



# MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

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**“Super Merlin” owned by Aussie with  
Aussie’s son at the Christmas Wind-up.**

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*From the Editor*

Welcome to all our new members and welcome back to those continuing their training with us. We have 32 beginners and 39 renewed memberships.

We also welcome a new trainer, Karen who is taking a Beginners class. Jill and Amanda will be starting two new classes in mid-March, including "Heelwork to Music."

May will be a busy month with a seminar run by dog training expert Steve Austin and our first obedience trial for the year. We will again be hosting trials on our own grounds. Here's a chance for you to see trained dogs in action and maybe get a taste for trialling

Later in the year we will host one of the first "Heelwork to Music" competitions in the state.

Hopefully our new building will be completed this year.

Happy training.

*Our Club Website*

[www.midlanddogtraining.com](http://www.midlanddogtraining.com)



## *President's Message 2008*

**As Presented by Paul Skewes (2008 President)  
at 2008 MDTC AGM**

This year has certainly been a strange one for the club. Our elected president Keith Wilmhurst resigned from his position as president on the 19th of 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.

We as a club could not survive without the hard work of many people behind the scenes. Many thanks to Jill Houston-our trial secretary, the vice president Jan, the committee and most importantly our instructors. Without our instructors this club would cease to exist.

2009 will bring new challenges to the club with a new dog sport being launched called "Heelwork to Music." This club has an added bonus in that it will have the two best instructors, Jill and Amanda, to assist.

Our clubrooms are still on the drawing board and hopefully will be completed early next year.

On behalf of the outgoing committee, we wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a safe new year.



## *Useful Website*

Check out  
[www.dogstardaily.com](http://www.dogstardaily.com)  
for training tips and some fun videos.  
Ian Dunbar is an international trainer  
who recently ran a series of  
workshops in Perth.

### **MDTC Obedience Trial**

**Saturday May 2nd**

**Jack Mann Oval, Midland.**

# **ADVANCE NOTICE STEWARDS NEEDED**

We will be holding our first Obedience Trial on our own grounds since the fire in the clubrooms. We will need stewards and people to assist in catering on the day. The job is simple and you will be told what is required of you. If you have not competed before and are planning to compete one day this is great opportunity to see what goes on in preparation for you and your dog's big debut. For all others it is simply a way of supporting your club and seeing some amazing team work between the dogs and their trainers. Please support your club and donate a small amount of your time. We will ask for names closer to the day. Please consider whether you can spare a hand either in the morning, afternoon or all day.



## *Steve Austin Dog Training Seminar.*

Our club is hosting a seminar on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am. This is free to members and will be held at the German Shepherd Club in Passmore Street, Southern River. (off Ranford Rd)

Steve Austin is one of Australia's foremost experts in dog training, if not the world. He has varied experience: lecturing to American Law Enforcement Agencies, training Australia's first truffle detector dog in Tasmania, speaking on animal training at Sydney's Taronga Zoo and much more. Those who have attended previous seminars say he is an entertaining presenter and you never know what's going to happen next.

The seminar will be followed by demonstrations involving members and their dogs. Members from each class will be chosen at random to have individual training. What a great opportunity!

Registration forms are now available. Forms are due in by March 31st.

## *New Classes Coming Soon*

Jill and Amanda Houston will be starting two new classes in March.

- A UD class for Obedience will begin on Tuesday March 17th from 7pm-8pm.
- An Introduction to 'Heelwork to Music' will be held on Thursday March 19th at 7pm.



## *Class Description & Times*

*during school terms*

### **Tuesday Night Obedience**

<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join
Class 1	6:30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	7:30pm	Obedience training. Still on lead.
Class 3	7:30pm	Obedience training. Some off lead work
Class 4	7:30pm	Step off to Trialling

### **Thursday Night Agility**

<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners and Intermediate	6:30pm during non-daylight savings 7:30pm during daylight savings	Beginners and Intermediate (This is for beginners who started 4th term, 2008)
Advanced	7:30pm	Advanced



## *MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB*

### *CHRISTMAS WIND-UP 2008*

**Our traditional** Christmas wind-up was held on December 9th. After a short AGM and the election of the new committee, presentations were held.

