



HASTINGS AND DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB



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H.D.O.D.C. Newsletter

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Autumn 2011

Upcoming Events Calendar

APRIL:

Sat 2nd and Sun 3rd – HDODC Flyball Comp (Normal Obedience Classes will be held on back oval)

Sun 3rd – Foundation Course 3rd Intake

Sun 24th – NO TRAINING (Easter Weekend)

MAY:

Sun 1st – Foundation Course 4th Intake

Sat 7th – Dog Behaviour Course

Sun 15th – Million Paws Walk (classes and demos at Hastings Foreshore)

Sun 29th – Foundation Course 5th Intake and Club Comp (1st for 2011)

JUNE:

Sat 4th, Sun 5th & Mon 6th – HDODC Tracking Trial (Classes as normal on our grounds)

Sun 13th – NO TRAINING (Queen's Birthday Weekend)

Sat 25th - HDODC Obedience Trial

Sun 26th – Foundation Course 6th Intake

AUGUST:

Sat 27th – HDODC Agility Trial

Sun 21st – Club Comp (2nd for 2011)

2011 TRIAL DATES

- **Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd April : FLYBALL**
- **Saturday 4th, Sunday 5th & Monday 6th June : TRACKING**
- **Saturday 25th June : OBEDIENCE**
- **Saturday 27th August : AGILITY**
- **Flyball Trial** : Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd April : this trial is held on our training grounds in Hastings and we will still be running normal training on the Sunday on the back oval. The canteen is open for breakfast and lunch both Saturday and Sunday. New and old members are more than welcome to come down and have a look at what Flyball is all about. If you would like to give assistance in the canteen, even if for just an hour, please email Kate Dunkley at katedunkley@iinet.net.au.
- **Flyball and Agility Training** : there is no set line up procedure each Sunday morning like there is for obedience. If you are a beginner and would like to participate in Flyball or Agility, please don't hesitate to speak to the instructor in charge. Please note that Flyball and Agility classes do not run every weekend due to many of our instructors being heavily involved in competition, so check our website for dates of trials, or ask each Sunday.



What is Koby doing?????

THANK YOU'S.....



We would like to thank Camille's daughter, *Sue Sporys*, for making up our new class sign posts – they look great.



Thank you to Greg Milner and Crash for supporting our local bank at the Westernport Parade in February.

any questions re changes???

At the start of 2011 the committee implemented a new timetable for all classes and also started a 6 week Foundation Course that all new members are required to participate in (current members with new dogs are also permitted to participate).

If any member has comments regarding any of the changes to HDODC, please don't hesitate to email *Catherine* at info@hastingsdogclub.org.au as the committee will be reviewing and improving the structure at regular time intervals.

CLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

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Sunday 7th November 2010

PUPPIES

1st MATINA STRAUB SCRUFFY
2nd JESS THOMAS SOPHIE
3rd MOLLY BUDDY

PINK

1st LAUREN JAMES ELLA
2nd GERRY VAUGHAN HOLLY
3rd JANET ROUND MOLLY

BEGINNER PUPPIES

1st MANDY TICKNER SAM
2nd ANA CAR BEAR
3rd KATE MILLER ACHILLES

YELLOW

1st JESS THOMAS ASH
2nd NICOLE ROBERTSON BOSTON
3rd LYNNE LOUZIOTIS CHADD

ADVANCED PUPPIES

1st NICOLE ROBERTSON KASPER
2nd SHARON LILLY
3rd COURTNEY MCLEOD MAXWELL

CCD

1st DEB HOFFREICHTER GLADYS
2nd GERRY VAUGHAN MATILDA
3rd PAUL LOUZIOTIS PIP

BEGINNER ADULT

1st LAUREN JAMES KALI
2nd LUCY DECON ELLIE
3rd SAM THOMPSON POLLY

NOVICE

1st ALEXIS BASSINGWAIGHTE JO JO
2nd CAROLYN ROBERTSON RUSTY



Well done to all!!!

