



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4/08

OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
DECEMBER

TRAINING VENUE:

LEXCEN PARK,
VENTURI DRIVE,
OCEAN REEF.

TRAINING TIMES:

SUNDAY MORNINGS except 1st
Sunday in the Month

Pre-trialling class: **8am to 9am**
All other classes: **9am to 10am**
(Timetable of training dates for
2008 & 2009 on Page 2)

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NOTICE BOARD

We are
CLOSED FOR SUMMER
EXCEPT.....

The normal Training
Programme for 2008 ends
with the Christmas Funday
on 14th December 2008 and
restarts on 15th February
2009 (see Page 2)

BUT

there will be a Summer
School for Puppies only as
follows:-

4th January 2009
11th January 2009
18th January 2009
8th February 2009
9am – 10am.

In the meantime we wish
All our Members
a
Very Happy Christmas
and a
Prosperous & Healthy
New Year

YOUR 2008 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



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

TRAINING CALENDAR FOR 2009		
MONTH	DATE	TRAINING ACTIVITY
JANUARY	4, 11, 18	Summer Puppy Classes Only
FEBRUARY	8	Summer Puppy Class Only
	15	ALL CLASSES COMMENCE
	22	All Classes
MARCH	1	NO TRAINING
	8	All Classes
	15	All Classes
	22	All Classes
	29	All Classes
APRIL	5	NO TRAINING
	12	EASTER BREAK
	19	All Classes
	26	Puppies & Grading Day
MAY	3	NO TRAINING
	10	All Classes
	17	All Classes
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	31	All Classes
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EDITOR'S RAMBLINGS



'Ed' with Flossy & Chil

The Christmas edition is upon me again but as yet the flavour of the time of year has not registered – thankfully – as there will be plenty of reminders between now and Christmas Day to be merry and bright and to spend all your cash.

JDTC is thriving I am pleased to report, with record numbers for a training year in 2008. We don't advertise as you know but word of mouth is proving our best form of communication. To that end we thank those who have helped spread the word about our Club and the way we go about training YOU.

On a personal note I have had 'a touch of the flu' which led to pneumonia which led to four days of hospitalisation. Just as I thought that I would be able to watch the AFL Grand Final in peace, the better half and her pal descended on me, dead (for the want of a better term!) on the start of the game, to visit me. As it happened I watched the game and my 'guests' discussed the merits of shopping, make-up, food & drink, dogs, dog training, dog dancing, dog tracking, dog agility, dog obedience, shopping again, Women's magazines, illnesses both specific and general, the state of the World, TV soaps, TV general, the cost of living, the cost of dying (charming!) – all in half an hour - and then got up and went home. They did say 'ooroo' though – or words to that affect!

Seriously though, I did appreciate their visit, despite the timing and for those who have also been a bit unwell lately I wish you a speedy and full recovery..

I then went off to the UK (as you do) to visit parents and mates - and achieve a 'hole-in-one' at my old golf course (for those not familiar with the term, come see me at the 'trailer' and I'll demonstrate!).

Rambling over for another edition but before I end, I do hope you come along to the Christmas Funday on 14th December. It's always a cracking good day (or a 'Ripper' as I should say) and this year there will be a special demonstration; how can you not now rock up. Santa will also be in Town so bring along a pressie, clearly addressed, for your loved one (I'm talking dog on this occasion).

Happy Christmas to you all.

'Ed' Michael

TRAINER NEWS

MARRIAGE

For those who did not already know (and this might include Peter!) two of our Instructors 'tied the knot' on Sunday 26th October 2008; yes, Birgitt Faskell made an honest man of Peter Beaton!

We wish them both many happy years of wedded bliss – to each other.

OPERATION

Judy Tsakalos, Instructor of the Pre-Trial class & Judge of the in-house Trials, recently underwent a hip replacement operation.

The latest news is that she is doing extremely well and hopes to be back in an active role very soon.

I have heard it said from a fairly unreliable source that her recovery is indeed speedy such that she is already up to covering two laps of Lexcen Park albeit with a zimmer on wheels.

Seriously though we all wish you, Judy, a full and speedy recovery.

BE ON THE ALERT!

