing. The weather held and we had a great day with several excellent rounds. A personal thanks from me to Frances, who stepped in as Chief Steward, allowing me to use the trial as a practice for upcoming events (see below).

A tremendous thanks to all those volunteers who helped make both trials so much fun. We had a great turn out of volunteers who did the club proud - a couple of the best Northern Suburbs trials I can remember.

I am off on a personal adventure next week – I have entered Maverick in the Obedience Nationals in Brisbane. Together with my fiancée Jen (agility instructor) and her dog Selby, we are giving the nationals a go. First time either of our dogs have flown, so we're a little nervous.

In closing, one of the best training tips I can give. BE PATIENT. Give your dog time to learn. Don't rush. Don't try and skip to step two, before you have step one well understood and learned by your dog. It is ok if your dog doesn't "get it" immediately. Stick with whatever you are teaching. Keep steps small and simple and take your time and then your dog will learn well and remember.

Happy training everyone!

President Graeme Fairley

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Clubbies!

Welcome to the June edition of the Hotdog.

As always, it promises great reading and advice for those teething problems we all endure with our four-legged friends.

I ask if you have any photos of things happening around the Club, please send them to me for use in copies of the HotDog.

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

Stacey Newton
HotDog Editor

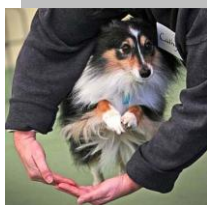
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DANCING WITH DOGS (DWD)

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.



We hope to see you there!

YOUR CLUB

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Training Consultant:	Gina O'Keefe



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Sadie, from NSW just loves posing with her new PetPride tag!

PURE BREED DOG RESCUE SERVICES OF WA COMMITTEE

Are currently seeking volunteers to become rescue contacts and/or foster carers. Full support & mentoring provided. For more information, please visit: www.sites.google.com/site/pbdrsowac/

EIGHT WAYS TO REASSERT YOUR ROLE AS ALPHA

Dogster.com



Is your puppy still being a puppy? Is he challenging your authority and being difficult? It is likely that he is still in his adolescent phase and with all the distractions and curiosities of the world around him, even a well-trained puppy may not always listen. It's time to go back to basics and reassert yourself as Alpha. Puppies who live in a home where the pack order is clear are more secure, calmer and, dare we say, happier.

If your puppy is challenging you, you may notice some specific signs. He may become territorial about space or food. He may start jumping on people even if you had trained him not to. He may become rebellious during training sessions. Or he may start marking again. If it's not in your demeanor to sternly order your puppy around, no worries. There are many ways to reassert your position as Alpha without barking commands.

1. **Be Calm** - The calmer you are, the calmer your pup will be. Whenever he gets excited, gently say "Calm!" and don't proceed with your task until he calms down.
2. **Always Leave First** - When you go out for a walk, always be the first one out the door.
3. **Always Eat First** - Have your dinner before you feed your puppy. Do not allow begging.
4. **Take Away His Food** - At any point during his dinner, you should be able to take away your puppy's food. If he resists, remove the food and calm him down before returning it and repeating.
5. **Go Back to Basics** - Go over the basic obedience commands again. Start with "Sit!" and "Stay!" and move forward only when he re-masters them.
6. **Use the Floor** - If your puppy is allowed on the bed or the couch, change this. After he passes this phase, you can probably re-allow him up but, for now, make it clear that his place is on the floor.
7. **Use Your Height** - Do not get down to your puppy's level. Stand or bend over him.
8. **Make Him Move** - If your puppy is in your way, don't walk around him. Gently move him out of your way while saying "Move!"

Remember, in your dog's mind, your family is a pack and he needs a leader. Imagine how chaotic a home without rules would be for humans and you can see why your puppy will be difficult if you don't give him structure. If your puppy doesn't know who is in charge, he will be confused and, subsequently, assume he is supposed to fill that role. If you allow your puppy to be the Alpha, you'll have a dog who refuses to get off the couch, who eats anything in sight and worse, may become aggressive toward others.

