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***"To live long, eat like a cat, drink like a dog." -
German Proverb***





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Editorial

Hi Everyone

Having not long come back from the Association of Pet Dog Trainers (Australia) annual conference, my mind is still buzzing with all the information I had to take in – along with socialising, buying dog toys and books and learning about what was new in the dog training world. You don't have to be a professional dog trainer to join – you can be an associate member for \$35 a year – for that you get access to great resources on line -

www.apdt.com.au a chat list to exchange ideas on, an excellent quarterly magazine full of the latest training ideas, a library of over 3000 books, videos and DVDs to rent, plus merchandise. Their motto is “Better trainers through education” and they promote positive reinforcement methods. I can strongly recommend membership.

There were world class speakers including Ken Ramirez – see some of his work at

www.kenramireztraining.com and also Steve White www.i2ik9.com. It was an excellent blend of the science and the practical behind animal training and of course all using Positive Reinforcement training methods.

Watch this space for more information on upcoming Steve White tracking training seminars coming to a town near you! An opportunity not to be missed.

This unfortunately will be my last edition of Companion Dog Magazine, as I will be moving to Darwin with my husband and dogs so goodbye to everyone at the COCT. If I hoped to have achieved one thing it would be to motivate members to keep learning – there is lots of great information out there –go and find new and better ways to train your dogs – the best most current methods are backed by scientific research, are proven to be effective and positively promote a better relationship with your dog.

For this edition we have the trial results as always and congratulations to some new faces on the obedience scene. There is our President, Judy Forbes Faulkner's report and a wrap up of the tracking year by our Tracking Officer, Mal Holland. There is a bit of an insight into why dogs roll in stinky stuff – one after my own heart for those of you who know my smelly Blue dog! There is also an article on children and dogs – while we all like to think that kids and dogs are a great combination, the facts are that more children are bitten by dogs than adults and because of their height are more likely to be bitten on the face leading to scarring. Young children and dogs should **never** be left unsupervised – no one can guarantee that their dog will never bite. Some common sense and education for your child can go a long way to preventing a nasty incident. Having said that – despite all the headlines (2 recently in the Townsville Bulletin) statistically a child is more likely to be killed by its parents than by a dog. Another very good website is www.doggonesafe.com – a must read for anyone whose dog comes into contact with children.

Greyhounds are account for one of the largest numbers of pedigree registrations in Australia, so why don't we see more of them around? Well the answer is that most of them are euthanized around 2 years old if they are failed racers. There are Greyhound Adoption Programs running around the country to re-home some of these wonderful dogs including one in Townsville. Contrary to popular belief they do not wear muzzles because they are vicious but because of a law created in 1901 and never updated. Greyhounds are amongst the most placid of breeds but are sight hounds and as such are triggered by movement and are trained to chase, so some sensible

precautions need to be taken. Having said that they make wonderful pets and are very affectionate. See more about Lassie on Page 16. I am currently fostering her and have been for the last 3 months – she is the 5th greyhound I have fostered since living in Townsville and probably about the 15th over all, so I speak from experience. If you know of anyone who might be interested please contact myself or Dr Janice Lloyd.



Happy Training

Presidents Report October 2010.

Well once again we are coming to the end of another year of training and trialling and what a year it has been. Our final trial for the year was a great success and introduced several members to the new sport of Rally O (Rally Obedience). A mock trial was held on the Friday night after the normal obedience and attracted a field of 17 dogs ranging from UD qualified competitors to handlers from the current class 3. I believe all had a fun time with this new form of obedience.

In the coming year the club will be running further Rally O trials in the form of ribbon trials where competitors will compete for prizes. These trials will be the for runners to sanctioned titled events once this new form of obedience is ratified by the ANKC so keep the practice up and be ready for our first event in April 2011.

The October trial also attracted a large entry of agility dogs for the Saturday double trial. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members who helped out on both days of the trial and all those who assisted with the excellent meals provided for all on both days. My special thanks go to Louise and Renate who spent long hours on both days ensuring all the events ran smoothly.

