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## TRAINING TIMES/ WHERE

Pre-trial class from: 8 am to 9 am  
All other classes from: 9 am to 10 am  
(Timetable of training dates on page 3.)

Lexcen Park, Venturi Drive,  
Ocean Reef

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## SHORT STORY

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the four pups and nailed it to a post on the edge of his property. As he was driving the last nail into the post he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister", he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well", said the farmer, "these puppies come from fine parents and cost a lot of money."

The boy reached deep into his pocket, pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. "I've got thirty-five cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure", said the farmer, and he whistled. "Here, Dolly!"

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly, followed by four little fur balls. The little boy pressed his face against the cyclone fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball of fur appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner the little lump began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch them up.

"I want that one", the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer said kindly, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He'll never be able to run and play with you like those other dogs would."

but then the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down and began rolling up one leg of his trousers to reveal a steel brace running down both sides of his leg, attaching itself to a specially made shoe.

Looking back up at the farmer he said, "Well sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

The farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the youngster.

"No charge", answered the farmer. "There's no charge for love"

- Anon

## DOG TALES

### Nana

In J.M. Barrie's (1860-1937) Peter Pan *Nana* is the faithful dog who keeps a constant watch over the Darling children. A prank of Mr. Darling's — he gave Nana an unpleasant medicine that he had promised to take — backfired when the family failed to see the joke. To make matters worse, he fell into a sulk and chained Nana up before going out. Later, however, he himself came to understand what it meant to be 'in the doghouse'. For, as a penance for the way he had treated Nana, he had to bed down in her kennel until the children returned.

'Near this spot are deposited the remains of one who possessed Beauty without Vanity, Strength without Insolence, Courage without Ferocity, and all the Virtues of Man without his Vices. This praise, which would be unmeaning Flattery, if inscribed over human ashes, is but a just Tribute to the Memory of BOTSWAIN, a Dog.'

- John Cam Hobhouse



# TRAINING CALENDER FOR 2005

MONTH	DATE	DESCRIPTION
JUNE	19	Training all classes
	26	Training all classes
JULY	3	NO TRAINING, Except Puppy Ed
	10	<b>Graduation</b>
	17	Training all classes
	24	Training all classes
AUGUST	31	Training all classes
	7	NO TRAINING, Except Puppy Ed
	14	Training all classes
	21	Training all classes
	28	Training all classes
SEPTEMBER	4	NO TRAINING, Except Puppy Ed
	11	Training all classes
	18	<b>Graduation</b>
	25	<b>ACTIVITY DAY FOR MEMBERS</b>
OCTOBER	2	NO TRAINING, Except Puppy Ed
	9	Training all classes
	16	Training all classes
	23	Training all classes
	30	Training all classes
NOVEMBER	6	NO TRAINING, Except Puppy Ed
	13	Training all classes
	20	Training all classes
	27	Training all classes
DECEMBER	4	<b>Graduation</b>
	11	<b>Christmas Fun Day</b>

**ALWAYS CHECK WITH YOUR INSTRUCTOR IN THE EVENT OF CHANGES TO DATES.**

## Proposed Committee Meeting Dates

(Wednesdays)

August 3    October 5    November 30

**If a member would like to bring something to the Committee's attention, please do so, in writing, before the above dates.**

## DOGS IN HISTORY

*In centuries past, drastic measures were taken to prevent dogs harming the royal hunt. For instance, William the Conqueror (1028-87) decreed that all dog owners should remove three toes from each foot of their animal to reduce its speed.*

*Centuries later French monarchs valued their hunting no less, for King François I (1494-1547) stipulated that 'a heavy block of wood' be attached to the heads of farmers' and peasants' dogs whenever the animals were away from their home. The king also decreed that any stray dog which hunted on royal land, even if it was wearing this impediment, would be hamstrung — that is, the large tendon at the back of the hock would be severed in each of its legs.*

## DOG DATA

It is estimated that there are around 140 million pet dogs in the world. Some 55 million of them are in the USA, while Britons keep almost 7.5 million dogs as pets.



## BREED SPECIFIC LEGISLATION

### **What is BSL:**

Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) is the collective name for legislations and laws that place certain restrictions or bans on specific breeds of dogs. These restrictions can include requirements such as the dog always being on lead and in a muzzle, kept in a child proof enclosure, higher fees for registration and mandatory desexing for all dogs of this breed (in some countries it also includes special expensive insurance policies).

BSL assumes that a dog is dangerous and a risk to society based purely on its breed.

BSL normally has two forms: 1) Restrictions: which place heavy restrictions on the dog and owner's ability to participate within the community through requirements like muzzling and not allowing the dog to be off lead. 2) Bans: this is where a council or government places a total ban on the dog within the community. Under bans it is illegal to breed, buy, sell or give away a banned dog.

