

HORNSBY DOG TRAINING CLUB

(Affiliated with Dogs NSW)



The Post

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TRAINING INFORMATION

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.

A **\$2.00 ground fee** is payable at check-in

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 further to the field of competitive obedience trialing.

Annual Membership fee \$30.00

Free Barbecue every 2nd Sunday from 1.30pm

Come along on **11 November 2012** for a free bbq.

Bring a cold drink and have a chat by the Barbie before class.

Don starts cooking early and it is ready from 1.30pm onwards.

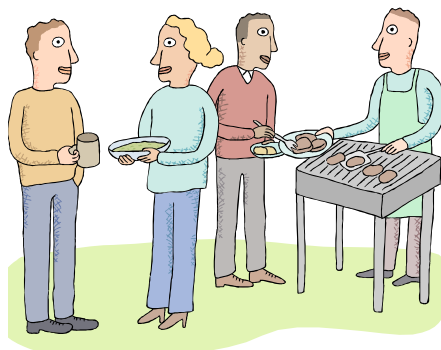
For Members and family.

Remember dogs on lead always —as puppy classes running before regular classes start at 3pm.

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 2:00 - 3:00pm

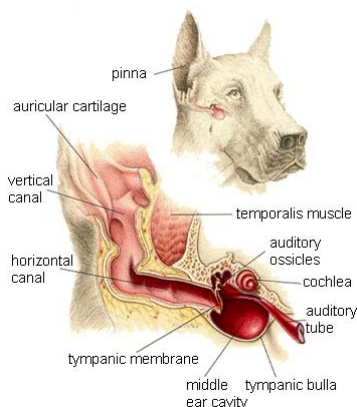
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Dog Health Issues — Ears



Picture from <http://www.vetmed.wsu.edu/ClientED/anatomy/dog-eye.aspx>

Reference Urban Dog

Warmer months exacerbate ear infections (known as otitis externa). Check your dogs ears—are they dirty do they smell?

Ear infections may occur due to:

- Foreign body in ear
- Skin allergies
- Ear mites
- Some hormonal diseases

Ear design can also cause issues :

Hairy or long floppy ears can cause humid conditions due to poor ventilation—e.g. Cocker Spaniels, Golden Retrievers and Basset Hounds. Narrow ear canals and past infections can induce inflammation.

Excess water in the ear can be another factor. Always dry your dog's ears after swimming and bathing. Try to close the ear with your fingers when bathing your dog to avoid water in the ear.

If an infection exists your vet will quickly be able to determine treatment after

examining a scraping under a microscope.

Your vet can also teach you how to clean your dog's ears.

Some people use half vinegar and half water and wipe the inside of the ear to clean the wax away. Never use cotton buds—you could damage the ear drum by pushing dirt further down the ear canal.

For dogs with longer ears try tying the ears back with a scrunchy or hair clip to let the air circulate.

For hairy ears grab the hair from the inner ear a little at a time and pull firmly and quickly—do a little every time you brush them and reward the dog for being so brave!

For Sale - Dog Cage

Black Folding Dog Crate

NEAR NEW CONDITION

WIDTH 65 cm

DEPTH 108 cm

HEIGHT 73 cm

\$95.00

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(Hornsby YOGA)



For Sale or Wanted?

Would you like to advertise in this Newsletter?

If you have doggie items that you would like to give away or sell or need.

Send your email to

gurang@optusnet.com.au

Subject line : Hornsby Dog Training Club.

For Sale section

How to Wash Your Dog

Tools:

- * Comb /Brush / Scissors
- * Dog Shampoo (do not use human shampoo)
- * Towels (add one for you) and a washer
- * Cotton Wool for ears,
- * Small bucket for scooping water, or hose fixed to tap.
- * Room temperature water
- * Table for drying (ironing board with a plastic cover works well for small dogs) or floor mat area for large dog with non-slip matting for you and your dog.
- * Hairdryer
- * Lead and collar for tethering, if needed.
- * Treats / Toys

Where:

Bath, Shower, Laundry basin, outdoors (make sure you are Ok too and don't hurt your back by slipping and if lifting or bending make sure you bend your knees.

A strong table is useful to get your dog at your height and tether the dog for safety.

