



# NEWSLETTER

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JULY  
AUGUST  
SEPTEMBER

## TRAINING VENUE:

LEXCEN PARK,  
VENTURI DRIVE,  
OCEAN REEF.

## TRAINING TIMES:

**SUNDAY MORNINGS** except 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday in the Month

Pre-trialling class: 8am to 9am

All other classes: 9am to 10am

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2008 on page 2)

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## NOTICE BOARD

### 1. PARKING REMINDER

If the main car park is full on your arrival please park in the car park opposite the main entrance and NOT on grass verges around the Park – so as to avoid complaints from local residents. **Thank you.**

### 2. DOG HANDLING

All handlers must keep their dog(s) on lead unless otherwise instructed during training classes. This includes **BEFORE** and **AFTER** classes and is for the safety of dogs, handlers and spectators alike.

Also, **please be aware of and keep clear of crated and/or tethered dogs.**

### 3. WEATHER ALERTS

In an effort to avoid you rocking up for Training only to find that, because of extreme weather, you find no-one else there, we offer the following guidelines:

**(a) Hot Weather:-** if the forecast temperature, put out by the media, for a training day has been stated to be **40 degrees** or more, there will be **NO TRAINING**;

**(b) Road Weather Alerts:-** if Road Alerts have been stated by the media eg heavy rain/slippery roads, for a training day, there will be **NO TRAINING**

## YOUR TEAM

### **President:**

Carla O'Donnell

### **Vice President:**

Lesley Burridge

### **Treasurer:**

Emma Blake

### **Secretary:**

Sharon Tate-McIntosh

### **Head Instructor:**

Helen Keeling

### **Committee Members**

Dot Buchanan

Birgitt Faskell

Peter Beaton

David Curr

Michael Burridge

### **ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS**

Ian Fillery

Graham Easter

Steve Smylie

Judy Tsakalos

Janine Donati

### **OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **Merchandise:**

Helen Keeling

#### **Library:**

Emma Blake

#### **Registration & Newsletter Editor:**

Michael Burridge



<b>TRAINING CALENDAR FOR 2008</b>		
<b>MONTH</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRAINING DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	10	All Classes
	17	All Classes
	24	All Classes
<b>MARCH</b>	2	PUPPIES ONLY
	9	All Classes
	16	All Classes
	23	NO TRAINING - EASTER
	30	All Classes
<b>APRIL</b>	6	PUPPIES ONLY
	13	All Classes
	20	All Classes
	27	Puppies & Grading Day
<b>MAY</b>	4	PUPPIES ONLY
	11	All Classes
	18	All Classes
	25	All Classes
<b>JUNE</b>	1	PUPPIES ONLY
	8	All Classes
	15	All Classes
	22	All Classes
	29	All Classes
<b>JULY</b>	6	PUPPIES ONLY
	13	All Classes
	20	Puppies & Grading Day
	27	All Classes
<b>AUGUST</b>	3	PUPPIES ONLY
	10	All Classes
	17	All Classes
	24	All Classes
	31	All Classes
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	7	NO TRAINING
	14	All Classes
	21	All Classes
	28	Puppies & Grading Day
<b>OCTOBER</b>	5	NO TRAINING
	12	All Classes
	19	All Classes
	26	All Classes
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	2	NO TRAINING
	9	All Classes
	16	<u>AGM</u> & All Classes
	23	All Classes
	30	All Classes
<b>DECEMBER</b>	7	Puppies & Grading Day
	14	CHRISTMAS FUN DAY



## EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS



**'Ed' with Chilli & Flossy**

**Firstly there is a major change** to our training programme. The Committee have agreed to bring Puppy Classes in line with the others such that there will be **NO TRAINING for anyone on the first Sunday of each month**, starting September. The Training Calendar (above) has been amended accordingly.