### **BSL in WA:**

In Western Australia the Companion Animal Act (1976) was reviewed and opened to public comment in 2002. At this time WA was considering BSL and included this within this review. Many people wrote submissions to the Government on this issue and in July of 2003 they returned their Position Paper on the Review of the dog Act for public comment. It was proposed that a trial of BSL be put in place for a year from April of 2004 to April of 2005. At the closure of the trial it was to be reviewed and the legislation would either be thrown out or ratified. However, April of 2005 came and went without a review and the legislation was left floating. The WA Government is now proposing total bans on restricted breeds and crosses.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT BSL,** you can contact:

The Canine Association of WA [www.cawa.asn.au](http://www.cawa.asn.au),

Endangered Dog Breeds Association @ [info@edba.org.au](mailto:info@edba.org.au)

Danielle for more info on WA BSL meetings etc ([nobsl4wa@gmail.com](mailto:nobsl4wa@gmail.com)).

*Danielle Brueschke, 2005*

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PHOTO OF  
YOUR DOG IN  
THE NEWSLETTER**

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## PET PARADE

### BORDER COLLIE



The Border Collie instinctively wants to work sheep and herd cattle. It has the inherent attributes to do this and every owner should keep this in mind. It is said that its origins are in the Collies of the border regions of England and Scotland, hence the name, Border Collie. This breed needs someone who can give it lots of exercise and attention. The Border Collie is highly intelligent, responsive to training, keen and faithful.

### MINIATURE SCHNAUZER

An affectionate family companion, suited to indoor and outdoor living. It is sturdy, robust, sinewy, nearly square and its rectangular head is accentuated by trimming. The tail, which is set on and carried high, is customarily docked to three joints. The Miniature Schnauzer is alert, reliable, intelligent, suited to training, fond of children, reserved, and a good watchdog. Useful in controlling rodents.



*The Miniature Schnauzer has a coarse wiry coat, 'pepper and salt' in colour.*



*'Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil or jealousy or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring — it was peace.'*

*- Milan Kundera*



## IN THE RING

*Nothing to report this issue.*

### TRACKWEST

#### Enquiries:

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Saturdays: 0800 a.m.

Gnangara Pine Plantation (corner  
Gnangara Rd & Nursery Rd, Whiteman)

Bring: fixed dog collar, long lead, water for  
yourself & dog, chair, sunscreen, warm  
clothes, tea/coffee and biscuits.



### MERCHANDISE

The Club offers basic equipment at reasonable prices to help members with dog training.

Contact Helen Keeling.

### LIBRARY

We have 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 book.

If you see a book which should be included in the library.

Contact Danielle Brueschke.





## TAKING THE LEAD

*A Blizzard is raging, the snow's fallin' fast,  
The wind is a howling, wuthering blast,  
The windows are rattling, the storm wind blows higher,  
Oh', isn't it nice to curl up by the fire!*

*My book's waiting for me, my coffee is steaming,  
The flames in the fire are flickering and gleaming.  
Any sensible person, it can't be denied,  
Would spend the whole evening safely inside*

*but then a cold nose is stuck in my book,  
Two eyes stare at me with their best hopeful look,  
Two paws on my knee make the message quite clear,  
The time for his evening walkies is here!*

*I've persuaded myself what I'm doing is right,  
He can't want a walk on this terrible night!  
So I'll stay in my chair, read my book, and that's that!  
.....Very well, just a minute, I'm finding my hat!  
- Deborah Mercer.*

## CLEANING TIPS

1. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water, and put both lids up.
2. Pick up the cat and soothe him while you carry him toward the bathroom.
3. In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids. (you may need to stand on the lid.) The cat will self-agitate and make ample suds. (Never mind the noises that come from the toilet, the cat is actually enjoying this.)
4. Flush the toilet three or four times. (This provides a "power-wash" and "rinse".)
5. Have someone open the door to the outside. (Be sure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.)
6. Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids.
7. the cat will rocket out of the toilet and run outside where he will dry himself off.

Both the commode and the cat will no be sparkling clean!

Sincerely,

**THE DOG**

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Graduation:  
July 10 and September 18

**DON'T FORGET  
OUR MEMBERS  
ACTIVITY DAY —  
SEPTEMBER 25**

*(Teach your dog a new trick!  
Its a fun day for all the family)*

## WINTER WEATHER

Don't forget your pet this winter.

- Clean paws after the dog has walked through puddles.
- Treat dry, cracked food pads with a good moisturizer (vasoline).
- Don't allow dogs without water-repellent undercoat to go swimming.
- Wet dogs must be taken to a warm indoor location; never leave them outdoors.
- During very cold weather do not leave the dog in the car.
- For short-coated dogs, use a quick-dry shampoo rather than baths.
- Don't allow your dog to drink from puddles; they may contain poisons.
- Check your dog's ears regularly.



