



# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 4/07

OCTOBER  
NOVEMBER  
DECEMBER

## TRAINING VENUE:

LEXCEN PARK,  
VENTURI DRIVE,  
OCEAN REEF.

## TRAINING TIMES:

Pre-trialling class from: 8 am to 9 am  
All other classes from: 9 am to 10 am  
(Timetable of training dates for 2008 on page 2)

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## NOTICE BOARD

1. BEWARE of SNAKES & GRASS SEED DANGERS!  
(see Pages 3, 5 & 6 )

2. CLOSED FOR SUMMER  
EXCEPT.....

The normal Training Programme ends with the Christmas Funday on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and re-starts on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (see Page 2)

BUT

there will be a Summer School for Puppies & Basic Classes only  
(9am – 10am)

as follows:-

16<sup>th</sup> December 2007: PUPPY ONLY;  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2008: PUPPY & BASIC;  
13<sup>th</sup> January 2008: PUPPY & BASIC;  
20<sup>th</sup> January 2008: PUPPY & BASIC;  
3rd February 2008: PUPPY & BASIC.

In the meantime we wish  
**All our Members**

a

**Very Happy Christmas**

and a

**Prosperous & Healthy New Year**



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



## EDITOR'S INDULGENCE



**Yours truly with Chilli & Flossy**

### **SNAKES ALIVE!!**

**Chilli**, our Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever, had a very narrow escape on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2007, a date we will always remember as it was Lesley's ??th birthday also.

**We** were running the dogs as usual at Gnangara Pines – something we had done for most of our 4 years out here – when Chilli leapt into the air and gave a little whimper. Lesley immediately noticed a dugite near to him and our fear was that Chilli had been bitten, particularly as the snake's head was raised in what looked like a strike position.

**We** got both Chilli and Flossy into the car and sped off towards our Vets Surgery at Wanneroo to be told that a surgeon would not be available until 8.30am, some 45 minutes away.

Consequently, we diverted our journey towards Balcatta Veterinary Hospital and got there "in good time" despite heavy traffic. We were admitted into an examination room immediately on arrival and attended to by Dr Yip Kin Yi.

**Her** initial examination was more optimistic than pessimistic but she said that Chilli should undergo a snake venom detection test albeit that such test is not totally foolproof; we readily agreed.

**We** left Chilli at the Hospital and had to wait until 1pm before being able to learn the outcome. We aged years waiting for 1pm to come and then had to hold our breath during the phone call to the Hospital. Our relief was immense when we heard from Dr Yi that the test had returned a negative result. However she recommended that Chilli should remain with them for the rest of the day for close monitoring – provided by Veterinary Nurse Kristy Oliver.

**We** collected Chilli from the Hospital and we were all a bit subdued, not to say shocked, by the experience. That night Lesley did her own monitoring of Chilli and in the morning our emotions turned to relief and thankfulness that all had turned out ok.

**Our** thanks go to Dr Yi and VN Kristy Oliver for their efforts.

**The message is clear; you cannot afford to be complacent where snakes are concerned particularly now that the warmer weather is upon us.** In our case, because of the vast clearance of the pine trees at Gnangara, the snakes have become displaced and are cropping up in unexpected places. **Please don't any of you have to encounter the same experience as us!!**

### **PERTH ROYAL SHOW 2007**

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October we (by that I mean **Flossy and Chilli**) were both competitor and exhibitor in the Gundog Breed at this years' Perth Royal Show.

Arrival was 7.45am and by the time we found our bench positions and got sorted out, it was 9am and time for Lesley to enter the show ring with **Flossy** our Chesapeake Bay Retriever. Although she was the only one in her class, she performed very well and justified her Best of Breed Award (the award can be withheld if the dog is not up to standard).



This qualified her for Best of Group Challenge, against the winners of the other Gundog Breeds such as Cocker Spaniel, Golden Retriever, Labrador, Pointers, Setters, Wiemaranahs – 17 in total.

For the first time, Flossy was called forward - into the top 8 - but the winner was the Golden Retriever.