By this time your furry friend will know what is happening—so best to get him/her on lead or in room and shut door first. Make it a fun time and speak calmly—no yelling or screaming—even if you get wet.

Get started :

1. Tether the dog and brush your dog before the bath—to loosen coat and stimulate skin and detangle knots. Better to do it now : if the knots get wet there is really only the scissors left to remedy that situation.
2. Put the cotton wool in the dogs ears—best to have this in one piece so you make sure you get it all out at the end.
3. Fill the bath about 10 cms (they don't need to be able to swim in it)
4. Wet the dog all over (by using hose from tap or by scooping water over the dog with a jug or small bucket)
5. Add the shampoo as needed. You may want to do one area at a time. Start at the back of the dog tail, back legs, underneath, move your way forward, over body and down front legs, and chest -soaping the dog all over. Stop at the face.

6. Use a wet washer for the face without the shampoo (depending upon how dirty it is). Some dogs need more attention around the face where there are tear stains. Be careful and avoid getting soap in eyes or ears.

7. Do not pour water in ears. Press over the ears when pouring water over the head so that it shuts off the ear cavity.

Using a damp washer wipe the inside of the ears.

8. Talk to your dog—massage the skin

10. When all of the dog is soaped up—rinse off—using hose from tap (tepid water) or bucket water over the dog. Rinse until all the soap is off.

11. Dry face and inside of ears and head.

Remove cotton wool (make sure you have it all)

12. Encourage dog to shake—name it—“shake” I find having a towel loosely over the dog will stop walls and yourself being soaked when he shakes.

13. Towel dry rest of body. Squeegee down or dry with an absorbent towel. Dry some more with a dry towel (you may need a few!)

13. Allow the dog to shake and dry again.

14. Comb or brush short haired pets

15. Take dog for a walk in sun to further dry and reward him for good behavior so he associates washing with a treat and a good time. The walk will hopefully stop him from rolling in the first dusty spot.

16. If you have a dog that needs to be groomed—whip out the hairdryer and start the grooming process—make sure the hairdryer is not on high heat—blast the hair not the skin and brush out the coat as you dry it.

Washing the dog is a good time to check skin, fleas, ticks, scratches and any wounds.

It is a bonding time—involve the family—it is a time for praise and fun and perhaps a few pictures to capture your furry friend's expressions.

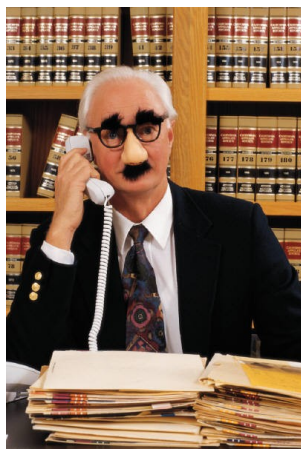
(Of course, there are people that you can pay to do this for you!)



“Can you turn the spa back on?”



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Now I have your attention—take a look at the resources!

Clipart

Resources

TV Documentary

Insight Program “The Tail End” —Why are we killing so many pet dogs and cats? You may find this online—went to air 25/9/12 <http://www.sbs.com.au/insight/episode/overview/501/The-Tail-End> (adults only)

Magazine

Urban Animal—now available at the Clubhouse—this is a free magazine for pet owners—it is an easy read and has lots to offer. Grab one next time you are at the club. Urban Animal have agreed to provide our club with 100 of issue 30 + the latest issue 32. They would also like feedback on the magazine from our members. Please either email Urban Animal direct at editorial@urbananimal.net or link to them on Facebook or send feedback to me (gurang@optusnet.com.au) and I will pass on with our thanks.

Website

DELTA Society — Want to become a dog trainer? Find out about their programs for trainers and their school programs—how to volunteer and much more. The website has interesting information about crate training, dominance behaviour , resource guarding and 50 Ways to stuff a Kong!

<http://www.deltasocietyaustralia.com.au/home>

Books

What’s Your Dog Telling You Martin McKenna (available at the ABC Shop \$24.99) <http://shop.abc.net.au/products/whats-your-dog-telling-you>

Best Doggie You Tube - this is a must see! Just click on the link

<http://www.youtube.com.au/embed/PztO-OvzRyg>

Website—Need a holiday—Want to take the dog? Check out Stayz pet friendly accommodation <http://www.stayz.com.au/pet-friendly-accommodation/nsw>



A whisker and eye brow trim and make it quick!

