

HORNSBY DOG TRAINING CLUB INC

(Affiliated with Dogs NSW)



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TRAINING INFORMATION

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WHERE: Rofe Park, Galston Rd, Hornsby Heights

WHEN: Sundays (rain, hail or shine except long weekends)

CHECK-IN: All dogs must be checked-in prior to training. Please do not allow your dog to approach others until check-in is complete.

COST—A **\$2.00 ground fee** is payable at check-in—Put your money in the tin on the table

Please keep your dog on lead and under control at all times both before and during class.

Please ensure your dog or puppy has been

FULLY VACCINATED before coming to training.

We also recommend vaccination against kennel cough. Talk to your vet for further information.

The Hornsby Dog Training Club teaches

obedience exercises for dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes on Sunday afternoons.

The club is run entirely by friendly volunteers who enjoy seeing new dogs progress through the classes to become good canine citizens.

The Club welcomes new members looking for an

obedient and friendly family pet, and those wishing to proceed

CLASS TIMES:
Puppy Class: 1:00 - 2:00pm
Introduction Class –New Members 2:00 - 3:00pm
Class 1: 3:00 - 4:00pm
Class 2: 3:00 - 4:00pm
Class 3: 3:00 - 4:00pm
Class 4: 3:00 - 4:00pm
Advanced & Trialing: 2:00 - 3:00pm
TESTING: All Classes 2:30 - 2:45pm

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Free Barbecue the 2nd Sunday of every month from 1.30pm

Remember dogs on lead always until 4 pm.

Vetting:
 Every Sunday before class someone will be there to vet your dogs, this serves two purposes, firstly to ensure your dog is fit to attend training i.e. The dog is not lame or on heat. The second is vetting is great practice to allow your dog to get used to other people handling your dog and make those visits to the vet a little bit easier.



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Editors Report

Hi Everyone

A big Thank you to Narelle for looking after the post, the baton has now been handed to me. You may know me through these two guys! George & Lilly are our 3 year old and 10 month old Staffordshire Bull Terriers. In this Post given its getting closer to summer and the weather has definitely been warmer I thought I would focus on Summer Special!

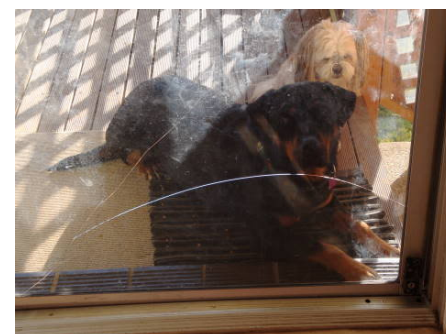


Also don't forget to mark the Christmas Party in your Calendar December 8th from 12pm

If anyone has anything they would like to have put into the Post or Any suggestions feel free to drop me an email:

Dealing with a door-barger

Like most rescue dogs, Sasha the Rottweiler came with a few 'issues.' One of these was door-barging. In her enthusiasm to get outside or come back in, she would barge through the sliding glass door before it was open, crashing her shoulder into the door with a resounding thud. She plowed through the flyscreen panel and she also ran headfirst into the door during excited games of chase with Fang, the shih tzu. Her clumsy enthusiasm led to a door regularly knocked off its tracks and soon to big cracks in the glass door.



Before replacing the glass door, we had to fix Sasha's problem behaviours. We asked Sasha to sit before going through the door. Glass doors are great for using hand signals! If she stood before the door was fully open, we shut it and started over again. Her reward for the behaviour was going through the door after our release command. This was frustrating at first. We had to close the door in her face many times before she finally sat still long enough to get it fully open. However, she caught on quickly with everyone in the family insisting on the correct door etiquette. We also discouraged chase games in the kitchen, by shutting a sliding door so that the dogs couldn't build up so much speed.



Once the offending behaviours were fixed, we replaced the door. Although this was several years ago, Sasha must still sit and wait for her release command before entering the house. She has worked out how to nose open the new flyscreen panel in summer, but then sits outside waiting for us to notice and invite her in.

Christmas Party Sunday December 8th at 12PM

Join us for our Christmas Party

Date: Sunday September 8th

Time: 12pm

Lunch is Provided

What to bring: Dog, Chair and a Table if you want.

Games & Competitions

Fun for All the family

Prizes for Best Dressed Dog

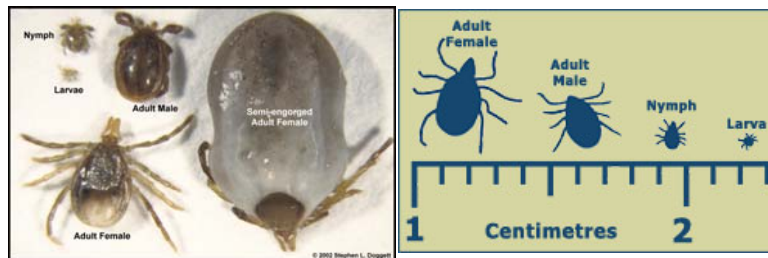
RSVP at the clubhouse



Tick Alert!!!