Encouragement awards of a year's free membership were presented to Yvonne Fimmell with Rookie and Miriam Gaulton with Josie. The President's Cup went to Sally Pleece and Jackson. Members who had gained titles in obedience and agility throughout the year also were acknowledged.

Games and a sausage sizzle followed. The dogs' favourite was understandably the sausage race. Many dogs entered the fancy dress competition.







***NEXT BEGINNERS INTAKE:***

28th April (Registration)

May 5th (First Class)

Classes fill quickly so let your friends know. \$60 Registration is for Beginners course and membership until the end of the year.



## *Holidaying with Your Dog*

Have you found a great place which is dog-friendly? Please let us know so we can share your recommendations with our members.

Here's a possibility for you.

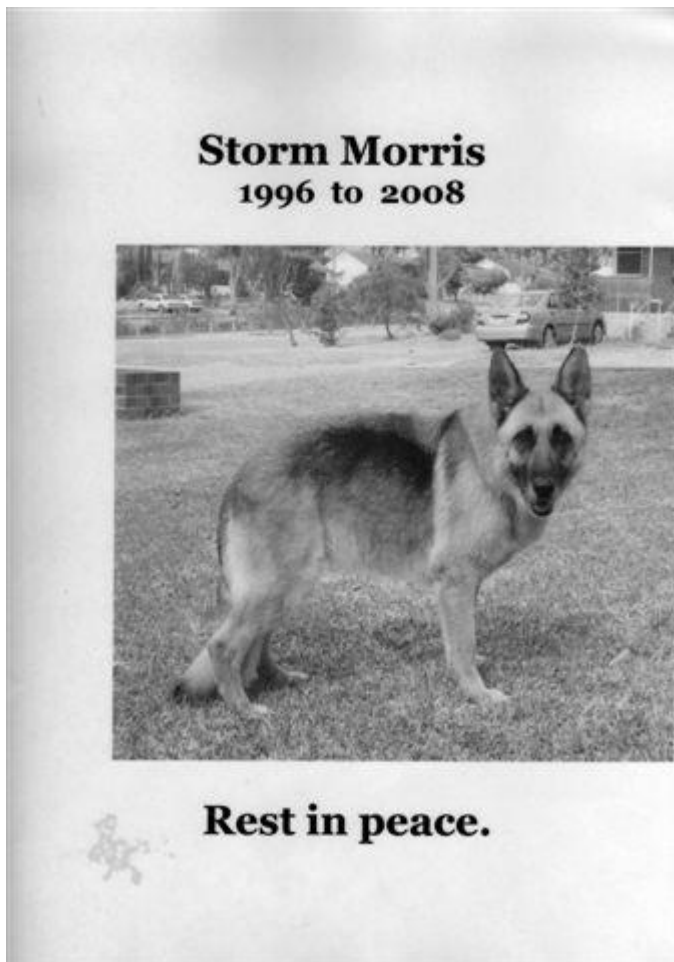
Margaret River Stone Cottages are located south of Margaret River past Witchcliffe. There are four cottages sleeping up to five people. Dogs are allowed inside but not upstairs. The stairs are quite steep so not suitable for anyone with walking difficulties. The bathroom with toilet is downstairs but there is another toilet upstairs. Everything you need is provided except food.

The back patio is fenced in. There is a large grassed area where dogs are allowed off-lead if supervised.





Storm, owned by David (who collects your \$2 up at the table) recently passed away.





## *CODE OF CONDUCT*

1. Closed shoes must be worn while training.
2. No smoking.
3. It's your responsibility to supervise your children at all times.
4. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
5. Membership badges must be worn.

## *FOR SALE*

Next time you need a new collar or lead for your dog, don't purchase it from a supermarket or pet store. Come and see us at the front desk for some assistance with our products. We purchase our products from the same wholesalers but pass the savings onto you.



- **LEADS**
- **COLLARS**
- **GENTLE LEADERS**
- **DUMBELLS**
- **DOG TRE**