

Titahi Bay Canine Obedience Club



July-August '05 Newsletter



Welcome to a new term everyone!

With this new term comes lots of new puppies and a new committee who were introduced in the last newsletter, but for those who have just come on board here they are...

President: Geoff Collins
Vice President: Jenny Rutherford
Secretary: Wendy Macilree
Treasurer: Zoë Carvin

Committee

Lianne Hodges, Cheryl Dickson, John Chipper, Martin Gavin, Wayne Clarken, Trudy Scott, Jenny Greer, Janine Holmes, Tamara Savage

Thank you also to those who have put their names down as 'helpers'. No doubt you will be called on next show, Ribbon Trial or working bee.

The committee are out and about on most class nights, so if you have any questions about the classes, instructors or even instructing then don't hesitate to talk to one of them. All our instructors are more than happy to answer your canine queries. No question is too difficult or too strange!

For all new members, you are more than welcome to use the club grounds on non-class nights and weekends, but we do ask that you clean up after your precious pup and ensure all gates are closed after use.

All the best for the rest of the term.
Happy training!





Events...

NZKC Building Benefit Show – 23, 24 July
Wainuiomata OB RT – 27 August
Wellington Canine OB RT (TBC) – 9 October
Nationals – 23, 24, 25 September
Our October Championship – 15 October
NDTA – Taupo – Labour Weekend

NDTA (National Dog Training Assembly)

This is the dog obedience show of the year!

It is the nationals not only for obedience but also agility and trials.

Every year, the NDTA is held over labour weekend, (22-24 October), in Taupo.

At the NDTA, an inter-zone competition is run between the five Zones within New Zealand.

(We are in Zone 3.) Each Zone puts forward five dogs and their handlers, one from each of the recognised championship tests, (Special Beginners, Novice, Test A, Test B and Test C).

These dogs will represent our Zone at the NDTA in October and compete against the other Zones at their designated level. Eg: The dog and handler representing us at the Special Beginner level will compete against the other four dogs from the other Zones who are also at the Special Beginner level.

Each year prior to the NDTA our Zone runs Team Trials to determine who will be chosen to represent the Zone at each of the determined levels.

The Obedience team trials this year are being held on 6, 7, 13 and 14 of August.

Anyone wishing to try out for the Team Trials please contact the committee ASAP.

Entry form for the NDTA is attached for those that are interested, but the entry form for the Team Trials is still in the process of being approved.

Fundraising

Fundraising to help cover travel and accommodation costs, for those that compete at the NDTA, is also currently being organised.

Look out for those scrummy Cadbury bars and support our members by buying a bar or seven! We will have two 'waves' of these, so forget the diets and get selling! (and buying!)

Full calendar of events is posted on the notice board in the club.

For further information about competitions either ask your instructor or you can contact the NZ Kennel Club on 237 4489 or visit their web site www.nzkc.org.nz



Our Website...

TBCOC is in the process of designing and building a brand new site!

Currently you can access club info through the NZKC site, but we are quite keen to get our own up and running, and with the proposed financial assistance from a local vet, it is sure to be fantastic. So watch this space for updates, what will be on the site and when you can actually access www.tbcoc.org.nz!



Club Shop...

The club-rooms are also home to a mini store which stocks a range of goods, from the usual leads, collars and slip chains, but also has a range of toys, dumbbells, training aids and all kinds of food treats. All are very reasonably priced, much cheaper than some stores, and available on all club nights.

There is also an 'I.O.U' book, for on the night purchases, but in the past this has been abused, with some club members clocking up bills of over \$200.00

This has forced the committee to set a \$50.00 limit on any I.O.U total, and expects the outstanding amount to be paid off within a month of the first purchase.



Reminder...

Don't forget that snoop should be registered before *July 31st* (depending on what area you are in). Our club prefers all dogs to be registered before they can attend a class, but this may not be applicable if you have a puppy, depending on it's age.

Some council's have 'Special Owner' or 'Responsible Owner' discounts. Have a chat to your local council office and see if you fall into this category.

It also pays to keep up to date with the dog control policies. Apparently Porirua City Council is due to change some of it's bi-laws, to coincide with the Australian policies (no idea why!), so make sure you are on top of what is required when exercising, walking or just owning a dog, otherwise it could cost you up to \$3000.00 or even your dog!



Fun Spot...

Summer Time Cool Down (Recipe)

Using a kong (rubber dog toy), fill the bottom with peanut butter, which covers and blocks the smallest hole in the end of the kong.

Make a beef-stock mixture and pour on top of peanut butter.

Put in freezer upright (so beef stock does not pour out) and when it is frozen the dogs have their own beef Popsicle!

Spam Spot



If anybody has anything they would like to share, funny stories, recipe's, announcements, news articles, helpful tips, and the like, please forward them on to me at zoecanvin@wnmeds.ac.nz

Much appreciated!