2011 Club Comp dates :

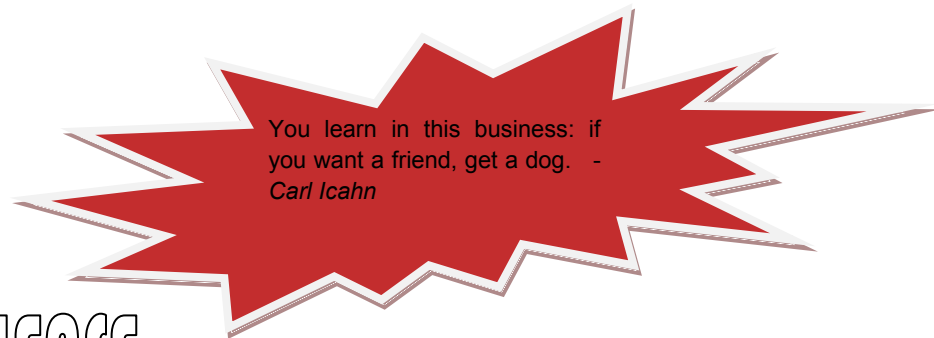
29th May, 21st August and 20th November.

Members will receive more information closer to the date with entry forms and comp rules.

End of year Dinner date

Saturday 19th November 2011, so put it in your diaries now!

A great night out to socialise with other HDODC members without our dogs.



INFORMATION PLEASE.....

Ever wanted information about something for your dog only to not know where to start looking? And then when you find it, don't know if it's a waste of money or if there's a better one out there??

As of the next issue of the newsletter I'd like to start a *doggie directory*, something we can all use knowing someone has recommended it, used it or knows about it. Such things as the best local vets, the cheapest suppliers of dog food or treats, pet sitters in the area or perhaps, like me, you want to try and stay as natural as possible and use a good recommended naturopath or herbalist, therapist, etc... where do you start looking???

Hopefully here....

Anything related to dogs. Services you have used and recommend, people in the industry that you swear by, anything, anyone. The more variety on the list, the better.

So, please start sending me details. Just a name, address and/or phone number and what the service is. And if you have used this service – why you recommend them. And I will start a directory going and then we can all share them knowing they are worth using and may help our dogs (and our wallets)....

We also want contributions from our members to make our newsletter more personal and friendly. Things like special stories, funny photo's and anything you might like to share with other club members about your dogs or anything about the dog world.

Don't be frightened to put forward anything you have and if it's suitable, it'll get published.

A newsletter will come out at the beginning of every season, ie; Autumn, Winter, Spring & Summer so you have plenty of opportunity to get your items of interest included.

-Million Paws Walk: Sunday 15th of May

Please note that on Sunday the 15th of May our club will be running classes and demonstrations at the Hastings Foreshore (corner Marine Parade and High Street) in support of the RSPCA's Million Paws Walk (we will not be holding classes at our normal location).

The walk itself starts at 10:00am and you can pre-register online at <http://vic.millionpawswalk.com.au/> or you can register on the Sunday from 9:00am.

We will notify you closer to the date of the exact times of our Agility and Fly-ball Demonstrations. At other times throughout the morning we encourage our members to "have a go" at either or both of these activities, which are extremely fun and rewarding for both dog and handler. We will also be conducting our normal obedience classes with our instructors for those that want such and no usual class fee will apply (though you will need to sign the check in book as normal).

We hope to see you all there to train and have fun, and help raise money for a very worthy cause!



DOG BEHAVIOUR COURSE



Do you want to.....

Build a better relationship with your dog?

Have a better understanding why your dog does the things he does?

Become a better handler / trainer?

Then you are invited to attend the Hastings & District Obedience Dog Club *Dog Behaviour Course*. (For those of you wishing to become an Instructor, this is a mandatory part of your training.)

