



Newsletter

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Club News

Congratulations Tony & June



WDSC life members, Tony & June Mitchell, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. From everyone at the club, we wish you many more happy years together.

Committee 2011-2012

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President's Report

Welcome back to training to you all and a Happy New Year to you all, too. Hopefully you all had a good break and spent happy days with your four legged family member/s.

We had a casual evening last Monday, and shared a sausage sandwich together. Thanks to Robyn for stepping up on the night and running a few games so that all could stretch their legs and have a laugh. Training will commence next Monday, 30th January, so come prepared to start a new year of training.

Please read this newsletter for times that apply to you and conditions regarding late arrival to training. We ask for your full support in putting the gear up and pulling it down after you class is finished.

Enjoy your time at your club and with your dog and please respect your fellow club members and their dogs.

Ros Grant



Meetings:

First Monday of alternate months: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec in the clubhouse at Figtree Pony Club grounds.

Next meeting: Monday 6th February after training.
Please come along.

Training

Late Policy

In order to ensure that everyone assists with setting up and packing up the equipment each night, the club has installed a late policy.

Members arriving more than 10 minutes after the set up time for their class will not be permitted to train for that night.

If you are running late due to unforeseen circumstances, please ring ahead to advise that you are on your way.



WDSC Class Training Times

Beginners (Green Class):

- 6:15pm - start setting up
- 6:25pm - cut off for lateness
- 6:30pm – training starts
- 7:30pm – training finishes

Advanced (Black Class):

- 7:00pm - start setting up
- 7:10pm - cut off for lateness
- 7:30pm - training starts
- 8:30pm – training finishes

Important Dates

Training will begin for the year on January 30th.

Next relationship class will commence on 5th March.

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Training:

Mondays at Figtree Pony Club grounds O'Briens Rd Figtree. Check website in case of poor weather or phone a committee member.

Beginners (Green class) - 6.15 set up for 6.30 start

Advanced (Black class) - 7.00 set up for 7.30 start

Trialing

Results

Dog	Handler	Trial	Event	Result
Rufus	Mark Micallef	Dogs NSW Fundraiser Ribbon Trial	AD 200	2nd
Kereen			JD 200	2nd
Cranberry				

Interesting Websites

The following websites are worth a look:

A new website for trialing and entering trials: www.e-performancedogs.com

See what bored sheep herders get up to in Wales. No, it's not the same as NZ! This one is family friendly viewing. www.wimp.com/sheeplight/

And for the ultimate in both dog obedience and agility <http://www.flixxy.com/dog-show.htm>

Some people just have too much time on their hands

Below: Woo Hoo! Rufus' first ribbon.



Upcoming Events

Trial	Date	Entries close
ACT Companion Dog Club	11th Feb	27th Jan
Milton Show Fun Trial	3rd March	10th Feb
Newcastle All Breeds	10th March	17th Feb
Hawkesbury District	29th April	9th April
Cessnock Dog Club	12th May	20th April
National Agility 2012	13th June	13th May

Vet Column

Heat Stroke

In the last few weeks there have been several cases of heat stroke presented to our hospital. These dogs have all come in on days that didn't seem particularly hot but were very humid days. High humidity reduces the ability of panting to reduce the dog's body temperature. It does not need to be extremely hot for heat stroke to develop.

What is it? How to avoid it and when to seek help

Heat stroke occurs when a dog's body temperature rises too high and results in damage to the internal organs such as the liver, brain and kidneys. Heat stroke is likely to occur in hot humid weather, like we've been having lately.