Once your pup is back in his place in the pack, you can modify some of the rules such as getting down on his level. But if the rebellion comes back, revert to a strict stance until he acknowledges you as Alpha again.



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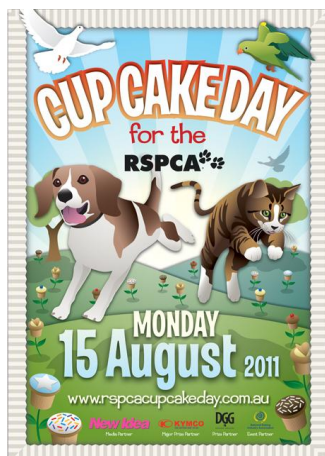
LET YOUR DOG'S RIBS GUIDE YOUR FEEDING HABITS

By Casey Lomonaco - dogster.com

Obesity is a severe, chronic, and common health problem that leads to many other health issues in dogs. It is not uncommon to see overweight dogs who are being fed in accordance with the recommended feeding amounts and guidelines posted on the kibble bag. Allow your dog's body condition to determine the proper amount of food to feed him. If your dog is overweight, cut his food gradually (1/3 cup/week, for instance) until you can easily feel each of his ribs without pressing. Place your hand flat on a table, palm-down. Run the fingers of your opposite hand along your first set of knuckles: this is how your dog's ribs should feel when he is at a healthy weight.

CUPCAKE DAY FOR THE RSPCA 2011

On Monday 15 August, cooks across Australia will descend on their schools, workplaces and social groups with batches of truly scrumptious homemade cupcakes that will be exchanged for donations to the RSPCA!



Last year, \$1.1 million was raised to assist in the care and protection of the animals of Australia. This year, they are aiming for \$3 million!

For every \$100 raised, Cupcake Cooks go into the drawer to win a Kymco Scooter.

To register or find out more, please visit www.rspcacupcakeday.com.au

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

Buzzle.com

- The lifespan of a dog, on an average is between 8 to 15 years.
- 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.
- Did you know that the body of a dog contains 321 bones? An adult dog always has 42 teeth.
- When it comes to humans, fingerprints play a major role in identification. Did you know that a dog's nose prints are as unique as a human's fingerprint? These can also act as a substantial proof for identification.

Purina Body Condition System

Too Thin

1 – Ribs, lumbar vertebrae, pelvic bones and all bony prominences evident from a distance. No discernible body fat. Obvious loss of muscle mass.



2 – Ribs, lumbar vertebrae and pelvic bones easily visible. No palpable fat. Some evidence of other bony prominence. Minimal loss of muscle mass.



3 – Ribs easily palpated and may be visible with no palpable fat. Tops of lumbar vertebrae visible. Pelvic bones becoming prominent. Obvious waist.



Ideal

4 – Ribs easily palpable, with minimal fat covering. Waist easily noted, viewed from above. Abdominal tuck evident.



5 – Ribs palpable without excess fat covering. Waist observed behind ribs when viewed from above. Abdomen tucked up when viewed.



Too Heavy

6 – Ribs palpable with slight excess fat covering. Waist is discernible viewed from above but is not prominent. Abdominal tuck apparent.



7 – Ribs palpable with difficulty; heavy fat cover. Noticeable fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent or barely visible. Abdominal tuck may be present.



8 – Ribs not palpable under very heavy fat cover, or palpable only with significant pressure. Heavy fat deposits over lumbar area and base of tail. Waist absent. No abdominal tuck. Obvious abdominal distension may be present.



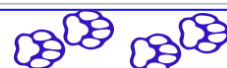
9 – Massive fat deposits over thorax, spine and base of tail. Waist and abdominal tuck absent. Fat deposits on neck and limbs. Obvious abdominal distention.