**Winter** is nearing its conclusion, hopefully, but it has claimed the odd day of training whilst it has been with us; in fact it has been fairly reminiscent of a good Summer in the UK – wet, cold and windy (I jest of course!!). It hasn't stopped the hardy attending the 'borderline' days; good on ya for preventing the Instructors having 'an early off'.

**New members** keep flowing in and pleased we are to see you all. It has stretched the Instructing resources to the limit on a few occasions and even I have had to step up to perform a regular spot with the Orientation Class (they can be easily spotted; they are the ones with glazed looks on their faces – dogs as well) and a 'filler-in' in Basic Class as and when required. I call upon my own experiences as a 'rookie' handler some 4 years ago when I first encountered JDTC. I was fair-haired when I started and now look at me – all shades of grey! That's why I resort to a cap - in an effort to keep my youthful looks!

**I've gone off** the beaten track again, which reminds me; Lesley & Chilli achieved their first success (TQT) at a recent Tracking Trial; well done. I too was 'well done' by Flossy who, I think, decided to drag me off on to a pole-vaulter track during our test. I realised something was wrong when she wanted me to scale a 5 metre high fence. Just think, if I had had a go, I could either have been in Beijing – or Royal Perth Hospital with tears in my eyes!

**We have star performers in our midst** - our President, Carla O'Donnell, and her canine chum Abby; they won at the recent Adelaide National Championships (see later article). Well done 'Pres' (as she's affectionately known!?).

**Well I could go on for hours** but the finger tips are beginning to ache so I'll bring this edition's ramblings to an end. Keep up the good work with your training exploits and enjoy yourselves with us.

**Michael Burridge**

## CAR STICKER COMPETITION

Here is your chance to bring your furtive imagination into play and reflect on a slogan for a car sticker that would both **advertise and enhance** the name of Joondalup Dog Training Club.

Part of the sticker will contain the JDTC logo as well as the website address but the crucial phrase or saying in the middle is what we would like you to focus on.

Contributions to date include:-

**We do it at Lexcen Park**

**We do it Doggy Style on a Sunday Morning**

**Sit Happens**

And none of them had anything to do with me may I hastenly add.

An item of merchandise will be offered to the one whom the Committee considers to be the best (and usable!) submission.

Let me have your submission either at the Registration trailer on a Sunday morning (not the first in the month of course!) or by e-mail to [micles25@aapt.net.au](mailto:micles25@aapt.net.au) in time for the next Committee Meeting ie Wednesday 8th October 2008.

Now go rack those brains.

## BE ON THE ALERT!

**Spring and Summer** are just around the corner and with them come warm/hot weather (great) but also inherent dangers (boo). So, in particular, please:

- (a) Check** your backyards, areas where your dog is exercised (long grassed areas and play areas regularly for SNAKES and other creepy crawlies;
- (b) Don't leave** your dog in the car during the heat of the day. Even rolled-down windows do not always provide enough ventilation;
- (c) Ensure** your dog always has plenty of FRESH water.



## NEW MEMBERS

### **New Members since end April 2008 are:-**

Kayleigh & Glen Lowe with **Bruce**  
 Cheryl & Stewart Dalgarno with **Patsy & Eddie**  
 Vicki & Vanessa Lynn with **Foxy & Misty**  
 Belinda & Brendan Harrington with **Rascal**  
 Markus Lynn with **Juelz**  
 Jennifer & Steve Trafford with **Charlie**  
 Melissa & Andrew Morris with **Kira**  
 Alan Scott with **Bella**  
 Danni Blay with **River & Dexter**  
 Lynn Harrison with **Jasper**  
 Philippa Hinton with **Sasha**  
 Andrew Reid with **Angie**  
 Glen Purtell with **Bux**  
 Diane & Colin Van de Velde with **Molly**  
 Anja & Andrew Thomas with **Peppa**  
 Carmel Lyttleton & Chris Robinson with **Jazz**  
 Richard Stretton with **Archie**  
 Pat & Rachel Colley with **Bailey**  
 Meta & Shane Maass with **Jet**  
 Chantelle Stewart with **Brandy**  
 Peter & Elles Mossing with **Max & Shelley**  
 Elsa Evans with **Krissie**  
 Penny & Phil Markham with **Kya**  
 James & Jennifer Dee with **Sarge**  
 Kathy Noons with **Nytro**  
 Suzanne Bowen with **George**  
 Kelly & Travis Mc Dougall with **Zayda**  
 Hilda Berry & Adrian with **Abby**  
 Heather Jackson & James Bryson with **Sheba**  
 Joan Slattery with **Jessie**  
 Nikka & Izzy Jones with **Tookie**  
 Kirsten & Tracy Barlow with **Skye**