# DOG HOROSCOPES

LEO	VIRGO	LIBRA
July 24th - August 23rd (The sign of the LION)	August 24th - September 23rd (The sign of the VIRGIN)	September 24th - October 23rd (The sign of the SCALES)
<i>Self-confidence, enthusiasm, pride</i>	<i>Discriminative, methodical, logical</i>	<i>Balance, justice, love of beauty</i>
<p>Abundant warmth, generosity and fur characterise the Leonine dog, probably the most demanding hound in the Zodiac. He will go to great lengths to impress his owner (and everyone else), which makes him an ideal showdog. His vanity, arrogance and insatiable thirst for flattery also commend him to this path. In addition, dogs born under this sign often display a fiery gold tint in their coats which distinguishes them as the Kings of the Zodiacal jungle. Failing that, the condition of the coat - usually exceptionally glossy - will find the Leo canine head and shoulders above the rest.</p> <p>If the Leo dog is one of several in the household care should be taken that his domineering nature does not oppress other more pensive pups. Discipline is something he simply does not comprehend - just why should he do as you say! Treated with respect and admiration, though, (which is inspired by these often large, fearless-looking dogs) he is a loving and rewarding companion, always noticed by his owner's friends. These dogs ruled by the Sun make excellent parents, taking a singular pride in their offspring; they are therefore good stud dogs, being both noble and gracious.</p>	<p>The Virgoan dog is a keen worker, dependable and bright with a down-to-earth, conformity that makes him an appealing proposition to someone who perhaps hasn't got the time for a more demanding pooch. Indeed, the virgoan dog is not always that keen on attention; his independent streak may make him appear a little stand-offish at times. But he has charm and is eager to please his owner in more practical ways than as a mere lap dog.</p> <p>His subdued sense of adventure would make him an excellent rescue dog if only did didn't dislike getting dirty so much, for he is very fussy about cleanliness. A constant groomer, the Virgoan dog is deeply distressed by mess of any sort - it disturbs the order of his mind. Perhaps, therefore, he would be better suited to police work, where he could combine his need to serve with a little detection and logic and gain the respect (he cares little for love) he longs for. A picky eater, this dog's diet needs monitoring or digestive disorders may occur. Tempt him with small, tasty meals, designed to appeal to his discriminating palate.</p>	<p>The Libran dog is highly sociable and easily spotted by the welcoming grin with which he charms all visitors alike, whether they be burglars or clergy - he is at least democratic, if not shrewd. Very friendly, the Libran dog's craving to be loved makes him most appealing, even though you know he is quite undiscerning and self-motivated. Yet he is sensitive to his owner's moods and will tune into and adjust himself to their feelings, which makes him a ideal companion for the housebound or lonely.</p> <p>Very fond of luxury, this dog does demand a high standard of living and will instinctively seek out the most comfortable chair and not take kindly to being told to budge. The symbol of Libra, the Scales, represents peace, balance, harmony and beauty. The Libran canine is therefore a peaceful creature who exudes a quiet calm that should not be taken for laziness. The dog much given to esoteric ponderings (naps), the scales of his finely balanced mind may tip towards melancholia as well as elation, but this is soon rectified by a compliment, a kind word, or, if all else fails, a recital of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.</p>
<b>Compatible signs:</b> Aries & Sagittarius	<b>Compatible signs:</b> Taurus & Capricorn	<b>Compatible signs:</b> Aquarius & Gemini



## A TRUE STORY

This photograph shows a red Dobermann kissing an exhausted fireman. He had just saved her from a fire in her house, rescuing her by carrying her out of the house into her front yard, while he continued to fight the fire. She is pregnant. The fire-fighter was afraid of her at first, because he had never been around a Dobermann before. When he finally got done putting the fire out, he sat down to catch his breath and rest. A photographer from the Charlotte, North Carolina newspaper, "The Observer," noticed this red Dobermann in the distance looking at the fireman. He saw her walking straight toward the fireman and wondered what she was going to do. As he raised his camera, she came up to the tired man who had saved her life and the lives of her babies, and kissed him, when the photographer snapped this photograph.



## IS YOUR DOG A GOOD CITIZEN?

As dog ownership skyrocketed in the past decade, so did concern over dog behavior in public.

What does a canine good citizen know?

- Is your dog clean, groomed, healthy, up to date on license and vaccinations?
- Can he walk on a loose leash, staying on your left side?
- Does he come when called?
- Does he know the "sit," "down" and "stay" commands?
- Can he walk through a crowd without straining at the leash or showing shyness?
- If a person with a dog came nearby, would your dog stay with you or go to the other dog?
- Can he stay poised during distractions, such as a bicyclist on the path in front of him or the opening of a door?
- Can your dog be left alone for 15 minutes without barking, pacing or getting upset?

Dogs passing the above criteria help ensure dogs will be welcomed and respected in their communities and dog parks.



# AGILITY

Training: Tuesday nights commencing at 7:00 pm - 9/9.30pm (depending on numbers)

Location: Glengarry Park, Duncraig

New potential members can have 1 free 'have a go' evening before joining.

Members are expected to assist with erecting and demantling equipment.

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## ***CHANGE OF ADDRESS/INFORMATION:***

If your address has changed or other information about yourself or your dog(s), please fill in the details below and return to a member of the Committee.

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Change (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

***SUCH IS LIFE!***

*Some days you're the dog; Other days you're the hydrant!*