Courtesy of Nestle Purina PetCare, St. Louis, MO, USA



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CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS

The Club Open Obedience trial held at our home ground on June 19 allowed many talented handlers and their four-legged partners to show off their talents.

Check out the results below:



CCD

- 1st Michelle de Wyn & Kleurig Bugs Life
- 2nd Birgitt Beaton & Luvaberne Madam Kiko
- 3rd Dorothy Williams & Jewel

Qualifiers:

- Sandra Roney & Lurikeen Sands of Time
- J Gerschwitz & Kerrypark Urban Legend
- Candice Van Wyk & Coursum Freeman
- Simone Thomas & Wolfonyx Omar

CD /Novice

- 2nd Steven Smylie & Bundy
- 3rd Lesley Palmer & Gryphon

Open

- 3rd Vicki Nemeth & Sheeza

No other placings from our members in the other levels.

WHAT'S ON

JULY

- 9 & 10 Sat & Sun Championship Show x 2 WA Kennel Club
- 9 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 10 Sun Agility Trials Rockingham Dog Club
- 16 Sat Agility x 2 & Obedience Trials Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 16 Sat Open Field Trial German Shorthaired PC
- 16 Sat Herding Trial All Breeds Herding Club of WA
- 17 Sat Agility & Obedience Trials Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 17 Sun All Age Stakes Gun Dog Club
- 17 Sun Tracking Search Dog Trial Trackwest
- 23/24 Sat/Sun Championship Show All Breeds Dog Club
- 23 Sat Agility Trial German Shepherd DA
- 23 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 23 Sat Open Field Trial Gun Dog Club
- 24 Sun Obedience Trial German Shepherd DA
- 24 Sun Novice & Restricted Stakes Retrieving Club
- 30/31 Sat/Sun Championship Show Metropolitan Kennel C
- 30 Sat Agility Trial PT&ODC

AUGUST

- 6/7 Sat/Sun Championship Show Fremantle Dog Club
- 6 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 6 Sat Novice & Restricted Stakes Retrieving Club
- 7 Sun Agility Trial Bunbury & Dist.DC
- 7 Sun All Age Stakes Retrieving Club
- 14 Sun Open Show Ladies Kennel Club
- 14 Sun Open Show Metropolitan Kennel C
- 14 Sun All Age Stakes Labrador Retriever Club
- 14 Sun Agility & Games Trial Midland Dog Tr'ing Club
- 14 Sun Tracking Search Dog Trial Trackwest
- 14 Sun Herding Trial All Breeds Herding Club of WA
- 19 Fri DWD Event DWD Club of WA
- 20 Sat Championship Show BT&BT(Min)Assoc.
- 20 Sat Championship & Open Show Spitz Club of WA
- 20 Sat Championship & Open Show Gun Dog Club
- 20 Sat Open Show Shetland Sheepdog Club
- 20/21 Sat/Sun Agility & Obedience Trials (Fund Raisers) CAWA AC & OC
- 21 Sun Championship Show Setter & Spaniel Soc.
- 21 Sun Championship & Open Show WC Rottweiler Club
- 21 Sun Championship Show German Shepherd DA
- 21 Sun Novice & Restricted Stakes German Shorthaired PC
- 27 Sat Agility & Obedience Trial Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 27 Sat Novice & Restricted Stakes Gun Dog Club
- 27 Sat Championship Show Pure Breeds Protect.
- 27 Sat Tracking Trial Trackwest
- 28 Sun Championship Show (B&A) Oriental Breeds
- 28 Sun Agility & Obedience Trial Geraldton & Dist. KC
- 28 Sun All Age Stakes German Shorthaired PC

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CLUB CALENDAR

- Jul 3 Training all classes
- Jul 10 Training all classes
- Jul 17 Training all classes
- Jul 20 Agility Block 3 commences - New Agility starter assessment
- Jul 24 Training all classes
- Jul 31 Training all classes
- Aug 7 Training all classes
- Aug 14 Training all classes

CLUB VAN OPENING TIMES:

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



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