I would also like to thank Eileen for the great job she has done throughout the year producing this magazine for all our members. Unfortunately Eileen will be leaving us at the end of November to head North to Darwin with her husband Ian. So if anyone is interested the club will be looking for a new magazine editor in 2011.

With the year coming to an end formal Tuesday night training will finish on the last Tuesday of November with a night of fun and games for all after the 7 – 8 obedience classes. Prizes will be given for winners of the various games and a special prize for the best dressed dog and owner so put your thinking caps on and come down with some festive outfits for the fun night.

The club also puts on a presentation night at which members receive engraved glasses etc: for the titles earned by their dogs over the year. Perpetual trophies are also awarded at this function to handlers and dogs that have performed exceptionally over the year so see Louise or Renate at the desk and book a seat to this function on December 3rd at the Motor Boat Club function room.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe festive season, remember to let your dogs have a break as well they have all worked hard during the year, so have fun and come back refreshed in February 2011.

Judy Forbes-Faulkner



RESULTS - GERMAN SHEPHERD TRIAL 28/8/10 JUDGE SUE ELLER

AGILITY

MASTERS

1st Luack Indis Image Lucy Joynson

OPEN

1st Sasndash Sammydavis Katrina Stonestreet Q

2nd Luack Indis Image Lucy Joynson

EXCELLENT Nil placings

NOVICE Nil placings

SNOOKER

MASTERS

1st Torlene Jarra Katrina Stonestreet

EXCELLENT

1st Gypsy Paul O'Keefe Q

2nd Sasndash Sammydavis Katrina Stonestreet

3rd Amberidge Miss Margarita Louise Ashworth

NOVICE

1st Borderriver Triple Zoom Tracy Harrison-Hill Q

2nd Leteemo Champas Charlie Jimmy O'Keefe

3rd Demonique OShea Renate Linder

JUMPERS

OPEN

1st Sasndash Sammydavis Katrina Stonestreet Q

2nd Demonique O'Shea Renate Linder Q

3rd Luack Indis Image Lucy Joynson

MASTERS

1st Sasndash Sammydavis Katrina Stonestreet Q

2nd Gypsy Paul O'Keefe Q

3rd Torlene Vashtie Allison Annesley

RESULTS (contd) - GERMAN SHEPHERD TRIAL 28/8/10 JUDGE SUE ELLER

EXCELLENT

1 st	Borderriver Triple Zoom	Tracey Harrison-Hill	Q
2 nd	Leteemo Champas Charlie	Jimmy O'Keefe	Q
3 rd	Luack Carbon Copy	Lucy Joynson	

<u>NOVICE</u> 1 st	Brutus	Linda King	Q
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OBEDIENCE JUDGE CHERYL WILLIAMS

UTILITY

1 st	Delkahna a Tad Tuff	Tad Jaworski
2 nd	Demoniaque O'Shea	Renate Linder

OPEN

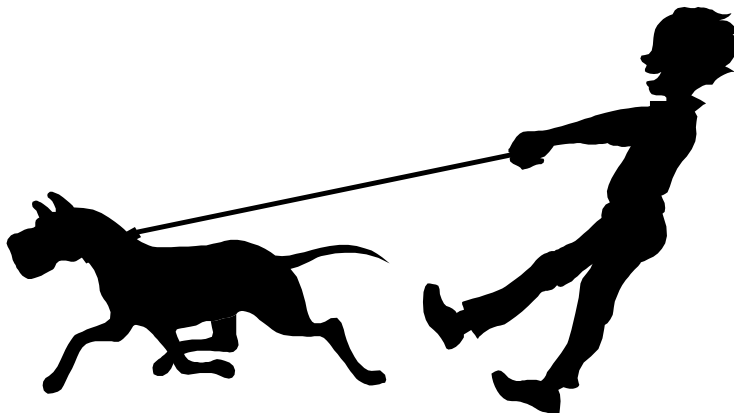
1 st	Delkahna a Tad Tuff	Tad Jaworski	Q	191
2 nd	Delkahna Dragon Fly	Rita Jaworski		
3 rd	Wyglo Might and Power	Mandy Jones		