Ticks

You can find Ticks all year round, however they are worse from August to February and the Hornsby area is the perfect tick habitat. Ticks are more likely to be active when rain follows a period of warm weather. There are two main types of ticks that can affect dogs, brown ticks that irritate your dog and paralysis ticks which can kill your dog in a very short period of time.



Prevention:

There are a number of products available on the market that assist in the prevention of ticks, However these are not 100% effective, they do assist in reducing the dogs risk of getting a tick. Tick prevention products are best used in conjunction with daily tick checks. Although most ticks are found around the head and neck of the animal as well as inside the ears, they can end up anywhere on the body. It is especially important to search longhaired dogs very thoroughly between the eyes and the end of the nose. The most reliable way to locate the ticks is to systematically run your fingers through your dog's coat.

Removing Ticks:

Ticks burrow into the skin and can be difficult to remove. Here's how to remove a tick:

- Avoid squeezing the body of the tick as you remove it – this will inject more toxin into your pet.
- We use a tick hook, which slides under the tick and allows the tick to be removed in full.

Do not apply any chemicals (apart from registered tick treatments for animals) to your pet as this may well be toxic to your pet as well as the tick. Even when the tick is removed your pet may become ill if the toxins are already in their blood stream so it is important to monitor your pet for signs for 24-48 hours after removal.

Signs of tick paralysis:

- ◆ Change in voice—bark may become softer or changes in pitch
- ◆ Weakness in back legs—Pet may walk and suddenly sit down (common sign), may progress to wobbliness
- ◆ Vomiting— Especially if it happens several times in one day
- ◆ Panting, Loud breathing, moist cough , breathing problems or even grunting noises (Later Signs)

If your pet has any of these signs it is important to get them to a vet without delay. Try to call in advance to let them know you are coming so they are ready to assist.

Prevention is the best method or you dog may have to look like Sasha after her close shave with tick paralysis - Hornsby Heights



Barrington Tops K9 Camp

For the second year we have attended Camp K9 at Barrington Tops, another amazingly educational and fun event. see what you missed by clicking on this YouTube clip. Worth a look. Kaye Brown from Pet Talk interviews Graeme!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAb9bjzoQJo&feature=c4-overview&list=UUzu1nIXEc5sdHENfWAWWSaQ>

Keeping your dog cool this Summer!

Keeping your dog cool at Home:

Not every dog has the luxury of air conditioning, but there are other ways to help keep your dog cool in Summer:

- ◆ Make sure your dog always has access to at least one cool fresh water source (in a container they can't eat! My guys now have a cast iron pot!). If you know it's going to be hot, freeze a large ice block to put in their water bowl the next day. Some dogs will just let it melt while others will go dive into the bowl to retrieve the ice block.
- ◆ Wadding Pools—Half-fill a children's wading pool with water and throw a few of your dog's favourite toys in - many breeds including Retrievers, Spaniels and Terriers will love diving in and out of this splash-pool over the day.
- ◆ Provide a wet towel somewhere in the shade for them to lie on.
- ◆ Kongsicle -A regular Kong toy, plugged at the small end with peanut butter, then filled with very weak liquid chicken-stock and frozen overnight is the doggy version of a Magnum icecream! Delicious!
- ◆ Slippery Brick -Half-fill an icecream container with water and freeze - place a number of liver-treats, Schmacks or other flavored treats in a layer, then fill to top with water and freeze again. This makes a giant flavored ice-block to provide hours of icy enjoyment while you're out. Other Slippery Brick ideas:

*Fruit Fruit is great to freeze and pets with a sweet tooth will love it. Bananas and apple chunks freeze well - try mashing banana with yogurt or a little honey into a puree and freezing in containers or inside a kong.

*Vegetables - Precooked vegetables can be frozen in broth or water, either pureed or in chunks. We make a popsicle of raw carrot chunks and peas (with water) for our dogs - they lick the ice to free the veggies. Yum.

*Baby food is a quick and easy frozen treat idea. Choose jars that are low in sugar (and have no onions in the ingredients). You could use baby desserts or savory meals. Applesauce makes a good substitute too.

*Meat -Yes, you can freeze meat chunks too. Hot dogs and sausages are good frozen individually. You can also make a popsicle by stirring cooked chicken or other meat into broth or water.

Frozen dog treats can be messy. They are great to give outdoors or round the pool - but try to keep them in the food bowl if you are indoors. Keep an eye on your dog and limit consumption. Too much ice on their stomachs can cause bloat. Frozen foods are great to help your dog keep cool - but do not feed icy treats if you suspect your pet is dehydrated or has heat stroke. Keep the dairy ingredient of any treats you make low. Large amounts can cause diarrhea in some dogs.



Resources

If you have any great doggy resources email them through to:

evilmot@iinet.net.au

Ideas for keeping your dog busy

1. http://www.hssaz.org/site/DocServer/Kong_Recipes.pdf - heaps of ideas for Kong Stuffing
2. <http://www.wisebread.com/10-diy-dog-toys-you-can-make-for-pennies> Toys you can make yourself
3. <http://www.hgtv.com/handmade/how-to-weave-a-fleece-ropo-dog-toy/index.html> I have made these before they make great tug toys.

