



The Tararua Tailwagger

July 2023

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or letting us know if you aren't able to get to class**

Term 3 has begun. It is exciting to see all the new faces as well as the old ones returning. It is a thrilling time as you all embark on building a relationship with your dog. We are excited to see how much everyone will improve over the coming weeks.

For those who are training at the moment, remember that it is best to keep training session short and sweet (10-15 minutes) over multiple days rather than one big long session. Remember to reward whenever they are doing something you like. If they choose to look at you instead of a distraction, praise and feed.

With term three comes our annual Tararua Allbreeds Dog Training Club Obedience Championship Show on the 26th and 27th of August at our Ashurst grounds. This shows is a great opportunity to come and see some amazing trainers in action. Our club is working hard behind the scenes to make sure we are able to put on a great show for everyone.

In this issue, we have a few results but not may due to the break in shows which occurs over the worst of winter.

The topic for this issue is *Canine Good Citizen*. We want to talk about CGC and give as much information on it as possible so that you can start to think if this is a journey that you and your dog would like to go on together. We encourage you (no matter which class you are taking) to have a read and see if its something that you would be interested in working towards.

As always, we have included a recipe that you can try (a particular favourite of some of the instructor's dogs) and a game you can play with your dog.

Term dates for 2023

Term 1 (at Ashhurst)
7.02.23 – 4.04.23

Term 2 (at Longburn)
2.05.23 – 27.06.23

**Term 3 (at Longburn)
18.07.23 – 12.09.23**

Term 4 (at Ashhurst)
3.10.23 – 28.11.23

Location of training

In Ashhurst we train
at the Manawatu
Canine Centre
grounds, accessed
through the carpark
on Cambridge Avenue

Our Longburn facility
is in Ngaire Street
(first turn on the right
after the railway
overbridge)

Class times

Classes times will be
given out on the first
night of term.

Classes last for 30-45
minutes.

Your committee

President: Anthea F.

Vice President: Meredith P.

Secretary: Sue C.

Treasurer: Nerolie M.

Senior Instructor: Cushla F.

Publicity Officer: Elizaveta T.

Club Captain: Monique C.

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Members

Jess L., Dorothy C., Owen M., Tanya E.

Non Committee

Trophy Steward: Uvana C.



CLUB MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

SCENTWORK:

Elizaveta & Vega

08.07.23 A.C.E. Scentwork Trial, Novice qualifier, Buried hides (water and sand) qualifications, Judge's choice awards for Buried hide (sand) and Runner-Up Highest Qualifier (2nd fastest time)



OBEDIENCE:

Renee & Beau

29.07.23 Hibiscus Coast DTC, Novice, 3rd place

30.07.23 Hibiscus Coast, Novice, 3rd place



Game to try: Which Hand?

If you've been thinking about teaching your dog some scent work games this is a great game to get you started. The only thing you'll need is some dog treats, and if don't any on hand you can use some chopped up fruits & veggies or make your own homemade dog treats

How to Play the Which Hand Game:

1. Sit in front of your dog.
2. Put a treat in one hand and show it to your dog. Then enclose it in your fist.
3. Keeping your hand about 12 inches apart, show both closed hands to your dog.
4. Give your dog the search command.
5. If he sniffs the correct hand, open your hand and give the treat and lots of praise.
6. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand, but DO NOT give him the treat. Just try again.
7. Repeat the game, but switch hands.
8. Remember: always give the treat and LOTS of praise when your dog is correct!



Canine Good Citizen

Is CGC for you? Are you prepared for a life-long commitment?

The Canine Good Citizen (CGC) program is a certification curriculum that assesses dogs in simulated everyday situations in a relaxed atmosphere. It identifies and rewards dogs that have received training and developed a demeanour to become reliable family members and establish good standing within the community.



The purpose of the CGC assessments is to ensure that your dog is able to become a respected member of your community because of its training and conditioning to act with good manners in the home, public, and in presence of other dogs.

Training and assessments of your dog is not a competition and does NOT require precision performance. Participants are very much encouraged to develop and proceed at a pace that suits both the dog and themselves.



Your dog behaving well in a car is part of CGC

The exercises have been carefully selected to represent everyday situations. Outside of the qualification it is expected that your dog shows consistent behaviour throughout its life. What is presented at an assessment should be what you and your dog would be doing every day. Remember, a CGC qualification means good behaviour for life, not just on assessment day. Unlike all other Dogs New Zealand (DNZ) qualifications, a CGC qualification can be taken away if there is a substantiated complaint. As you are representing TADTC, we take pride in your dog's achievements.

CGC training is practical and great fun. Through this program, you will establish a closer bond between you and your dog, learning more about dog behaviours and skills you can use long term when introducing other dogs into your family. Each class will give you the skills you will need to use every day of at home and in public. We suggest taking your dog to a variety of public spaces (supermarket car parks, weekend markets and the Square are possible venues) at least three times each week. Consistency with training at home is of course an everyday event if you want a well-behaved dog.

There are four levels of the scheme – Foundation, Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level must be passed before the next one is attempted, although it is not necessary to complete all four. Assessments are offered from time to time by CGC-registered dog clubs (of which TADTC is one) and are carried out by trained DNZ-certified assessors.

The mission statement of CGC is “creating well-mannered dogs and encouraging responsible owners”, and that is what TADTC aims to do. During CGC classes, our experienced instructors will demonstrate how to train unfamiliar exercises; and assist with any problems you may be having with an exercise. These classes will also provide a safe yet busy environment for you to practice in.



Dogs will be able meet a friendly stranger

Of course, not all dogs are suitable candidates – “be realistic and, if you are uncertain, consult your instructor.” Some have “quirks” where they won't cope in some situations. We still encourage you to continue participating and learning, and helping to mitigate these situations that they may find as challenging. You don't need a certificate to prove you are a good dog owner.



Recipe to try: Sardine & Cheese treats

(selected, tried and tested by Anthea; tasted and approved by the furry critics)

Ingredients:

- 1 can of sardines in water
- 2 eggs
- 100gm grated parmesan cheese
- A handful of roast veges (no onions!)
- 1/3 cup flour (I quite like tapioca, coconut or hemp seed flours)
- If using mats, add approximately 1/3 cup of water



Process:

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Celsius.
2. Blend all ingredients together to make thin smooth batter (for mats, you need it be more watery, or it doesn't spread easily).
3. If using a tray, cover an oven tray with baking paper, spread the mix until about 4 - 5mm thick.
4. If using a fat reducing mat, put the mat on an oven tray then spread the mix over mat.
5. Bake on a tray for 15 minutes to start with, then from there, see how crispy it looks around the edges. If it doesn't look like it's going to be crunchy, keep cooking it in 5 minute blocks (or you could try cooking for 15 minutes then turning the oven off and leaving it in there to cool). Once cold, cut into strips like a smacko (so you can break up for training).
6. If using mats, bake for 15 minutes.
7. Store in a sealed container in the fridge.

Note from the chef: I have pyramid fat reducing mats that I bake my treats in (see the picture). I bought them off Trade Me, but you could try spreading out on baking paper instead.

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