NOVICE

1 st	Sheba	Marie Gibson
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COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG

1 st	Yurei Elmo	Mary O'Neill
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RESULTS OCTOBER 8/9 TRIALS

OBEDIENCE FRIDAY 8/10

UTILITY

JUDGE REG DWYER

Nil result

OPEN

JUDGE SUE DWYER

1 st	Wyglo Might and Power	Mandy Jones
2 nd	Amberidge Miss Margarita	Louise Ashworth

NOVICE

JUDGE REG DWYER

1 st	Blackcombe Czarina	Louise Ashworth
2 nd	Sheba	Marie Gibson
3 rd	Sandygate IMA Star	Judy Forbes-Faulkner

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG JUDGE RITA JAWORSKI

1 st	Cooper	Karen Barry	Q 88
2 nd	Yurei Elmo	Mary O'Neill	

STRATEGIC PAIRS JUDGE REG DWYER SATURDAY 9/10

MASTERS

1 st	Holly	Wendy Craven	Q
1 st	Kirra	Keith Thomas	Q
2 nd	Kanecutter Tasmin	Michelle Varcoe	Q
2 nd	Sasndash Sammydavis	Katrina Stonestreet	Q
3 rd	Geraldmine Totalli Turbo	Michelle Varcoe	Q
3 rd	Torlene Jarra	Katrina Stonestreet	Q

EXCELLENT

1 st	Meson Lorna	Wendy Craven	Q
1 st	Pintupi Boss	Keith Thomas	Q
2 nd	Luack Carbon Copy	Lucy Joynson	Q
2 nd	Borderriver Triple Zoom	Tracy Harrison-Hill	Q
3 rd	Sandygate IMA Star	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	
3 rd	Bulngari Kanga	Rick Slack-Smith	

NOVICE Nil entries

AGILITY 1 JUDGE REG DWYER

MASTERS

1 st	Holly	Wendy Craven	Q
2 nd	Torlene Vashtie	Allison Annesley	Q
3 rd	Sasndash Sammydavis	Katrina Stonestreet	

SATURDAY 9/10 RESULTS (cont'd)

EXCELLENT

1 st	Demoniaque O'Shea	Renate Linder	Q
2 nd	Borderriver Triple Zoom	Tracy Harrison-Hill	

NOVICE

1 st	Atchafalaya Honey	Donna O'Keefe	Q
2 nd	Giday Bush Dancer	Sandi Patterson	Q
3 rd	Sirram Black Betty	Andrea Wohlhuter	

JUMPERS 1 JUDGE SUE DWYER

MASTERS

1 st	Sasndash Sammydavis	Katrina Stonestreet	Q
2 nd	Moorestamper Dallas	Lauren Moore	Q
3 rd	Gypsy	Paul O'Keefe	Q
4 th	Luack Indis Image	Lucy Joynson	Q

EXCELLENT

1 st	Leteemo Champas Charlie	Jimmy O'Keefe	Q
2 nd	Sirram Black Betty	Andrea Wohlhuter	
3 rd	Pintupi Boss	Keith Thomas	

NOVICE Nil finished

AGILITY 2 JUDGE SUE DWYER

MASTER

1 st	Spinifex Sailor	Wendy Craven	Q
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OPEN

1 st	Borderriver Triple Zoom	Tracy Harrison-Hill	
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EXCELLENT

1 st	Demoniaque O'Shea	Renate Linder	
2 nd	Amberidge Miss Margarita	Louise Ashworth	

NOVICE

1 st	Giday Bush Dancer	Sandi Patterson	
2 nd	Sirram Black Betty	Andrea Wohlhuter	
3 rd	Atchafalaya Honey	Donna O'Keefe	

SATURDAY 9/10 RESULTS (cont'd)

JUMPERS 2 JUDGE REG DWYER

OPEN

1 st	Moorestamper Dallas	Lauren Moore	Q
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MASTERS