Spring/Summer is here and with it has 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

2008 New Members who have joined us since mid August 2008 are:-

Karen Bentley with Star
 Eddie Grey & Lynda Brailsford with Jack
 Caroline Hibben & Barry with Morgan
 Kylene Morrissey & Blake with Buffa
 Daniel Drain with Weasel
 Vanessa Hall & Olivia with Eric & Poppy
 Donna Lord with Miki
 Naomi Facey with Josie
 Marina Aitkin with Hamish
 Michael Hand with Charlie
 Laura Downey with Poala
 Alecia Payne with Zoe
 Russell Holyoake & Carly with Wallace
 Leah Hearn with Sasha

2009 New Members who have joined us from November 2008 are:-

Anne Lynch with Tivvy
 Rob Stevenson with Zoe
 Ashleigh Stevenson & Dirk Bakker with Shaz
 Joanne Thay with Bailey
 Galit & Jeff Beckitt with Cadbury
 Eileen Holyoake with Rex
 Charlotte Duhig with Holly
 Samantha Brook with Roxy
 Ian & Nevy Head with Lulu
 Sue Magna-Johns with Zygygy Bauman

Julie Lyons with Ollie
 Kathryn Taylor with Sam
 Denise Southall with Rainy
 Jennifer Mitchell with Lucas
 Denise & Luke Dunn with Happy
 Fiona McArthur & Ernie with Kensie
 Adib Abdennabi & Alda with Charlie
 David Green with Ravi
 Colette Pieniazek with Benji
 Bill & Tracey Simon with Ali & Brandi
 Julie McCall with Bailey
 Karl Menke & Zoe with Shelby
 Christina Richards with Jet
 Debra Parody with Hunta
 Audrey Cairney with Charlie
 Janet Edwards with Jess
 Nerissa Warr with Basil
 Jon Crawford with Mo
 Julia Bottcher with Charlie

Members who have already Renewed for 2009 are:-

Joanna Bull with Jellybean & Flame
 Debbie Rawston with Sally

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

RENEWALS FOR 2009

Our financial year ends on 31st October which means that memberships become renewable from 1st November. That point has now been reached for 2009 Memberships so if you wish to continue to train with us – and we sincerely hope that you do - fees are now due.

We are pleased to announce that those fees for 2009 remain at the same, extremely cost effective rates, as 2008.

Please have your current name badge with you (should always be the case) when you renew so that it can be stamped appropriately. You will not be able to train with us in 2009 without renewing your membership so please visit me at the registration trailer asap.

GRADUATIONS

Congratulations go to the following who graduated successfully, on 28th September, to the next class:-

BASIC to INTERMEDIATE:-

Jackie & Holly	Ade & Luna	Sharon & Buddy	Jill & Albi
Karen & Star	Chantelle & Brandy	Rob & Austin	Richard & Archie
Trina & Emma	Donna & Miki	Bree & Austin	Carol & Tilly
Tanya & Gracie	Jackie & Elvie	Peter & Albi	Avril & Lucy
		Silvana & Coco	

INTERMEDIATE to ADVANCED:-

Jill & Sophie	Debbie & Sally	Susanne & George	Suzie & Cassidy
Peter & Sophie	Lois & Suzie	Brooke & Wendy	Sue & Molly
Adrian & Abby	Sergio & Felix	Lisa & Oscar	Pat & Holly
		Kim & Noodles	

ADVANCED to GRADUATE:-

Judy & Luka

**To those who didn't make it this time or who wanted more experience in their current class,
 congratulations for your efforts and better luck next time.**



PLEA FOR A SIGNWRITER

As you will know we have a trailer which, besides storing our equipment in, doubles as our 'Registration Office'. We would like to make it more noticeable with the addition of our logo and general information signwritten on the sides of the Trailer. Do we have a signwriter in our midst or anyone know of such a person? Please let me know at the Trailer or by e-mail.

2008 e-mail DATABASE

This database will be deleted after the Christmas Funday and be replaced by the 2009 Database which has already started - another reason to renew memberships at the earliest opportunity.

CAR STICKER COMPETITION

Thank you to those who submitted entries – and good they were too. The result will be announced shortly.

REFERENCE ITEMS IN PREVIOUS EDITIONS

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

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

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

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.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. **1st NOVEMBER 2008 onwards: 2009 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**
This has already been referred to above but in addition to bringing your name badge for stamping when renewing, it will be most helpful if you could bring a completed 2009 Membership Application Form (copy on Pages);
2. **Wednesday 26th NOVEMBER 2008:** Nominations close for 2009 Election of Officers.
A copy of the Nomination Form was distributed last week to those on e-mail and hard copies can be obtained from the Registration Trailer. We are always looking for 'new blood' and new ideas so this may be an opportunity for you to take a full and active role in the future of JDTC;
3. **Sunday 30th NOVEMBER 2008:** The (revised) **AGM**, to take place before Training, **COMMENCING at 8.45am SHARP** and to include Election of Officers for 2009;
4. **Sunday 14TH December 2008: CHRISTMAS FUNDAY** which will feature:-
 - Races** (numerous and various);
 - Fancy Dress** (dogs mainly but hey if owners/handlers want to 'strut their stuff', go for it);
 - Tricks** (again we are talking dogs here but as long as it's for family viewing, feel free to entertain us handlers/owners!);
 - Raffles** (get your ticket(s) on arrival);
 - FREE Sausage Sizzle** (get your ticket on arrival);
 - Speciality Act** (guaranteed to be 'red hot');
 - Surprise Guest of Honour** – who will probably be dressed in red and wearing a white beard!