Low or Non Shedding Dog Breeds

Bichon Frise

Belington Terrier

Chinese Crested

Maltese

Poodles

Portuguese Water Dog

Schnauzer

Shi-Tzu

Schnauzer

Shi-Tzu

Yorkshire Terriers

And there are many more!

Designer type dogs crossed with these may or may not shed their coat dependent upon the inherited genes. All will need some type of regular grooming/clipping.

Dog Attack reported in the Monthly Chronicle Vol 19 No 10

Ku-rin-gai Mayor Elaine Malicki has urged dog owners to ensure their pets are properly secured after a small dog was mauled to death in a West Pymble backyard. The incident occurred 8/10/12 when two large dogs from a neighbouring property accessed a backyard through a broken paling. One of the dogs a Sharpei American Staffordshire cross was put down after council rangers spoke to the owner who was fined \$1100. The other dog has been placed on a Dangerous Dog Order.

“Owners whose dogs attack people or other animals could face civil legal action to compensate for costly medical or veterinary treatment. Under the NSW Companion Animals Act dogs must be on leads in all public places other than designated off-leash areas” and “In off-leash areas, dogs must be under effective control of their owners. This means owners must watch their dogs at all times and be in a position to control them if they are about to attack humans or other animals” said the Mayor.

It is an offence for a dog to attack, bite, harass, chase or rush at any person or animal (other than vermin) its important to understand there does not need to be an actual injury to a person or animal for an offence to occur. The minimum penalty for breaching the dog attack provisions of the Companion animals Act is \$550 fine. Where a dog is known to be dangerous the fine is \$1760. Council rangers regularly patrol off-leash areas and will serve owners with fines if dogs are not properly controlled.

Spring/Summer Checklist—things to do

- ◇ Wash dog on sunny day
- ◇ Spring clean the kennel, wash bedding, pillows blankets, brush, comb, clean flooring, dog dishes—the whole lot
- ◇ Wash toys—some of these can get awfully gruesome!
- ◇ Check flea prevention treatment—is it up to date ? Treat bedding and sleeping area if fleas are an issue.
- ◇ Heart worm treatment and Worm Treatment are these up to date and being attended to regularly?
- ◇ Check ears and eyes
- ◇ Nails— Time for a trim?
- ◇ Sunscreen—does your dog need sunscreen on their nose and ear tips ?
- ◇ Teeth—check tartar build up—do you need to increase dry food or chewing—check mouth regularly and if concerned seek Vet advice.
- ◇ Time for vet check? If something is worrying you, a change in dog’s behavior, dog being quieter than usual, or off their food—have a chat with your Vet.
- ◇ Keep a diary of your pet’s health issues and medical treatments for future reference.



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What is Camp K9?

Camp K9 is an organised weekend of canine-friendly events and is the brainchild of many great minds who love dogs and doing activities with their dogs. The event is run in September of each year, and in 2013 will run from **Thursday September 12 to Sunday September 15**.

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dogLOGIC Dog Training and Animax Photography are the companies involved in developing and hosting this fun weekend. Trudi Thorpe and Julie Adams from dogLOGIC Dog Training are Delta-trained positive dog trainers and will be running the seminars and dog training component of the event, and Danielle Lyonne from Animax Photography will ensure that great moments and fun seconds are captured for all of our attendees.

Held at the very dog friendly location of *Riverwood Downs Mountain Valley & River Resort* at Barrington Tops (2½ hrs or so north of Sydney) we have dog lovers from all walks of life attending. The accommodation is geared towards all budgets - from luxurious suites with spas to fully self contained cabins right through to bunk houses and even powered sites so people can camp under the stars. We have it all covered!

We have people attending that want to try their hand (and paw) at high energy activities such as agility in a weekend that not only serves up good food and hospitality, but one that will ensure that their experience with their dogs and new friends will be a positive, social experience. Then there are some who simply want to enjoy the beautiful surrounds of Barrington Tops, have a relaxing stay with us and allow their 'city slicker' dogs to take a plunge in the creek. We say people and their dogs *"can do as much or as little as they want to"*.