1 st	Gypsy	Paul O'Keefe	Q
2 nd	Kanecutter Tasmin	Michelle Varcoe	
3 rd	Moorestamper Dallas	Lauren Moore	

EXCELLENT

1 st	Giday Bush Dancer	Sandi Patterson	Q
2 nd	Borderriver Triple Zoom	Tracy Harrison-Hill	
3 rd	Sandygate IMA Star	Judy Forbes-Faulkner	

NOVICE

1 st	Brutus	Linda King	Q
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OBEDIENCE 2

OPEN

Nil finishers

JUDGE

SUE DWYER

NOVICE

1 st	Sheba	RITA JAWORSKI	Marie Gibson
2 nd	Sirram Black Betty		Andrea Wohlhuter
3 rd	Sandygate IMA Star		Judy Forbes-Faulkner

JUDGE

RITA JAWORSKI

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG JUDGE

REG DWYER

1 st	Yurei Elmo	Mary O'Neill
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TRACKING 2010

A very interesting year for competitor and the Canine Obedience Club members involved with tracking. Eight tracking trials conducted including the Crystal Creek Trial plus three Track & Search Trials for the year 2010.

Track & Search was a bit of a disappointment, however on the normal tracking scene we had a host of qualifiers going right back to the April double trial when Debby Lemprecht judged Allambie Fergus (Koolie) in a Tracking Champion test in which he qualified with a very good reaching the pinnacle of the tracking world. Our most successful trial was our last trial for the year held in July when we had 12 qualifiers from 24 starters, that's 50% of the field and it is very rare in tracking to get so many qualifiers in one weekend. Some real achievements this year with Shelia Fielder 80 years young and her trusty GSD Erin gained their Tracking dog Title, it was not without drama though with horses, rough ground and a tumble in the paddock for Shelia before she was able to gain their title, it gives one great pleasure to see Shelia a work horse for the COCT gain a title. Marylyn from Cairns finally managed to gain her Tracking Dog Title also after many unsuccessful tries. But it's really all about competing and that's what Marylyn has been doing supported COCT for many years with her two Visuals, Janet Richmond from Cairns also gained a tracking Title with her Brittany Spaniel. In the most recent dog stakes we have Louise Ashworth & Meg gaining two legs as well as Carolyn Lynn and her young GSD gaining two legs in two days towards their tracking titles. Eileen Fletchers dog Blue cracked a leg in a T1 to see him up and running towards a title, unfortunately Eileen and her husband Ian are heading off to Darwin in the New Year where they only have one tracking trial a year. We wish Eileen & Ian all the best on their posting to Darwin; hopefully it may be a promotion for Ian. And while we are talking about Eileen I wish to thank her and Shelia for hosting all the breakfast for the tracking crowd during 2010, the final two breakfasts amounted to around 20 people per sitting. Another very successful competitor was Katrina Shoobridge from Cairns with her standard Poodle gaining their Tracking Championship on the very last tracking weekend of this year. Not to be forgotten Ingrid Groeger-Stoner gained two legs toward their Tracking Dog Excellent title and Rita & Tad Jaworski also gained a tracking Title.

I wish to personally thank Geoff & Vicky Toomby for the continued use of their property at Alice River where the club has been tracking for the last few years. Thanking everyone involved is a big chore with track layers (baits), stewards of which we had very few, our Judges of which two were superb spending untold hours in the field setting track, Heidi Christoffel and David Horsley being the work horses for the COCT, both are member but live in Mackay and Allingham (Ingham area) respectfully.

The year 2011 is going to see a few changes to the tracking world in Townsville firstly with the dropping of breakfasts at each trial as it will be too difficult to cater for without Shelia (retired) and Eileen (posted Darwin) plus the older style of breakfast in the bush cooked by your truly is too big a ask when catering for 20 plus people, a second change has been needed for the club caused by the ever increasing cost of running trial i.e., judges expenses (three judges required for some trials) and with cost around \$500, (July Trial) COCT has had to increase the nomination fee from \$5 per dog to \$15 per dog, its big jump but in line with Brisbane, Rocky and Tansey, but nowhere near Victoria's \$45 nomination per dog per trial. The final change to the new year's scene will be the proviso written into all tracking judges contracts that they be available to set or help set all track that they are judging at a COCT Trial, it simply means they will need to be here a clear 24 hours before the trial to set tracks or not be given a contract to judge.