For **Chilli** it was his second Show but his first Perth Royal. Again he was the only one in the Breed (Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retriever) and, being only 20 weeks old, was in the Puppy Class. He also did very well and duly got his 1<sup>st</sup> Award.



He then 'showed off' against 4 other Puppy winners and, good though he was, he couldn't match the winning Labrador.



## MEMBERS PAGE

### NEW MEMBERS

Since production of our last Newsletter we have welcomed the following New Members into our Club:-

Theresa Langton-Evison & Patch;  
 Magda Morris & Penny;  
 Richard Merrett & Bruce;  
 Michael Luca & Mack;  
 Graham Davis & Shadow;  
 Helen Bagnall & Jasmine;  
 Ros de Mamiel & George;  
 Liz Poyser & Hemi;  
 Elaine Darby & Max;  
 Robert Cull & Ollie;  
 Jason Blackman & Shar;  
 Rachael Young & Charlie;  
 Audrey Nicholas & Aimee;  
 Trevor Prentis/Lorraine Wyse & Holly;  
 Sandy Bowie & Jedda;  
 Vicki and Graham Joyce & Morgan and Arty;  
 Hugh Robertson & Inga;  
 Daniel Blenkinsop and Erika Carnevale & Conan;  
 Emma and Jason Nelson & Tilly;  
 Sasha and Andrew Bushby & Ruby;  
 Daniel Ahern & Daisy;  
 Michelle Green & Elmo;  
 John and Sarah Edwards & Jazz;  
 Lynn and Chloe Smith & Hamish & Buddy;  
 Kim Hatton & Noodles;  
 Pat Barker & Holly;  
 Sharon Iwanek & Cloughie;  
 Karen and Mark Morrow & Bob;  
 Glenn and Montana Harland & Chilli;  
 Kathy and Troy Campbell & Tyson;  
 Christina Baron & Scooby;  
 Nathan and Kelly-Jo Moro & Kaifas;  
 Megan Hassan and Pekahou Cowan & Hunter and Skylah;  
 Debbie Rowston & Sally;  
 Karen and Garrith Watts & Marley.

We wish you all good luck and an enjoyable experience with us. Although you may think that the training is not working sometimes, hang in there because it will come – **and don't forget to have fun.**

### MEMBERS OBEDIENCE TRIAL

The latest Trial took place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, administered by **Judy Tsakalos** and Judged by **Valeta Pethrick** (deliberating below). **Many thanks to you both.**



**Congratulations** to all who took part (pictured below), the winners being:-

**CCD:** Steve Smylie with Bundy (Qualifying score);

**Novice:** Carol Freele with Indi;

**Open:** Not awarded (Lesley & Flossy had 'senior's moments')

**UDX:** Jackie with Rogan.



### GRADUATIONS

**Congratulations** go to the following who graduated to the next class on 23<sup>rd</sup> September:-

#### **BASIC to INTERMEDIATE:-**

Chris & Misha	Simone & Roxy	Shona & Winni
Toby & Boom	Fiona & Toby	Jenny & Sadie

#### **INTERMEDIATE to ADVANCED:-**

Alan & Winstor	Bernice & Jessie	Rhonda & Bosco
Emma & Millie	Fabienne & Tasman	Derek & Shimma
Linda, Martin & Sebi	Anne-Marie & Oscar	Janine & Kelli
Lizette & Kelli	Brett, Amanda & Liddle	

#### **ADVANCED to GRADUATE:-**

Ali & Missy	Nicky & Hendrix	Ivy & Gypsy
Jacki & JJ	Jayne & Mack	Zi & Prince

**To those who didn't make it this time, congratulations for your efforts and, better luck next time.**





## Grass Seeds

Grass seeds can cause severe problems in dogs, and in particular circumstances surgery is needed to remove them. The seeds can enter the nose, get between the eye and eyelids, burrow their way into the deep fur around the toes and feet, and can even make their way into the ears, resulting in severe pain and irritation.

The seeds causing the most problems are those shaped like small darts. They have a very sharp point and a long tail, and will penetrate the skin of your dog with ease. If not found quickly enough, the seed will begin to burrow in, causing inflammation and the risk of infection. Depending on where on the body this happens, the grass seed may even play havoc with your dog's internal body organs, particularly when entering the ear.