The course will be conducted by Julie (Up the Big Dogs) Morrison and Deb (Up the Little Dogs) Hoffrichter.

Date: Saturday 7th May 2011

Time: 10.00am – 3.30pm

Location: Multi Purpose Room, Westernport Secondary College

Lunch will be provided.

The course is THEORY only, so no dogs are required.

This day is open to all members (and family members) regardless of the class you are in or how long you have been at club. New members are particularly encouraged to attend.

If you wish to attend this course and you have not already registered, please send an email to Catherine at info@hastingsdogclub.org.au

PRECIOUS PET TIME

I am your dog, and I have a little something I'd like to whisper in your ear. I know that you humans lead busy lives. Some have to work, some have children to raise. It always seems like you are running here and there, often much too fast, often never noticing the truly grand things in life.

Look down at me now. See the way my eyes look at yours? They are slightly cloudy now. That comes with age. The grey hairs are beginning to ring my soft muzzle.

You smile at me; I see love in your eyes. What do you see in mine? Do you see a spirit? A soul inside, who loves you as no other could in the world? A spirit that would forgive all trespasses of prior wrong doing for just a simple moment of your time? That is all I ask.

To slow down, if even for a few minutes to be with me. So many times you have been saddened by the words you read or hear, of others of my kind, passing.

Sometimes we die young and oh so quickly, sometimes so suddenly it wrenches your heart out of your throat. Sometimes, we age so slowly before your eyes that you may not even seem to know until the very end, when we look at you with grizzled muzzles and cataract clouded eyes. Still the love is always there, even when we must take that long sleep, to run free in a distant land.

I may not be here tomorrow, I may not be here next week. Someday you will shed the water from your eyes that humans have when deep grief fills their souls, and you will be angry at yourself that you did not have just "One more day" with me. Because I love you so, your sorrow touches my spirit and grieves me. We have NOW together.

So come, sit down here next to me on the floor, and look deep into my eyes. What do you see? If you look hard and deep enough we will talk, you and I, heart to heart.

Come to me not as "alpha" or as "trainer" or even "mum or dad," come to me as a living soul and stroke my fur and let us look deep into one another's eyes, and talk.

I may tell you something about the fun of chasing a tennis ball, or I may tell you something profound about myself, or even life in general.

You decided to have me in your life because you wanted a soul to share such things with. Someone very different from you, and here I am.

I am a dog, but I am alive. I feel emotion, I feel physical senses, and I can revel in the differences of our spirits and souls.

I do not think of you as a "Dog on two feet" – I know what you are. You are human, in all your quirkiness, and I love you still.

Now, come sit with me, on the floor. Enter my world, and let time slow down if only for 15 minutes. Look deep into my eyes, and whisper in my ears, speak with your heart, with your joy and I will know your true self. We may not have tomorrow, and life is oh so very short.

On behalf of canines everywhere.

New Members!

From 6th February 2011

From 27th February 2011

David Kane	Guinness & Ellie	Katherine Woff	Sakari
Rebecca Burge	Cinder & Holly	Liz White	Zuri
Beth Orchard	Phoenix	Stephanie Howard	Yellow
Kim Sleat	Buddy	Ian Waller	Stevie & Lucky
Calvin & Mary Twigger	Becky	Susan Burhop	Max
Scott Dobson	Buddy	Noel McLaughlin	Howard & Frank
Ash Shepherd	Charlie	Lauren Roberts	Archie
Donna Hearne	Charlie	Samantha Thomas	Ice
Alison Nesfield	Pip & Jack	Catherine Erbs-Mahoney	Jake
Andrew Wilson	Cooper	Kathleen Quealy	Pundi
Adam Wilson	Spencer		



Remember Koby from page 2..... Did you guess what he was doing???

Bet you didn't think he was doing Flyball !!!

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**If you want the best
seat in the house
move the dog. -
Anonymous**