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Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club Inc.



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Newsletter

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Sundays in Centennial Park since 1962

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WELCOME to 2014 at the Eastern Suburbs Dog Training Club

Happy new dog training year to new and returning members ! As always we offer a supportive and instructive environment for dogs and their owners every Sunday morning in Centennial Parklands. Our focus is you and your dog and as a timely reminder during summer, Dogs NSW provides the following helpful guidelines in caring for your dog.

Dogs do not sweat significantly so they are more susceptible to heat stroke than we are. They control their temperature in part through increasing their rate of breathing or by panting.

- Make sure dogs have plenty of fresh water and shade
- Moderate dogs weight, overweight means more risk of overheating
- Exercise during cooler parts of the day
- Avoid hot pavements as the ground temperature can be significantly higher – dogs can burn their feet
- Never leave a dog in a car unattended as summer heat can increase rapidly inside a vehicle
- A long coat can be shortened during summer but some breeds such as Siberian Huskies have double coats which act to cool them down
- Some dogs will continue to run or play despite the heat, excitement can lead to too

much activity in hot conditions – impose rest and the opportunity to drink.

Read more at
www.dogsnsw.org.au/resources/dogs-nsw-magazine (January Mag edition)

Responsible Dog Ownership

Course:

The Club is proud to launch a new 6 week programme for **adult dogs** in 2014, The Responsible Dog Ownership Course. Here is an overview of training exercises and discussions covered during the course:

- Week 1 - Introduction; Getting Attention; Loose Lead Walking; Sits & Reward Based Training
- Week 2 - Turns; Recall; Stand; & Car Safety
- Week 3 - Drop/Down; Stays; Leave It; Dog Care & Health
- Week 4 - Stabilisation during Stays; Close Heeling; Body Language & Good Manners
- Week 5 - Running Recalls; Weaving; & NSW Companion Animals Act
- Week 6 - Hand Signals; Change of Pace Heeling; Sit & Stand for Examination; Show Time; & Certificates

Recorded attendance for each week of this course earns the owner and dog a Certificate of Attendance and progression to Class 1.

Note: Dogs must be fully vaccinated before enrolling in classes. A current vaccination certificate must be provided when joining the Club.

Advanced Training Classes:

The Club runs classes for dogs that have completed our **Responsible Dog Ownership Course**. Progression to Class 1 is earned by recorded attendance for each week of the 6 week Responsible Dog Ownership Course. Progression to Classes 2, 3 and 4 is earned by passing promotion tests.

In addition to providing incrementally more challenging training, the advanced classes consolidate and perfect the training learned at lower levels, while continuing to offer opportunities for socialisation and stabilisation in increasingly more complex situations for the dog and handler. Training objectives and promotion test requirements for each class include:

Class 1:

- Heel on loose lead, all turns at normal pace
- Automatic Sits
- Sit, Stand and Down on command - voice & hand signals
- Stand for Examination by Instructor
- Recall and Return to Heel around handler
- 30 second Sit and 1 minute Down Stays beside other dogs

Class 2:

- Heel on loose lead, all turns at all paces
- High standard automatic Sits
- Sit, Stand and Down on command
- Stand for Exam on 3 metre lead
- Recall and Return to Heel
- 1 minute Sit and 2 minute Down Stays
- Introduce Fetching Dumbbell on lead

Class 3:

- Heeling perfection, all paces, automatic Sits
- Heel off lead
- Sit, Stand and Down, all paces
- Stand for Exam off lead
- Recall off lead
- Return to heel from all positions
- 1 minute Sit and 3 minute Down Stays
- Fetching Dumbbell off lead
- Introduce Jumping on command

Class 4:

- All work for Novice Obedience Trialing & introducing Open Exercises
- Heeling perfection, all paces, automatic Sits
- Change of pace when Heeling
- Figure of 8 Heeling
- Automatic Sits
- Sit, Stand and Down on command
- Stand for Exam off lead
- 1 minute Sit and 3 minute Down Stays
- Introduce out-of-sight Stays
- Recall
- Introduce Drop-on-Recall - for dogs with Notice Title
- Fetching Dumbbell off lead
- Jumping on command
- Introduce Sit & Down signals from front