For more info, there is a comprehensive website www.campk9.com.au, plus join our Facebook page. For any more information please feel free to contact Trudi on 0419 999 975.

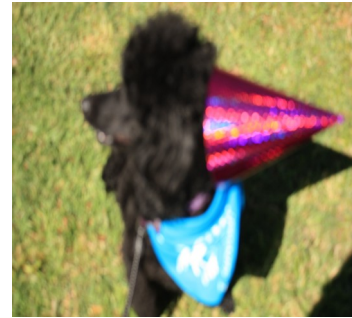
5 Easy Rules of Training

- ◆ **ATTENTION** get your dogs attention i.e. use their name
- ◆ **LURE** the dog into desired position using food with the appropriate hand signal (introduce word once dog is displaying action i.e. SIT)
- ◆ **MARK** the action using voice i.e. "good"
- ◆ **REWARD** with the lure (food) and a pat and praise
- ◆ **RELEASE** the dog with a word i.e. "OK"

What I learnt today in Class 1

- ◇ 5 minutes every day adds up to 35 minutes per week
- ◇ Get your dog use to hand signals—the sign language between you and your dog
- ◇ Train your dog when they are hungry—they will work harder to get the food
- ◇ If they don't like cheese or treats, try a ball or squeaky toy
- ◇ If they are having an off day as we all do— get a positive response – even if it is just a sit and then finish the training
- ◇ Make it fun and always finish positively with lots of pats and cuddles

Editor's Report



It was a party from dawn to dusk!

Since our last issue Syrus, hubby and I attended a fantastically organised K9 Camp in the beautiful Barrington tops run by dogLogic over 4 days. We stayed at Riverview Downs resort in a log cabin with spa! Pet Friendly venue. There is canoeing on the pristine river - see the platypus, go horse-riding - but we were there for the dogLogic's Annual K9 Camp.

The camp included indoor and outdoor activities and Syrus tried his paw at treball, rallyO and agility, attended obedience and dog behaviour seminars, hung on to every word of the after dinner speakers and much more. We learnt so much and had a great time with like-minded folk and took home lots of freebies.

Everyone participated at their own level and dogs attended everything with their owners. It was funny seeing a room of people learning about pet photography with their dogs waiting patiently at their feet for their time to get out and about. All dogs on lead at this event. If you are interested in this type of event—mark your diaries for September 2013 and you can even book now—"we have" <http://www.campk9.com.au/Home.html> (see page 6)

This week I ordered **Urban Animal** magazine for our members so please come to the clubhouse to collect a copy—it's a free magazine with lots of interesting reading and to get us started **Urban Animal** kindly provided two issues.

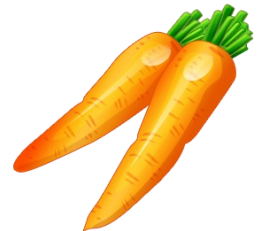
I really would love to hear from members, send me interesting stories, jokes, pictures, requests and provide feedback on the newsletter—is it useful?

The team at HDTC will do our best to respond.

Regards *Narelle Brown* Contact Email gurang@optusnet.com.au

The Orange Vegetables—Good for Dogs and Us

Carrots-as good for humans as dogs - carrots contain beta carotene a strong cancer fighting antioxidant. High in vitamins and minerals—can regulate blood sugar and improve eyesight and rich in fibre.



Sweet Potato- Again rich in beta carotene and vitamin C and fibre—can help with stomach ulcers and inflamed colons



Pumpkin—beta carotene, zinc and potassium and can assist with constipation and upset stomachs

Add some extra vegetables when cooking dinner for your dog—start a little at a time. Try carrot cooked or grated raw carrot, roasted or boiled pumpkin or sweet potato. Use as treats or to top up their meal.

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Getting to Know our Instructors — Tony Farmer

Deputy Chief Instructor & Trial Manager



When and why did you first take an interest in dog training?

My wife and I arrived in Sydney with 2 daughters (3 years old and a newborn) and a boisterous yellow Labrador about six months old – it didn't take too much time before we decided we needed to start dog training!!!