There is a slim possibility that there may be another training seminar commencing in February 2011 for new members who have not attended a previous course, the workshops will be limited to four starters. The course is to consist of one night at the club grounds and five early mornings in the bush at Alice River on a Saturday or a Sundays. To any one I have failed to mention that has acquired titles or helped the club at tracking trials during 2010 my sincere apologies,

Mal Holland Tracking Coordinator 2010

Why do dogs roll in yucky stuff?

You may work like a dog to get your dog clean and smelling pretty, and how does he repay you? By running to the first pile of poop he can find and rolling in it! "

Or, you're both walking along a relaxing nature trail, enjoying the sweet breeze, when your dog spots a dead animal. And what does he do? He immediately dives head first into the unpleasant mass of decaying odours."

Why on earth do dogs enjoy doing this?

The answer is simple: it's an instinct.

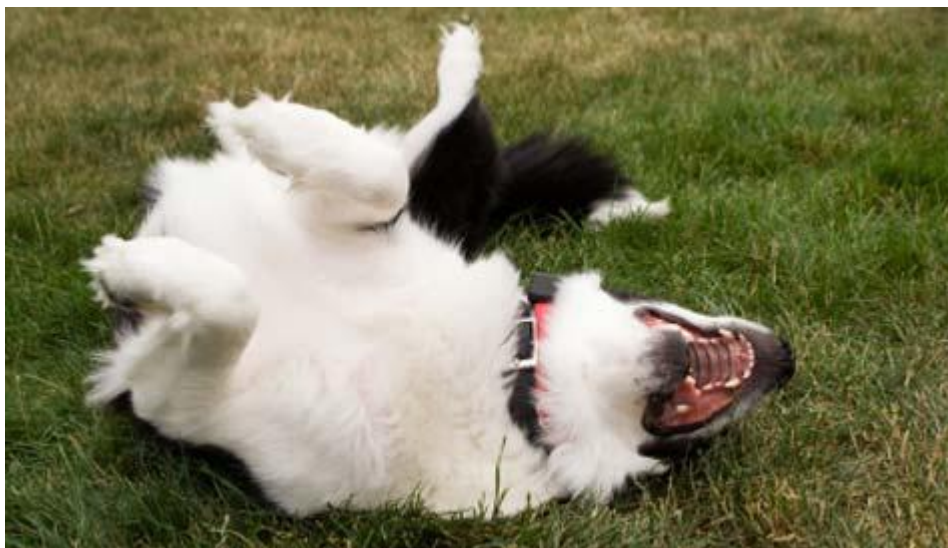
If your dog could talk, he probably wouldn't be able to tell you exactly why he does it, either. No one is sure what the attraction is, but there are three working hypotheses.

One is that dogs are attempting to mask their own scent. This would be a holdover from their origins as wolves. Masking their scent may help wolves sneak up on prey without alerting them by way of smell.

A second theory is that rolling in faeces or a dead animal's remains is a way for a dog to communicate that he's found something interesting. The dog (or wolf) then transports that smell back to his family (his pack) to advertise his discovery.

A third theory comes from the book, *The Truth About Dogs*, by Stephen Budiansky. It is possible, Budiansky writes, that we've gotten it backwards. The dog may not be trying to absorb the scent; instead he may be trying to impart his own scent onto the object of his interest, for the same reason that a dog may urinate on a tree. The purpose may be no more than to leave a calling card - to overmark another scent.

So take your pick and happy shampooing



Keeping Children safe around Dogs

Dogs can be great family pets. But there are also risks associated with having children and dogs together.