Beyond Class 4 the Club offers experienced Instructor and peer-to-peer assistance for handlers wishing to train their dogs for Open and Utility Dog Obedience Trialing.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY RESULTS

We concluded 2013 with our annual Xmas fun day celebrations which attracted some outstanding performances. Congratulations to Julie Huber for her dominant performance in the club awards reflecting her commitment to competitive trials in 2013. The Winners were:

FANCY DRESS :

Daniel Weissberger with Jessie as Mrs Clause, Ilka Kolodziej with Muppet and Claire Chow with Taco.

APPLE BOB: Anthony with Riley, Judith with Kaiser and Robert with Tyler.

GOOD O eating small dog winners (again!)
Lodie Kramer with Neo (*Lodie please feed the dog during the week prior to this event next year!*)

GOOD O EATING Big dogs: Julie Huber with Maddy

WAGGIEST TAIL : Leonie Robertson with Jessie, Sotiris Vorlow with Bandit, Penny Monty with Barney

MINTY & SPOON RACE : Jennifer Fahey with Georgia, Pam Sapsford with Hendrix, Siobhan Kennelly with Rafa.

SOCK AND SCARFE RACE : Leonie with Jessie, Frederick with Penny and Julie with Lucy.

FRIZBEE & BALL RACE : Robert with Tyler, Jennifer with Callie, Sotiris with Bandit.

QUICK SIT : Rebecca Stephens with Icky, Patricia Cooper with Skye and Julie O'Reilly with Master Louis.

Congratulations to the winners and all participants and many thanks to committee, Heather Martyn and the judges and all who helped make the day a success.

Save Your Stamps

We collect used stamps as a fundraiser for Guide Dogs who look after the training of guide dogs so that they can serve people without sight, or who are vision impaired. Please deposit your old stamps in the container to be found at the main desk on any Sunday

We are ONLINE :

www.easternsuburbsdogtraining.org.au

In addition, the Club has a Facebook page. A link is available from our website or you can go to:

Facebook.com/ EasternSuburbsDogTrainingClub

don't forget, you too can contribute to your Club via Facebook ; add more photos and comments. We also provide online copies of PawPrints and other Club publications on our website and Facebook page.

Too Wet to Train?

If we wake up to rain on Sunday the Club has a 2 stage cancellation process for wet weather. The first is to cancel joiner registration – we can't put out the registration desks in the rain. The 2nd, if the weather's too wild, is to cancel training classes. However, if it's not too wet and wild, the Club may run combined classes, depending on Instructor availability. Normal ground fees are due for these classes. In exceptional weather circumstances the decision to cancel training may be made on Saturday night before Sunday training. This will be recorded as a message on the club phone as soon as the decision is made. Members can call the Club for a status update on **0412 645 154**. *Please note: Unfortunately we cannot respond to voice or text messages.*

Keep an eye on our Facebook page too, for news on the day.

2014	CALENDAR February to April
February	CLASSES RECOMMENCE
2	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
9	7.30 am promotion testing for classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
16	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners 10.00am GENERAL MEETING
23	7.30 am promotion testing for classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
March	
2	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners
9	7.30 am promotion testing for classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
16	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners
23	7.30 am promotion testing for classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
30	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners
April	
6	7.30 am promotion testing for classes 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 3 to 4 9.15am Registration for Puppy Joiners
13	8.00am Registration for Adult Dog Joiners
20	EASTER SUNDAY NO TRAINING
27	ANZAC DAY LONG WEEKEND – NO TRAINING

MANY THANKS

to the instructors and helpers who work voluntarily to make our club a success. All instructors/helpers are voluntary and support those interested in responsible dog ownership and the pleasure of each others company. If you would like to assist your help would be welcome.

YOUR COMMITTEE

Jeff McMahon (President),

Martin O'Loughlin (Vice President), Arianne van der Meer (Treasurer),

Kate Mackay (Secretary). Julie Brandon (trial secretary),

Leonie Kelly , Claire Scivyer, Ilka Kolodziej and Sherlyn Koo.