PLEASE NOTE: You are requested to bring a present for your dog with it's name clearly marked on it, to be placed in the 'Guest of Honour's' sack on arrival. Towards the end of proceedings we will have the traditional ceremony of picking the presents from the sack, calling you and your dog forward for the Guest of Honour to present the present to the presentee present.



INSTRUCTOR PROFILE: LESLEY BURRIDGE (pictured with Chilli & Flossy)



I have had dogs, particularly Gundogs, all my life which totalled about 50 years in the UK prior to coming to Australia in October 2003. Training dogs though didn't start until around 1970; up until then my dogs were pets albeit I taught them the basics of obedience as I knew it at that stage.

I joined Plymouth City Dog Training Club as a handler but in no time decided that I wanted to do training seriously, to enter Obedience Dog Trials and, to train others as well. Consequently I became an Instructor in 1970, having successfully completed many courses sponsored by the Kennel Club of UK.

All my limited spare time (I was full-time nursing at a local hospice at this stage) was now taken up with dogs of one form or another and of one discipline or another. Dog Club training was three times a week where I would be both handler (obedience training to Trial level) and Instructor (basic trainer for new Club members). My first dogs in Obedience Trials were two labrador x retrievers named Hovis and Indy and although we did well, I wanted something a bit more lively. This is when my association with, initially, Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers (Duck Tollers for short) and, then, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers began – interspersed with the occasional German Shepherd.

Over the ensuing years I would enter Obedience Trials the length and breadth of the UK, often competing in three different shows over the weekend from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. I had lots of success with my Duck Tollers, whether it be Bethany, Inca, Wrigglie or Nolan – yes, I had four of them at one stage. They all reached level 4 in Obedience and were all shown at Crufts in Breed.

But that wasn't all; I then got involved (for the next 20 years) with Puppy Raising for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association which meant that sometimes I had up to eight dogs in my possession! This new venture was, at that point, as rewarding a thing as I've ever done and up to moving on to the next discipline, I had successfully 'raised/trained' 25 Guide dogs.

The 'next discipline' related to training dogs for the Dogs for the Disabled Association whereupon I became an Accredited Trainer with the UK Kennel Club. The first dog I trained, Eaton a young Golden Retriever, resulted in meeting my best friend who was disabled but had a great appetite for life. It was a pleasure to help bring her world back to life by training her dog to perform all sorts of things (eg taking washing out of the washing machine, fetching the phone when it rang, carrying shopping bags, retrieving articles that were dropped etc), that would give her back her independence and confidence. Little did I know at that stage that I would be re-united with this theme here in WA ie West Australia Assistance Dogs but that's a different story (see separate article in Issue 2/08).

I came to Perth in October 2003 with three dogs, Roddy a black German Shepherd and Flossy and Saffron two Chesapeake Bay Retrievers – oh, and husband Michael of JDTC Administration fame!. I had to say farewell to my Duck Tollers but since being here I have been re-acquainted with the breed through Chilli who I got from Canberra some 18 months ago. Sadly Roddy has passed away and Saffron is with a breeder in New Zealand, having had to be re-homed due to not getting on with her aunt, Flossy.

Michael (who knew little more than a dog has four legs in each corner) and I joined Joondalup Dog Training Club in early 2004. Flossy, then 2 ½, was trained to obedience level but both Michael and Saffron were 'raw recruits'. Within a year, courtesy of JDTC, they were both ready for obedience competition and Saffron, like Flossy, got her CD qualification. Flossy, who gained breed Champion status a few months ago, has been retired but I am busily working with Chilli in such disciplines as breed, obedience, tracking and dancing. Our lives revolve around dogs and JDTC especially. We hope you all have the same satisfaction.

Lesley



GROWING OLD WITH DOGS

When I am old...

I will wear soft grey sweatshirts...

and a bandana over my silver hair.....

and I will spend my social security checks on wine and my dogs.

I will sit in my house on my well-worn chair and listen to my dogs' breathing.