Closely supervise your children when they're around your dog – or keep children and dogs separate altogether. It's also a good idea to keep your children away from other people's dogs.

The dog most likely to bite a child is not a strange dog. It is the family dog, or one the child already knows well. Ear-pulling, tail-tugging and investigative habits of children can cause even placid, friendly dogs to react. You should note that:

- 40% of attacks take place in the house or backyard.
- 30% of attacks happen at the homes of friends and neighbours.

Dog bites can be serious. One and a half thousand people a year are so badly bitten they need surgery. Three out of five of these patients are children under 10. Some children are scarred for life, especially if they are bitten on the face. Children can also suffer serious cuts and heavy bruising.

When dogs bite children

Dogs are likely to bite if:

- approached when eating
- startled by sudden movements
- woken suddenly
- cornered
- jumped on
- climbed on
- they are looking after puppies.

Preventing dog bites

Keep children and dogs separated

- Keep dogs away from babies and young children.
- If dogs and children must be in the same place, **always supervise** them.
- Keep a close watch on dogs when a new baby joins the family. It's safest not to leave your child alone with a dog.
- Ask friends and relatives to keep their dogs away from your child. Make sure you and the dog's owner are both present if you want to introduce your child to a dog.

Things to teach your child

Children learn best by copying what adults do. If you treat dogs respectfully and cautiously, it will help them learn to do the same. Young children need constant supervision when in contact with dogs.

Keeping Children safe around Dogs (cont'd)

Tell your child:

- Never approach an unfamiliar dog, even if it looks friendly.
- Never run screaming from a dog – it might encourage the dog to give chase.
- Never yell at or surprise a dog, not even the family pet.
- Dogs don't like it if you pull their tail, grab their fur or try to sit on them.
- Leave dogs alone when they are sleeping, eating or looking after puppies.
- Let a dog see you and sniff you before you pat it.
- Pat a dog gently on the back, not on the head or the nose.
- **Be still like a tree and look at the ground when a strange dog comes up to you.**
- Roll into a ball and lie still if a dog knocks you over.

Things to teach your dog

- Obedience training is essential for all dogs, regardless of breed, size or age. A few weeks of dedication and patience will make your dog well behaved and easier to control.
- Teach your dog to obey commands from all the family and to respond to 'sit', 'stay' and 'come'.
- **If your dog is taught, encouraged or bred to be a guard dog, keep it away from children.**
- If you're bringing home a new baby, give the dog something of the baby's to sniff first. Try a baby blanket or a piece of clothing the child has worn.

Try giving the dog a treat while you're breastfeeding or changing the baby, so the dog comes to see these as good times and doesn't resent the attention your baby is getting.



Meet Lassie



Lassie is a 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ year old female ex racing greyhound who is looking for a permanent home. Lassie is extremely affectionate and gets on well with other dogs. Although she has previously lived as a kenneled dog, Lassie has settled in exceptionally well to home life.

Lassie is currently being fostered and living in a home with 2 other dogs. She is clean in the house, and has been sleeping inside with no problems. She walks nicely on the lead, enjoys going out and travels very well in the car. Lassie is desexed, microchipped and up to date on her vaccinations, heart worm, flea and tick treatment.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in giving Lassie a loving permanent home - please contact Dr Janice Lloyd on 4781 6054 or at janice.lloyd@jcu.edu.au.

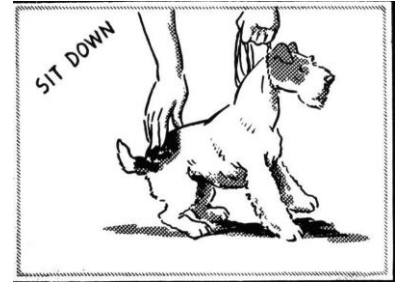


Greyhounds make great pets!

Food Motivated?

By Lisa Mullinax

A crucial part of positive dog training is finding something that the dog is motivated to work for. In traditional obedience, the dog was forced into position (see illustration) and would learn to work to avoid discomfort or "corrections".