Unfortunately (perhaps), dogs don't speak, and can't tell us if they are in pain, and more to the point, can't tell us exactly where the pain is and why it's happening. So it's down to us as the owner and protector of our canine friends to spot the signs early on and find the problem quickly.

**Grass Seeds in the Ear:** You may notice your dog itching, shaking his head, rubbing his head along the floor and even walking at a tilted angle. Grass seeds in the ear can potentially cause a range of problems, and if in doubt, seek veterinary attention as soon as possible.

**Grass Seeds in the Eye:** As a human will know, any kind of irritation and pain on or around the eye is highly uncomfortable and can cause serious, long term problems including blindness. The same applies to dogs. If a grass seed is present, you may notice your dog's eye become inflame and red, perhaps even watery.

**Grass Seeds in the Hair:** Often, depending on the seed type your dog will be coated in various seeds around the body. You may notice that the matted clumps of hair are formed due to grass seeds. This may result in no other option than to cut clumps of hair out of your dog.

**Grass Seeds in the Nose:** A seed in the nose may cause your dog to sneeze, itch at the nose, and may result in some nasal discharge.

**Grass Seeds in the Skin:** When grass seeds finally attack and penetrate the skin, your dog will likely be chewing and licking the area, attempting to both itch and remove the seed itself. Their attempt generally fails, potentially making the problem worse. Sometimes, your dog may be able to remove the seed, but then the seed could become attached to the dog's mouthparts, resulting in a more serious problem. If you notice your dog excessively chewing itself and itching, check the areas of concern and if necessary, seek veterinary attention.

**Grass Seeds entering the Mouth:** If a grass seed is swallowed, it may become lodged in the throat, causing inflammation and swelling. If this happens, your dog may cough, attempt to vomit, have difficulty eating and may eventually refuse to eat altogether.



**Grass Seeds in the Lungs and other organs:** Smaller seeds can be inhaled through the nose, and in severe cases seeds that penetrate the skin can burrow into various organs. This can cause very serious life-threatening abscesses. If this happens, your dog may develop a fever, refuse to eat and may have difficulty with movement.

**What can I do to prevent this from happening?**

The most obvious solution to prevent these problems occurring is to stop your dog from entering grassy fields. Stick to short, lawn-type grass and pathway walks or forested areas where grass seeds will be at a minimum.

By cutting your dogs hair, particularly around the toes, feet, arm-pits and ears you will have a much higher chance of spotting the seeds, and the seeds will have less chance of being able to cling on.

Carry out regular checks. Every day if possible, particularly after every walk you should check your dog for these. You may have difficulty spotting the smaller seeds, so comb your dog with a fine brush to doubly make sure nothing is clinging on.

This is a serious problem that affects thousands of dogs every year. Vet practices are often inundated with the same occurrences year in year out. Help them, help yourself and above all, help your pet. Check regularly and be aware!

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**DOG PHILOSOPHY**

**Dogs are not our whole life but they make our lives whole** - *Roger Caras*

**If you think dogs can't count try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him/her only two of them** - *Phil Pastoret*