I will sneak out in the middle of a warm summer night and take my dogs for a run, if my old bones will allow...

When people come to call, I will smile and nod as I show them my dogs...

and talk of them and about them...

...the ones so beloved of the past and the ones so beloved of today....

I will still work hard cleaning after them, mopping and feeding them and whispering their names in a soft loving way.

I will wear the gleaming sweat on my throat, like a jewel and I will be an embarrassment to all...

especially my family...

who have not yet found the peace in being free to have dogs as your best friends....

These friends who always wait, at any hour, for your footfall...

and eagerly jump to their feet out of a sound sleep, to greet you as

if you are a God.

With warm eyes full of adoring love and hope that you will always stay,

I'll hug their big strong necks...

I'll kiss their dear sweet heads...

and whisper in their very special company....

I look in the Mirror...

and see I am getting old....

this is the kind of person I am...

and have always been.

Loving dogs is easy, they are part of me.

Please accept me for who I am.

My dogs appreciate my presence in their lives...

they love my presence in their lives.....

When I am old this will be important to me...

you will understand when you are old....

if you have dogs to love too.

Author Unknown



BOUQUETS

TO: OUR MEMBERS

Our 12th year is ending and, with Christmas soon to be upon us, so will 2008. As we look around on a Sunday morning and see you all hard at work and succeeding to the best of your ability, we can say that it has been a rewarding and enjoyable year. There is nothing more rewarding than to see 'raw recruits' (both handler and canine chum) heed and learn from our training to become a well bonded and highly effective pairing.

Therefore, to all our Members, we thank you for your patronage, your hard work and your dedication. We have appreciated your adherence to a few rules we have had to set eg re parking, care around other dogs etc which has greatly helped us to get to the end of the year with no mishaps.

We look forward to seeing you back with us in 2009 but whether that happens or not, we wish you and your chums good luck for the future.

TO: THE 2008 COMMITTEE & TRAINERS OF JDTC Inc

On behalf of you the Members, I am sure that you would like me to thank and pay tribute to the sterling work put in by both the Committee and the Trainers throughout the past 12 months.

It goes without saying that success is not achieved without commitment, caring, enthusiasm, dedication, desire and expertise and those qualities have been shown in abundance by the 2008 Committee and Trainers.

In that regard sincere thanks go to;-

Carla O'Donnell (President/Trainer); Lesley Burridge (Vice President/Trainer); Sharon Tate-McIntosh (Secretary/Trainer); Emma Blake (Treasurer/Assistant Trainer); Helen Keeling (Head Trainer); Dot Buchanan (Committee/Trainer); Dave Curr (Committee/Trainer); Birgitt Beaton (nee Faskell) (Committee/Trainer); Peter Beaton (Committee/Trainer); Judy Tsakalos (Trainer/Judge); Ian Fillery (Trainer); Graham Easter (Trainer); Evelyn Redpath (Trainer); Steve Smylie (Trainer); Janine Donati (Assistant Trainer)Oh, and me – Michael Burridge (Committee/Assistant Trainer/Administration, Newsletter, Enrolment/Registration, Toilet Door attendant, Sign putter out, Lost property hoarder, e-mail despatcher, Occasional Santa, Trailer manager, General 'dogs body' ie sleek and well proportioned!).

A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL



WAIVER AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

- 1. I acknowledge that attendance at:
 - a) any dog training session
 - b) any dog training brief
 - c) any function of the Joondalup Dog Training Club
 - d) the training grounds or surrounding area

may involve risk or damage to

- a) myself
- b) others who may attend
- c) my own or another dog
- d) property

even when all due care and consideration in taken, and, subject to Clause 2 below, I assume this risk.

- 2. Joondalup Dog Training Club acknowledges and undertakes that it will exercise due care and skill in carrying out the services in conformity with its obligations under the Fair Trading Act.

- 3. In consideration of Joondalup Dog Training Club agreeing to provide the services and in consideration of the premises:

- a) Except in relation to the obligations of Joondalup Dog Training Club, its volunteers, officers, members and agents ("the training organisation"), I absolve the training organisation from any liability whatsoever for any injury or damage resulting in any way, including as a result of negligence, and waive any rights I may have against the training organisation arising from such injury or damage
- b) Except in relation to the obligations of Joondalup Dog Training Club under the Fair Trading Act, I indemnify the training organisation against all claims which may arise from the training organisation performing any of the services.

I have read and understood the above document.

Signature of Owner or Authorised agent (In case of a minor, a parent or legal guardian must sign).

Signature: Date:

Name of Owner:

Address of Owner:
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(REF: Animal Behaviour Services)