Today, modern training methods are built on the premise that food is naturally motivating and most dogs will happily work in exchange for a tasty treat. Food is easy, portable and convenient. When I was training my dog, Parker, I took him into a variety of businesses. While I incorporated many types of rewards into his training, I couldn't throw a tennis ball inside the bank. Food treats fit easily in my pocket and were rewarding enough to encourage him to repeat his good behavior next time.

A common myth is that once you train a dog with treats, you must always have them to get your dog to obey. The same could be said of choke chains, prong collars and electronic (shock) collars. If the training isn't done correctly from the beginning, the dog's obedience can become dependent on whatever tool is used. Since a reward follows the dog performing the desired command, the dog doesn't have to see the reward before complying. A good trainer knows the difference and teaches dog owners how to gain independence from training tools.

MY DOG ISN'T FOOD MOTIVATED

Any dog that is truly not food-motivated is, frankly, not breathing. Your dog must eat to survive and is, therefore, naturally motivated by food. Your dog may, however, have a very low-level of motivation. When trainers are presented with such a dog, it is usually caused by several factors, either alone or combined.

Free Feeding

The most common cause is that the dog is given free access to food throughout the day. Even if their owner fills the bowl two times a day, the dog takes hours to clean the bowl. The food is always available and so the dog decides when they want to eat. For these dogs, limiting each feeding session to no more than 20 minutes not only encourages your dog to clean their bowl (which will help you spot health problems later on), but also puts you in ultimate charge of that resource.

Some dogs receive a steady stream of treats throughout the day for simple behaviors that they have been performing for years or simply for following the owner into the kitchen. With many of these dogs, the owner is forced to find new and unique treats because the previous treats were overused and have become as commonplace as dry kibble to the dog. While it's nice to give the dog a snack now and then, there's no reason to give it away for free!

Stress

The third reason a dog might not be food-motivated is stress. When a dog reaches a certain level of stress, fear or anxiety, they stop accepting food. If a dog is normally motivated by treats at home but refuses them outside of the house, then he is probably too anxious and is in the wrong working environment. If this is the case, you should consult with a qualified trainer or behavior consultant to determine the cause, so that you can learn how to decrease your dog's stress and safely work him towards more challenging situations. Stress is the primary cause of aggression in dogs and can lead to compromised immune systems and illness.



Note: A sudden change in appetite in a familiar environment could be an early sign of illness. Consult with your veterinarian to rule out illness if your dog suddenly refuses meals at home.

FINDING OTHER MOTIVATORS: Life Rewards

Treats are an easy, fun and convenient way to teach your dog a new behavior. But finding alternate motivators for your dog is one of the keys to getting your dog to work for rewards other than treats. Start a list of non-food items your dog likes. Your list might look like this:

1. Tennis Ball
2. Frisbee
3. Walks
4. Ear Rubs
5. Car Rides

As you think of other things your dog really likes, add them to the list. You might be surprised how quickly you can come up with 10-15 items that your dog finds rewarding. Now you have a list of other rewards you would otherwise give away for free, but for which your dog can offer good behavior in exchange. These are called "Life Rewards." The more of these rewards you give away for free, the more limited you are in your options to treats.

Most dogs learn "Sit" very quickly. Your dog can sit before each of the above rewards. Sit before the tennis ball is thrown, sit before you attach a leash or open the door for a walk, sit before you open the car door. As your dog's training vocabulary increases, you can ask her to perform different commands before releasing any of these rewards.

If your dog has a favorite toy or game, save it only for training sessions, making it more rewarding to your dog. If your dog basks in your praise and attention, don't give it away for free and certainly never on demand. Whatever motivates your dog, maintaining control of those resources is going to keep him focused on you with or without treats.

Taken from the excellent website www.4pawssu.com





CANINE OBEDIENCE CLUB OF TOWNSVILLE INC

**LAST TRAINING NIGHT FOR 2010
IS A FUN NIGHT !!**

**TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2010
8.00 – 9.00pm**

Come and join us for an hour of fun and games to celebrate the end of another year of training.