Tyler Grorud with **Charlie**  
 Jenny Martin with **Sammy**  
 Shona & Irene McBeath with **Mia**  
 Jennifer & Terry Thomson with **Cuddy**  
 Kirsty Hunt with **Sunny**  
 Cheryl Johnson with **Murphy**  
 Terry & Lucy Monaghan with **Bailey**  
 Paula Keeping with **Norman**  
 Debbie Browne with **Lily**  
 Donna & John Chamberlain with **Mia**  
 Nichole & Richard Spinks with **Bella**  
 Joanne Davis with **Fudge**  
 Gwen Hameister with **Cindy**  
 Jamie McAllister with **Amber**  
 Pamela & Travis McLean with **Maple & Bentley**  
 Ian Bolgia & Torya Servaas with **Gracie**  
 Lee-Anne & Danielle Hudspith with **Chester**  
 Lucinda Anderson with **Charlie**  
 Anne-Marie Nylander with **Lucy**  
 Kevin & Maureen Thomson with **Zeus**  
 Steve Sims & Lisa Stephenson with **Gus**  
 Zara Brenner with **Sammy**  
 Leigh Jellis with **Stixie**  
 Trina Prentice-Chin with **Emma**  
 Dianne Ball & Terence Smith with **Rupert**  
 Ali Hurry with **Missy**  
 Leanne & Terry Lynch with **Aston**  
 Vera Levene with **Jesse**  
 Alan & Mandy Dodson with **DJ**  
 Jan & Guy Thomas with **Charlie**  
 Terry Humpheys with **Darcy**

**A very warm welcome to you all. Good luck, enjoy it and, PLEASE, have fun throughout your time with us.**

## **GRADING SUCCESSES FROM 20<sup>th</sup> JULY**

**We congratulate** the following for successfully demonstrating good handling skills to warrant advancement to the next level – and wish **good luck** next time for those who didn't quite make it:-

### **Basic to Intermediate**

Rachael & Axle	Hilda & Abby	Peter & Sophie	Sue & Molly
James & Sarge	Adrian & Abby	Jill & Sophie	Chris & Jazz
Jennifer & Sarge	Rachel & Bailey	Jenny & Charlie	Lisa & Oscar
Tod & Cuba	Bree & Skye	Brooke & Wendy	Sue & Charlie
Lois & Suzie	Suzanne & George		

### **Intermediate to Advanced**

Brad & Paris	Emily & Shadow	Tammy & Jet	Mia & Storm
Joanne & Abby	Sharon & Charlie	Leigh & Charlie	Candace & Beau
Jeff & Nero	Shandelle & Charlie		

### **Advanced to Graduate**

Fiona & Toby	Jeff & Riley	Bill & Bailey	Rachel & Mia
Rhonda & Bosco			



## INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: PETER BEATON (pictured with MIKA)



Almost 2 and a half years ago I joined the club because my new 'Berner' puppy, Mika, was 12 weeks old and was ready for socialisation and training. It was also made a little easier by the fact that my partner, Birgitt, was already a trainer at the club and went every week to help others train their dogs.