**If your dog is fat, you are not getting enough exercise** - *Unknown*

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**PHOTO GALLERY**



**Puppy Class in Discussion**



**Members Obedience Trial Awards**



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1. **1<sup>st</sup> November 2007 onwards: 2008 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.**  
A Membership Year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October and so we invite you now to **renew your membership for 2007/08** which will take you to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008. It will help enormously if you **complete the 2008 Membership Form** (copy on pages 8 & 9) in the comfort of your own home and **bring with you**, along with **YOUR BADGE(s)** for stamping, to the Admin Desk on a Sunday morning.  
**Renewals should be completed by the end of November 2007.**
2. **Wednesday 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2007: Nominations close** for 2008 Election of Officers.  
(Please refer to **Pages 6&7 of Newsletter 3/07** either the hard copy or on our website at [www.joondalupdogtraining.com.au](http://www.joondalupdogtraining.com.au) - Newsletter Latest Edition).
3. **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007: The AGM,** to take place before Training, **COMMENCING AT 8.45am SHARP** and to include Election of Officers for 2008.
4. **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2007: CHRISTMAS FUNDAY** which will feature:-  
  - Races** (numerous and various);
  - Fancy Dress** (dogs in particular but hey if owners/handlers want to 'come out', go for it);
  - Tricks** (again we have the dog in mind but, as long as they are for family viewing, feel free to entertain us);
  - Raffles** (get your tickets on arrival);
  - Free Sausage Sizzle** (get your ticket on arrival);
  - 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 his/her name **clearly marked** on it, to be placed in the Guest of Honour's sack on arrival. Towards the end of proceedings, we will then 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.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE EVENTS AS BEST YOU CAN ESPECIALLY THE FUN FUNDAY**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS, MERCHANDISE, LIBRARY, TRACKWEST, CHANGE OF ADDRESS/DETAILS, DATES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All the above categories which feature either generally or periodically in the Newsletter, are held over for this edition for fear of you nodding off and missing the festive period.

Should you require any information about any of them please either visit our website or address one of our "Green-shirted Army" on a Training Day.

**Should any of you have a Training/Dog related contribution to offer for the Newsletter (and I hope you do) please let me (Your Editor, Michael BurrIDGE) know either personally or at e-mail [micles25@aapt.net.au](mailto:micles25@aapt.net.au)**



## BOUQUETS

### TO: OUR MEMBERS

Our 11<sup>th</sup> year is ending and, with Christmas soon to be upon us, so will 2007. 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 2008 but whether that happens or not, we wish you and your chums good luck for the future.

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### TO: THE 2007 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 2007 Committee and Trainers.

In that regard sincere thanks go to;-

Carla O'Donnell (President/Trainer); Graham Easter (Vice President/Trainer); Sharon Tate-McIntosh (Secretary/Trainer); Emma Blake (Treasurer/Assistant Trainer); Helen Keeling (Head Trainer); Dot Buchanan (Committee/Trainer); Lesley Burrige (Committee/Trainer); Glen Craig (Committee/Trainer); Danielle Brueschke (Committee); Judy Tsakalos (Trainer/Judge); Ian Fillery (Trainer); Evelyn Redpath (Trainer); Birgitte Faskell (Trainer); Dave Curr (Trainer); Steve Smylie (Trainer); Di Anderson.....Oh, and me – Michael Burrige (Committee, Newsletter, Enrolment, Toilet Doors unlocker, Sign putter outer & Filler Inner).

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Finally, let us not forget those who gave us such enjoyment and fulfilment in our lives but are now no longer with us. Three such gentle giants were Oliver, Rastin & Roddy all belonging to Trainers. The pain never goes but it is worth it to remember the love we shared with them. We will remember them always.



**Joondalup Dog Training Club Inc.**  
**Membership Form 2008**  
**Full Year Membership**

Category:       *New Membership*                       *Membership Renewal*

- One dog/one handler                      (\$50)
- Pension card holder (handler)      (\$35)
- One dog/two handlers                      (\$55)
- Two dogs/one handler                      (\$55)
- Family membership                      (\$80)

(Two dogs/two handlers living at same address)

Cheques payable to the J.D.T.C. Inc.  
The Treasurer PO Box 346 Joondalup WA 6919

Receipt no:.....

MAIN HANDLER: Surname: .....First Name:.....

Address: .....

Postcode: ..... Contact telephone no.: .....

Email (if applicable):.....

SECOND HANDLER: Surname:.....First Name.....

Dog's name(s): 1..... Breed:.....

Sex: M / F      Age: .....Vaccination sighted by ..... Initial .....

2..... Breed:.....

Sex: M / F      Age:.. .....Vaccination sighted by ..... Initial .....

**Declaration**

To the best of my knowledge and belief the dog/s named herein has/have been inoculated against Distemper, Hepatitis and Parvovirus and has not been exposed to the risk of any infectious disease within seven weeks prior to the date of this application.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

NB - Please read and sign the waiver overleaf



**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)