Dress yourself and your pooch up in your finest Christmas-y gear to set the theme for the night.



Prizes for :-

Dog and Owner Look Alike
Christmas Dress Up Theme
Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Join us for some fun with :-

Potato and Spoon Race
Obstacle Course
11 Legged Race
Fly ball demonstration

Free nibbles available and drinks on sale



COCT Committee Members and Instructors would like to wish everyone a Happy and Safe Festive Season.

Remember to give your dog a rest over the break too – he will appreciate it just as much as you!

Classes resume Tuesday 1st February 2011 and we look forward to seeing you and new handlers in the New Year.

For those who would like to continue with some practice there will be an Instructor or two available on most Thursday nights between 6.30– .30pm, weather permitting, at no charge.





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2010 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BREAKUP

FRIDAY DECEMBER 3rd 2010
From 6.30pm – Dinner 7.00pm

TOWNSVILLE MOTOR BOAT & YACHT CLUB
Plume Street, South Townsville



Come along to our end of year presentation night
Guest Speakers, Trivia Questions
Trophy and Title presentations
Great Food and Company!



Cost
Adults \$30.00. Kids 4-12 \$15.00, below 4 - free
Life Members, Committee Members & Instructors – Free
See Renate or Louise at the canteen for bookings & payment
***RSVP* Tuesday 23 November 2010**



CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Our popular Christmas Hampers will again be raffled this year,
and we need you to help fill them up!

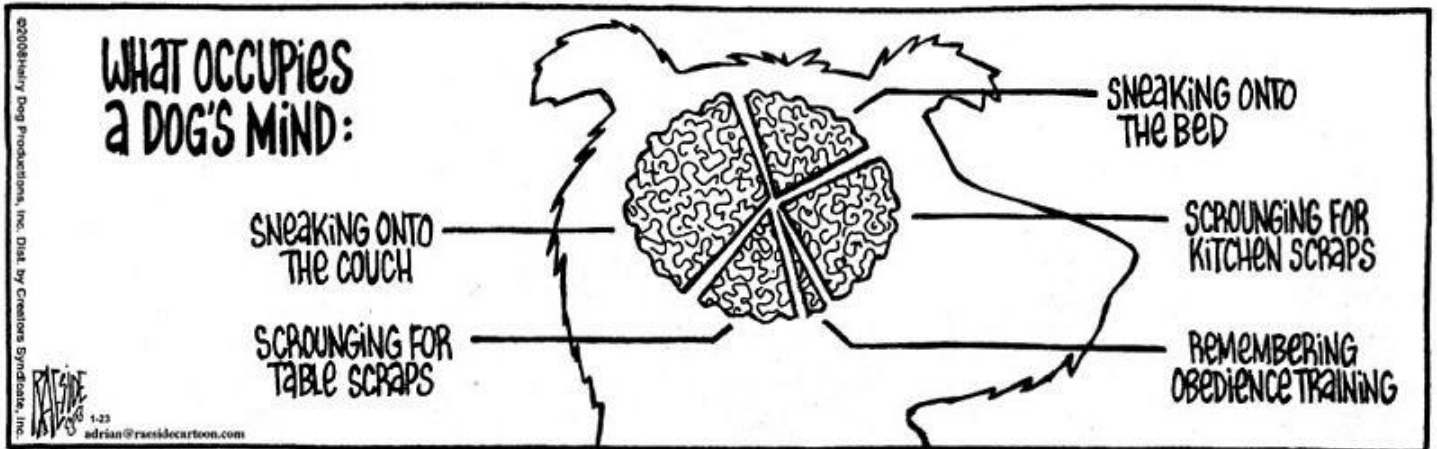


Donations gratefully received of quality homemade
or purchased human or dog items.

Please leave in laundry basket in clubhouse or with ladies at canteen.

Tickets on sale now until drawn at Christmas Party Break Up
Friday 3rd December 2010
Winners will be notified if not present

Tickets : \$1.00 each
Available from Clubhouse on training nights
or at Christmas Party



Merry Christmas Everyone