We joined the puppy class and spent some weeks just learning the basics of socialisation and being with other dogs, so important to a young dog. Above all, I remember seeing the other classes, particularly intermediate and advanced and all the dogs that were working to command and sitting, standing and turning when required. How could I ever reach that standard I thought,

particularly with a dog that just wants to play with everyone and chew my remote controls?

But soon Mika started to pick up the basics and all of a sudden she was sitting when I asked her to and would 'down' on command. Many people also don't realise that different dogs respond to training in different ways and progress quicker or slower depending on the breed. The Bernese Mountain dog is completely food oriented and will do anything for a snack, as well as just wanting to please, and so Mika began to make progress. Mika also made friends like Smudge the spaniel, and others, and we would eventually go through all the classes together.

On to basic and through to intermediate and almost without realising it, my dog started to get better and better at the basic skills that we were being taught. Walks in the morning and night became a pleasure because now my dog would respond to my commands and I didn't have to worry about her running off without returning on my command. Finally we reached advanced and Mika, Smudge and all the others became really good at what they were asked to do.

After Advanced we would still come on a Sunday and joined the "graduate" class where we refined all the things we'd learnt in earlier classes as well as a few new extra tricks. One of the great things about the club is that, apart from the obvious benefit to all the dogs, people actually find and make new friends also and the social aspect can become almost as important as the training. For me, there is the added benefit of being with a great bunch of people every week and seeing new dogs progress.

Last year I was asked if I would be interested in nominating for the Committee, which I did and now I sit with the other trainers and discuss ways in which we can make our great club even better and offer more services and better facilities to the club eg the new trailer.

So finally, it seemed logical to actually 'have a go' at training myself. I read the books and studied the manuals that described what was to be achieved in each class, but most of all, I remember all the things I was taught and the little hints I picked up along the way.

Why did I write this article? Well, mainly because the editor threatened to let my tyres down if I didn't, but more so because I'm sure there are many of you reading this newsletter who might be fairly new to the club and some whose dogs may not be progressing as they would want. Remember that every one of us, including all the trainers, was in your position at some stage and time, reward and repetition will ultimately pay benefits for you.

**Happy training. Peter**



## *Congratulations "Abby"*



### **Champion Dobro Diamantina**

"Abby", "Fable", Helen Keeling and I flew to Adelaide to join other exhibitors and their golden retrievers from around Australia at the Golden Retriever National that was held in June. We had a fantastic time with over 350 goldens competing in the show. I was so proud of my girls who got off the plane and gave me their best. Thank you "Abby" and "Fable" who both showed their socks off, and a special thank you to Abby who was a real star and had a great win, as follows:

### **7th NATIONAL GOLDEN RETRIEVER CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW**

**Adelaide 2008**

**Judge: Mrs M Sillence (Canina) – UK**

Ch Dobro Diamantina - "Abby"

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Australian Bred Bitch Class from a strong class of 40 and**

**Reserve Challenge Certificate**

### ***Judges Critique***

*:"Beautifully balanced feminine bitch, most lovely head with melting expression. Excellent lay of shoulder, deep well spring ribs in full mid gold coat, excellent condition, moved with drive and animation. PLEASED TO AWARD HER Reserve CC."*

With the show over it was time to relax and enjoy the National's Dinner a few wines later and it was time for the auction, showed excellent restraint and no bidding took place, until the last item: 1<sup>st</sup> place peg - which is featured prominently on the left hand side of the above photo, couldn't leave Adelaide without it! After a few more red wines and lots of raises of the hand, with no thought to how we were going to get it on the plane, it now sits proudly at home. Helen and I managed to work out how we were going to get it on the plane after a relaxing day sampling the products in the Barossa Valley.

**Abby's** winning form continued when we got back to Perth. At the Western Australia's Kennel Club Winter Festival, Abby got '**Best of Breed**' and gained her **Championship Title**.