What dogs do you have now? Tell us a little about them Currently we have 2 black Labradors – Mac who is 9 and Molly 8. Like most Labradors they are really good at eating and sleeping but unfortunately not particularly adept at anything resembling controlled obedience. Mac would like everyone to believe he is the dominant male of the household but he is really a bit of a wimp and quite happy to allow Molly to take charge of the humans and any visiting canine friends. They are probably the most laid-back dogs we have owned and are very pleasant animals to have around the house. Although, as they seem to have decided in the last few weeks that the newly planted herb pots in the back garden have to be regularly emptied and re-arranged, this just might change!

How long have you been with the HDTC? Has it changed much over the years? Our family joined HDTC in 1973 – 39 years ago. At various times since then I have held most positions within the Club including stints as President, Secretary and Chief Instructor. My main current formal role is to manage the Club's annual Obedience Trial. As you might imagine, many aspects of the club have changed significantly over the years: Training was done using "check chains" to correct the dogs when they were not in the required position or performing the required action. Classes were much more 'regimented' with little or no social interaction for the dogs. Membership numbers were high and a much larger fraction of the club and the instructors were interested in formal obedience trialling. (I suspect the pace of life was somewhat slower back then and people were able to devote more time to leisure activities.) The change to positive reinforcement techniques has, I believe, made for a more relaxed club atmosphere and an easier path for most members to obtain a dog that fits into their family environment.

What prepared you most to take on the role of instructor?

My work involved a reasonable amount of talking to groups of people and teaching skills and techniques – this provided a good background for instructing. I also attended various theory and practical courses on dog training run by dog obedience clubs around Sydney and what is now Dogs NSW – the governing body for dog showing and trialling.

What other dog events/ clubs do you participate in? What happens there? At the moment my only dog activity other than instructing is organising/running the HDTC annual obedience trial – held in March every year and attracting around 150 entries from the top obedience dogs in NSW. Members will hear much more of this early in the New Year when I start looking for help - I strongly recommend getting involved!

What keeps you busy when you are not with your dogs?

Since I retired from the workforce 2 years ago, my time gets divided between family (wife, 2 daughters, 2 sons in-law, 4 grandchildren and 3 grand-dogs), chores in and around the home, part-time (2-3 days a week) honorary involvement in my previous job, actively following the Sydney Swans and my new retirement hobby-flying helicopters.

What is one thing that you feel new dog owners need to know to get the best out of having a companion dog?

Enjoy your dogs and ensure that they enjoy the time they spend with you. Having a well-behaved companion dog requires the establishment of a leadership hierarchy within the family/pack, however, this should not take the fun out of dog ownership.

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Radio Promotion on 100.1 FM



Our Chief Instructor Jo is a versatile woman—but we all know that.

On Saturday 20 October 2012 in 30 degree heat; Radio Station 100.1 FM Community Spirit's program with John Whitty interviewed Jo as part of the Rally for Life event at Rofo Park.

Jo looked relaxed as she fearlessly chatted about the HDTC - providing great information for the community. Without the need for a prompt Jo talked about the HDTC's classes, the shop, training and shared a laugh with John. It was quite a long session for this first-time radio interviewee.

Pictures say a thousand words—so have a look at Jo starting her next career—radio personality!



The station's Community Spirit program airs on Saturdays and is devoted to volunteering and community groups in the Hornsby and Ku-ring-gai areas.

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Chief Instructor's Report — Jo Tucker

I have thoroughly enjoyed the Chief Instructor's role this year although it has been very busy. My thanks go to the wonderful team of Instructors and administrators who all give up their time on Sundays to dedicate to you our valued members and your dogs.

Publicity has increased for the club especially in the last month or so. We have featured in the Hornsby Advocate and thank you to those dogs that posed so beautifully for the camera and thank you to their owners for talking on their behalf to Tracey Findlay the Hornsby Advocate reporter. Thanks to Tracey for her great article and her lovely photos of the dogs and their owners. Rowena your hair was perfect!

A big thank you to John Whitty who interviewed me on Community HHH 100.1 (see separate article above) Being a first time radio jock I was a bit nervous but thanks to Narelle our Post Editor and her gorgeous hubby Graeme for their encouragement and thumbs up during the broadcast. You never know we may become regulars!

I am really pleased with the dedication you have all shown in your training. The improvements in the dogs and their owners is evident. Thank you for turning up early for testing and congratulations must go to the pups and of owners who have zoomed up the classes.