Risk factors for heat stroke:

- High environmental temperature
- High environmental humidity
- Exercise
- Breed (short-nosed breeds such as pugs, bulldogs and staffies are at increased risk due to reduced ability to expel heat through panting)
- Dehydration
- Illness
- Being in an enclosed space (such as a car, even with the windows down!)
- Respiratory Disease

When to seek veterinary attention

By seeking veterinary attention as soon as heat stroke occurs, complications such as acute renal failure or liver damage can be minimised. If your dog has been exposed to heat and:

- Is very lethargic or
- Has a stiffened gait or
- Is reluctant to move or
- Has red gums
- Is panting very loudly

They need to see a vet. **Before you head off to the vet though start cooling them down by getting them wet.**

Avoiding heat stroke

- Don't exercise your dog during the middle of the day. Exercise them early morning or late afternoon instead.
- Provide shade and a pool that they can go in (clam shell kids pools work well)

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- Ensure they remain well hydrated- lots of access to drinking water, even when out and about
- Avoid exciting dog activities such as chasing a ball or barking at the kids in the pool on a hot day
- If it's a really hot day wet your dog with the hose or keep them in air-conditioning.
- Don't leave dogs in cars

One last note:

Never leave your dog in the car, even for a short period, even with the windows down. Cars heat up so quickly with a dog in them & heat stroke kills.

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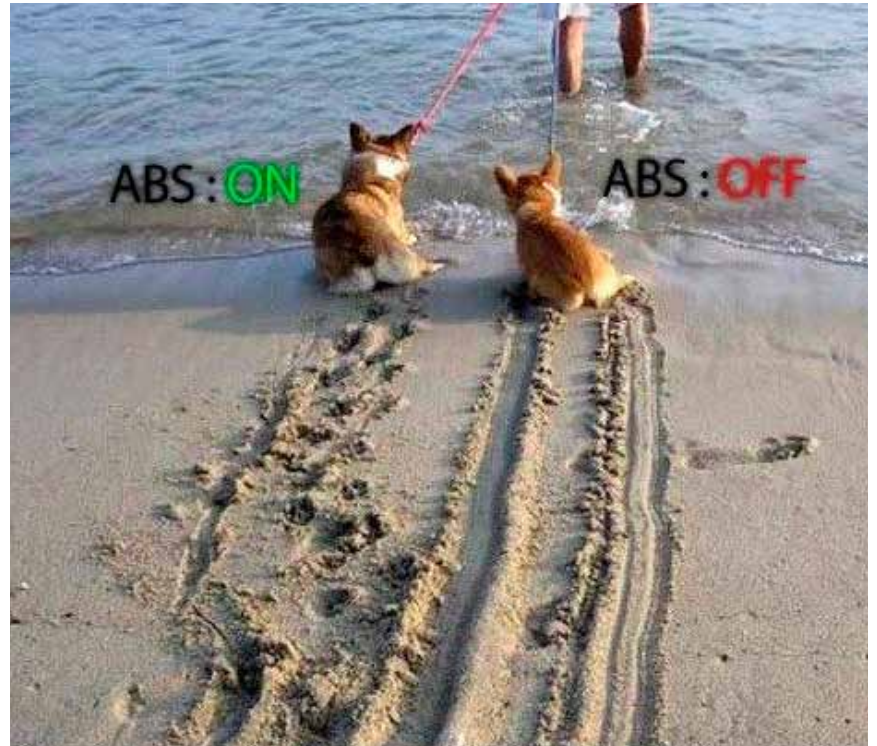
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FAMILY.

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Sorry! Picture of Diesel would not
download. Ed.

For those of you unfamiliar with the concept of ABS (anti-lock braking system) operation, here's a visual representation.



Laura's Zoe makes it look so easy.

Christmas Party



On December 10th last year WDSC members celebrated our annual Christmas Party and Presentation Night at Murphy's Bar & Grill at Unanderra.

In addition to awards given in recognition of a successful year trialing, many club members were acknowledged for their long-standing membership to the club. The club thanks the following members for seven years or more of active continued support:

June Mitchell
Tony Mitchell
Ros Grant
Merrill Leffley
Wendy Marczan
Robyn McPhee
Ziegfried Clever

Above: The club celebrates Christmas at Murphy's Bar & Grill.

Right: Who invited him?



& Presentation Night



Left: Ros & Marian Palmer with Marian's Jumping Dog award for Spencer.

Below: Merrill Leffley with awards for Cody and Skye.



Above: Ros presents Tony Mitchell with his award for one of the Shelty clan.



Right: Darren Johanson receives Brown Dog's award for a fantastic year.