## 'SO TRUE'

### *If I DIDN'T Have A Dog*

I could walk around the yard barefoot in safety;  
**My** house could be carpeted instead of tiled and laminated;  
**All** flat surfaces, clothing, furniture and cars would be free of hair;  
**When** the doorbell rings it wouldn't sound like a kennel;  
**When** the doorbell rings I could get to the door without wading through fuzzy bodies who beat me there;

I could sit on the couch and my bed the way I wanted without taking into consideration how much space several fur bodies would need to get comfortable;  
 I would have money.....and no guilt to go on a real vacation;  
 I would not be on a first-name basis with 6 vegetarians as I put their yet unborn grand-kids through college.

**The** most used words in my vocabulary would not be: 'out'; 'sit'; 'down'; 'come'; 'no'; 'stay'; and 'leave him/her/it ALONE';

**My** house would not be cordoned off into zones with baby gates or barriers;  
**My** house would not look like a day-care centre with toys everywhere;  
**My** pockets would not contain things like poop bags, treats and an extra leash;

I would no longer have to spell the words B-A-L-L; W-A-L-K; T-R-E-A-T; G-O; R-I-D-E;  
 I would not have as many leaves INSIDE my house as outside;  
 I would not look strangely at people who think having ONE dog ties them down too much;  
**I'd** look forward to Spring and the rainy season instead of dreading 'mud' season;

I would not have to answer the question "why do you have so many animals?" from people who will never have the joy in their lives of knowing they are loved unconditionally by someone as close to an angel as they will ever get.

### *How EMPTY My Life Would Be!*

### CLUB LIBRARY

JDTC has a small library of dog-related books and videos for members to borrow. The loan period is two weeks with a \$10 deposit, refundable on return of the item. These books are all written by respected trainers and are highly recommended reading.

**Books** currently available include:-

- Ben Wicks "Dogs"
- Michael Tucker "Dog Training Made Easy";
- Dr Ian Dunbar "How to Teach a New Dog Old Tricks"
- Ian Dunbar "Good Little Dog Book";
- Val Bonney "Who's the Boss?";
- David Weston "Gentle Modern Method";
- John Fisher "Think Dog";
- Bruce Fogle "RSPCA Dog Training";
- Paul Owens "The Dog Whisperer";
- Pat Miller "Positive Dog Training";
- Sheila Booth "Purely Positive Training".

And, **DVD**  
 Val Bonney "Basic Obedience Training"

### REFERENCE ITEMS IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS

The following articles may be of interest to you which you can find in previous issues:-

- Animal Companions Inc *Issue 2/06*
- Tracking (Trackwest) *Issue 4/06*
- Become a Volunteer Dog Walker *Issue 1/07*
- Pre-Trial Class *Issue 1/07*
- Kennel Cough Explained** *Issue 3/07*
- Grass Seed Dangers *Issue 4/07*
- West Australian Assistance Dogs *Issue 2/08*

Copies of the above can be seen/obtained from our website at:-

[www.joondalupdogtraining.net.au/Newsletters](http://www.joondalupdogtraining.net.au/Newsletters)

but if you don't have access to a computer, please let me know at the Registration Trailer on a Sunday.





**100% Success for Advanced Class at recent Grading – pictured with Instructor Ian Fillery**

**If A Dog Were Your Teacher! by Anonymous**

You would learn stuff like...

- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting, when a simple growl will do.
- On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout - run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- And MOST of all...When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.



**Ivy's Gypsy with Old Chum Harry**

**Doggy Dictionary**

**LEASH:** A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

**DOG BED:** Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

**DROOL:** Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.

**SMIFF:** A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop.

**GARBAGE CAN:** A container which your neighbours put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and mouldy crusts of bread

**BICYCLES:** Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

**DEAFNESS:** This is a malady which affects dogs when their person wants them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

**THUNDER:** This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

**WASTEBASKET:** This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

**SOFAS:** Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

**BATH:** This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

**LEAN:** Every good dog's response to the command "sit !", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

**BUMP:** The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

**GOOSE BUMP:** A manoeuvre to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require....especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.