My Recommendations for all things dog

1. <http://www.tendervalue.com.au/> - I had to share these guys as my new butcher they have great service and best of all marrow bones, brisket bone and bags of bones are all \$3.00 but make sure you go early in the week.
2. <http://www.riverpark.com.au/accommodation/guest-information/> We went camping with our guys here it was excellent and heaps of off leash beaches in the area.

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Chief Instructors Report September 2013

This year has been a busy one! So much so I haven't written a report for too long and my apologies for that.

First of all thank you for your dedication once again for turning up every Sunday to train your dog. The success you are having is evident and you should be all very proud of the achievements you have all made.

I feel we are letting you down though as we do not have enough dedicated instructors. I am always on the lookout for anyone I think has the ability, knowledge and commitment to help others train their dogs to become wonderful ambassadors of the club and more importantly good canine citizens that you would be proud to take anywhere. Please please if you think you have what it takes come and see me and have a chat. As I have said in the past if I can do it anyone can!!!

We lost a wonderful instructor and team member in March due to a terrible helicopter accident and we miss him very much. Tony was a very dedicated instructor and had a passion for teaching and was also a wealth of knowledge. Most of all though he was a good friend to the club and we will never fill his shoes. We are going to miss him even more at our Obedience Trial next year as he has managed that trial for more years than I can remember. He was able to rally folk for stewarding and general labourers and he and Anne Eddins made the trial the success it was. We are all going to have to step up this year and do it for Tony! If anyone is interested in helping out at the trial either see Anne in the clubhouse (she won't bite – just call her Grandma!) or myself.



If there is anything you would like to cover in our training sessions please let me know. I realise the agility is very popular and thanks to Keith and Tiff the equipment is coming out a lot more often. Please just ask and we will endeavour to have some fun for the last part of the training hour. I would ask that we have some able bodied folk assist us with lifting some of the heavier equipment out and then of course putting it back.

I have had feedback that some of the classes are boring and I have taken that on board and I will address that but please bear in mind we need to get the basics out of the way before we can go onto more exciting things. Having said that I appreciate that none of you want to stand around listening instead of doing so hopefully that will be righted soon.

My thanks go to Don Brodie who turns up every Sunday at 2pm to take a trialling class. Don has many many years of experience with obedience, tracking and showing and he is a mine of information. He does prefer a small class and very much enjoys one on one or two on one but if you are genuinely interested in trialling please come and have a chat with me and hopefully we can help you achieve your ambition of having a dog in the trial ring. Classes 3 and 4 is a precursor to the trialling class so you need to graduate from there first.

Thank you all for feeling comfortable enough to approach me for a chat about the way the club is run. Constructive criticism has been at the forefront and I am very grateful for that. If we don't know we can't fix or improve things so thank you. If you would like to chat to any of our instructors please feel free. They are there for you and if you have an issue with one instructor then chat to another!!

My sincere thanks to the folk in the club house. What would we do without them? I know they are busy but please pop your heads in say hello and even ask if they need any help. Without them this club would not exist. A big thank you to Anne Don and Rose. Also don't forget we have Don the Gourmet Chef who does our Barbie on the second Sunday every month. Please feel free to ask him to make a sausage sandwich with all the trimmings. He'll even make you two if you are good!

Chief Instructors Report September 2013 cont.

The weather is warming up and with it comes the usual problems of tick's snakes and the inevitable bush fires. Please have a fire plan well and truly ready for your entire family including of course all the fur kids. Have leads and collars, food, meds, water bottles and water containers at the ready in case you have to evacuate and for the cats of the family know where they are at all times and have their carry cages ready as well with some food and water and blankets.

As yet there have been few reports of snake bites but please Ticks are a major problem already. Please check your dogs and cats every single day for these nasty creatures. Also ensure you are up to date with the tick prevention top spots or tablets and also tick collars as well. Please check with your vet as to the best preventative for your dog and situation ie some products are toxic to cats. Please take the time to check information online but if in doubt your vet is your best resource.

As yet there have been few reports of snake bites but please be careful and don't let your dogs wander off into the bush or out of your sight anywhere. You never know where they may be lurking.

This is my first and last report for the year so I will sign off with a heartfelt thanks to you all for having the trust in us to help you with your beloved family pets.

Training will finish on Sunday the 1st of December but we want to see you all back the following Sunday the 8th December for our Christmas Party. There will be a prize for the best dressed dog in Christmas attire, there will be the Smackos race, a three legged race and musical chairs, a recall race and a race over the agility equipment. So get your dogs revved up and hungry and we look forward to seeing you on the day. The proceedings start at midday when a Christmas lunch will be served with soft drinks etc and if you wish you may bring your own Christmas cheer in a bottle! Please RSVP at the clubhouse. Free to all members and their guests.

Have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year. We will see you all back in February and for new members with new pups we are conducting puppy classes in January. The dates and times will be advised on the website.

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