Children at the Club - We really like to see children come along with their parents and become involved but **please ensure the kids ask all handlers if they can pat their dogs**. I am always really pleased to see children go up to my big shepherd Jethro and give him a big hug and thank you for asking me first. Just remember children need to ask every time they want to pat someone else's dog. Also parents please **ensure children don't run around the dogs while training is in progress**. That can be disruptive to class and can give the dogs a fright. Like it or not some dogs don't like children or are even frightened of them, so best to ensure children are well away while the classes are being held. **Just for the hour**.

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Chief Instructor's Report — Jo Tucker (continued)

Pet Therapy - Jethro and Scooter. I received a call from a Clinical Psychologist in Sydney who asked if I knew anyone with a German Shepherd (GSD) who could help an 11 year old who has a phobia with all dogs but particularly GSD's. The phobia with the GSD resulted from media attention and Police dogs apprehending villains. Quite frightening for a sensitive young man. Anyway I racked my brains and thought who could I ask? Then I thought my Jethro. Why not? He is border line lazy so he would not frighten a child with sudden movements and he has not jumped up on anyone for ages except perhaps when he sees Grandma. My only concern was that he is a big dog however, the Psychologist thought size wasn't an issue. Jethro and I found ourselves in a office waiting to meet the family. When I heard the knock on the door I quickly woke Jethro up as he was having a nap; he awoke and just laid still. The family came into the room slowly and the boy was terrified and his mother was also scared. I discovered she was frightened of dogs as well. Jethro raised his head, glanced at them and laid his head down and relaxed. The boy remained standing, I asked him to sit down with his mother just a chair away from me. The boy chose a chair right by the door. He asked me not to let go of the lead ,while his mother asked me if Jethro needed to sniff their hands to check them out. I told them no because he could sense they were frightened and he trusted that I was OK with the strangers. The mother eventually patted Jethro but the boy wouldn't have a bar of it. I suggested we go outside. To cut a very long story short his mother asked if she could take Jethro for a walk and then after she had taken the lead her son within minutes, was patting Jethro and sitting beside him and then walking Jethro around the streets on his own (the rest us were all there, of course but not holding the lead) Jethro's final gesture was a big paw shake with the boy who was absolutely chuffed. His parents were so happy and even the Psychologist could not believe the progress within such a short time. This boy was prepared to overcome his fear and really put himself way out of his comfort zone. I am not sure I would have done the same thing at that age. The Psychologist asked if we could meet again with a more exuberant Shepherd. So a member of the club Graham with 8 month old Scooter visited the office last Friday. Scooter and Graham were wonderful. Like Jethro I really think Scooter knew this family were frightened and initially he was very calm with the young boy. At the end of the session the young boy was giving Scooter commands and running round with him in the car park and more amazing was doing recalls. Now I am sure you would all agree, anyone calling a shepherd to come to them from a distance experiences the enthusiasm in which they bound up to their owners. The young boy stepped aside at the first attempt but the 2nd one he stood there. The young boy is much happier and of course now wants a dog!

My sincere thanks to Graham and Scooter for helping this family. They were so grateful. The young boy has a picture of both Jethro and Scooter on his bedroom wall and I think he and his mum have well and truly overcome their fears!

Don't forget our **Christmas Party on the 9th December** and our **last training day is Sunday the 2nd of December**. If anyone you know is acquiring a new pup over the festive season encourage them to come along to puppy training which commences on Sunday the 6th January at 9.30 am.

Jo Tucker

All the very best to you, your families and most of all your beloved fur kids for the Christmas season and 2013.

Look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Party.

Clip art used in this newsletter



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Picture from Justonemorepet.wordpress.com

<h2>Christmas Party Invitation</h2>

Where : Club House Rofe Park Galston

When : Sunday 9 December 2012

Time : 12 pm (midday)

Lunch, soft drinks, tea and coffee provided

What to bring: Folding table, chair, BYOG and dog

Energy for fun and games

DOGS IN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION – DRESS TO IMPRESS

Fun for all the family!

Please let us know if you are coming so we can plan the celebrations. Return

the slip below to the clubhouse as soon as you can! Photos from clipart



RSVP Christmas Party

YES, we are able to attend the Christmas party on Sunday 11 December

Number attending: _____

Name(s) _____

Name of Dog (s) _____