



MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

TERM 4 - 2008

Jack

20.8.1999 - 1.8.2008

*Look not where I was
For I am not there
My spirit is free
I am everywhere*

*In the air that you breath
In the sounds that you hear
Don't cry for me Mum
My spirit is near*

*I'll watch for you
From the other side
I'll be the one running
New friends by my side*

*Smile at my memory
Remember in your heart
This isn't the end
It's a brand new start*

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President's Message

This year has certainly been a strange one for the club. Our elected president Keith Wilmshurst resigned from his position as president on the 19th August. Although this was sooner than we anticipated, we at the club wish Keith and his family all the best for the future.

At a special committee meeting after Keith resigned I was elected president for the remainder of the year.

Our club trial which was held on the 31st of August was a great success, many thanks to Jill Houston for the outstanding contribution she made as our trial secretary - this is usually a thankless, unseen task which many competitors think just happens. It is a huge workload to put on one person but as usual Jill managed to make it look easy and run on time. Many thanks also to the committee and to the many members who assisted us on the day, a club can only run these events with the help of people like yourselves who are willing to put something back into the club.

Just a reminder that we are into spring now and it will soon be warming up - so don't forget your best mate will need to have fresh water always available, so start bringing your water bottles and bowls to training.

Happy training,

Paul Skewes





MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

The following letter was received from Susie Andri, a well known and loved former member of Midland Dog Training Club informing us of the sad passing of the wonderful Jack, a 9yo German Shepherd.



JACK

20.8.1999- 1.8.2008



Jack picked us for parents. He came waddling over to us from a litter of nine and we couldn't resist that black face.

Jack (and us) survived puppyhood in one piece, however can't really say the same for the garden, reticulation, and plants. He developed a taste for green tomatoes and chillies. Sunflowers were his specialty, as was the reticulation, where we had to put in metal fittings to keep the yard watered. We also had to shift a trailer out of the yard as he destroyed the brakelight wiring.

Jack was a bit of an enigma; he forgot to stop growing and we kept on extending his kennel upwards, not that he spent much time in it! As his mum was a champion, we took him to obedience classes, starting at puppy school at the age of 3 months. When the pups destroyed the vet's garden at one session, we had an inkling that this pup was going to be very much different from those well trained Shepherds one reads about!

However, Jack slowly rose through the ranks at obedience classes until he reached Grade 4, where we stayed for 3½ years. I think we tried everything to get him to graduate, but Jack being Jack, apart from having separation anxiety, decided that "Mum why do I have to do this stuff here in front of all these dogs, when you KNOW I do it at home", and so there we stayed quite happily in Grade 4.

We shifted to Port Hedland, October 2007, and found Hedland Canine Club which operates here in the winter months - May to September. We joined up and Jack was back in his element, as he loved going to school and socialising. In June, Jack graduated with 190/200 points and finally got his medal. Jack loved people, fishing, breakfast at cafes, the parks, visiting stables, truck yards, work sites, and became a well known figure in Port Hedland.



In May, we had a flying visit to Perth and spent a week at Murdoch uni as Jack contracted Cardiac fluid build-up, which apparently is a disease relevant to Shepherds. He suffered another bout in July, then on the 1st August, our beautiful, proud, ,brave German Shepherd pup finally passed away in our arms.

Midland Dog Club and Altone Park knew Jack so well and were a great part of Jack's life. Thank you for your guidance and friendship.

Susie Andri

DOG DEFINITIONS

LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.

DOG BED: Any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.

BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.

DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.

THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.

WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrappers. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home

SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday 9th December 2008
Time: 6:45pm (to be followed by Christmas Party)
Venue: Jack Mann Oval, Bishop Road
MIDDLE SWAN

Notices of motion must be in writing and must be handed in at the front table by **Tuesday 18th November 2008**.

Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee must be on the form attached and placed in the box at the front table by **Tuesday 18th November 2008**.

Members with dogs gaining titles during 2008 should complete the form below and hand in at the table by **Tuesday 18th November 2008**.

TITLES GAINED DURING 2008

Name of Owner: _____

Name of Dog: _____

Title(s) gained: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Title(s) gained: 1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



COMMITTEE POSITIONS

There are a number of committee positions which will be vacant and eligible for nomination for 2008. These positions include:

- ◆ President/Vice-President
- ◆ Secretary
- ◆ Treasurer
- ◆ Trial Secretary
- ◆ General Committee Positions
- ◆ Newsletter Editor

Nomination forms should be placed in the box at the front table by **Tuesday 18th November 2008.**

NOMINATION FORM

1. I, _____
(please print clearly)

Being a financial member of MDTC (Inc)

NOMINATE: _____

To the position of : _____

2. I, _____
(please print clearly)

Being a financial member of MDTC (Inc)

ACCEPT this Nomination of: _____

Signed Nominator (1): _____

Signed Nominee (2): _____

Date: _____



MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

2007 MDTC AGM,

CHRISTMAS PARTY

& Fun Night

Tuesday 9th December



AGM starts at 6:45pm followed by the annual Christmas Party.



Fun includes:

Doggy Fancy Dress

Games

Prizes



Please BYO chairs (due to lack of facilities), water and bowl.

Don't forget your dog (otherwise YOU will have to eat the sausage off the string!!). Family members and friends are welcome.

Please let the girls at the table know if you will be attending and how many guests you will be bringing by Tuesday 25th November. Additional details will be given closer to the date.

