



# MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

**TERM 2 - 2009**



Steve Austin shares training tips with our members.

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## *President's Message*

Well we have certainly had a busy few months fly past us, which has seen us move out of our storeroom and into the container on the grounds. Our obedience trial was a great success – many thanks to all the club members who gave their time to assist in the running of trial.

The seminar that Steve Austin presented for our club went extremely well, with a lot of positive feedback being received. ( See Amanda Houston's report in this edition )

Better Pets and Gardens have recently become a sponsor of the Midland Dog Training Club. The sponsorship provides prizes for our events and also gives the club a cash rebate based on our member's spend at the stores. These funds assist the club in providing events and amenities for the members so every time you shop at a Better Pets and Gardens store, you are helping your club. Any member who is also a currently registered Canine Association of WA (Dogs West) member can provide their details to the store staff and if they are a Customer Care Club member, they will have their CAWA details added to provide an automatic 10% discount in the store. Each year when your CAWA renewal is made, please update those details to keep receiving the extra discount. All Better Pets and Gardens stores offer gift vouchers and lay by, just talk to the staff about these options. If you are already a Customer Care Club member at Better Pets and Gardens, please get your membership clicked on to the Midland Dog Training Club group, and if you are a new shopper to the stores, please complete and drop in your CCC form on the Welcome letter provided by the club. **Every bit helps your club!**

Happy Training

Paul Skewes

### *REMEMBER*

The final training nights for this term are in the week  
starting June 29th



## *MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB*

*MIDLAND DTC  
TRIAL HELD ON MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>*

It was great to hold the trial on our own grounds and so many people said how much they enjoyed it being held there.

The weather was perfect and a huge thank you to the members who turned up to steward. You did a great job and the judges commented on how wonderful you all were so give yourselves a well earned pat on the back. To the ladies in the kitchen what a great job you did in less than ideal conditions. Well done.

There was some lovely work going on in all the rings and it was a pleasure to see so many of our own members out there competing.

The morning classes ran smoothly and efficiently with no hold ups.

Winning the utility class was Debbie Hyde with Dual Ch Tuscamada Designer Made an Aussie Shepherd- a delightful dog who looked to enjoy every minute of his time in the ring.

Top scoring the trial was our own Amanda Houston with O CH Daheim Lucky Star, a BC winning the open class in fine style.

Novice was won by another of our members, Paula Wilkins with the lovely Cathgarry Shine On, a Rough Collie that showed the rest of the class a clean pair of heels today.

CCD was won by a Labrador Brumfitt Ruby Star with K Partridge. Very well done.





The afternoon trial had a lot to live up to and it did. Again the classes ran smoothly and went without a hitch.

Utility was won again by Dual Ch Tuscamada Designer Made showing just how consistent he is.

Open was won by O CH Austway Pure Heir N Grace a Sheltie owned by Debbie Russell. This pair came from Bunbury so the win certainly made the trip worthwhile.

Novice had a lovely working GSD take the honours- Frigga Vom Zashckenof with Chris Barsby. A lovely dog this. Congratulations.

CCD was won by a BC Macs Maverick with Graham Fairley. Fabulous work from this young dog which has a bright future.

As always there are hard luck stories at all trials but none as cruel as today. Jan Welyky was busy in the morning fulfilling the duties of Chief Steward but in the afternoon worked her dog in novice. The pair put down a beautiful round and with only 15 seconds to go in the down stay, Kiah sat up so failing the class. Just to put a dampener on the weekend, the following day the pair was again leading the class on a very high score and, yes, again popped up in the down stay. Dogs don't you love 'em!!

Two of our members were also judges today with Paul Skewes judging Novice in the morning and Amanda Houston judging UD in the afternoon. Our thanks to them and all the stewards.

HAPPY DOGGING

Jill Houston

Thankyou to all those others who helped make our trial such a success.

Trial Secretary-Jill

Chief Stewards-Jan and Paul

Stewards- Barbara, Yvonne, Peggy, Carol, Aussie, Nicole, Kyran, Anne , Karren, Amanda , Chris , Paula.

Champion sandwich makers- Amanda and Janet.

Shade provider-Ray



## *MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB*

### *STEVE AUSTIN SEMINAR FOR MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB*

On 16th May 2009 we had a great day spent with Steve Austin. Our club members were given an insight into motivation, teaching and how to plan what to teach your dog, creating the right environment to learn and how to assess your dogs performance.

The fantastic part of the lecture, which included DVD presentations, was that it did not matter if you were trying to teach your beginner dog to sit stay or your obedience champion to execute a faster retrieve, the principles of training were exactly the same.

Steve was passionate about the fact that to get motivation from your dog you had to really understand what you were attempting to teach and then enjoy teaching it. It was also necessary to not put a time line on what you are teaching but teach in small steps to ensure success.

One DVD that Steve did show was of his Rottweiler. This lovely dog was taught to enjoy his tug toy so much that this could be placed amongst chickens happily feeding. This very big dog raced enthusiastically out into the area and retrieved his toy!!! I don't think there was anyone in the room that could say their dog was as motivated on the toy as this dog)

The event was held at the GSDA grounds and we thank the club very much for the use of the grounds and club room. Steve's enthusiasm and desire to impart his wealth of knowledge left us all really keen to get home and train our dogs. The day was a very inspiring day and I personally thank Steve for his time and knowledge.

Steve not only left us with so much to think about how dogs learn and a sense of purpose for us all to practise and apply his techniques, but he was also generous of spirit leaving Perth giving the Obedience National committee a substantial donation towards the 2009 Obedience National to be held in Perth in October 2009.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH STEVE AUSTIN

Amanda Houston



## *Class Description & Times*

### **Tuesday Night Obedience**

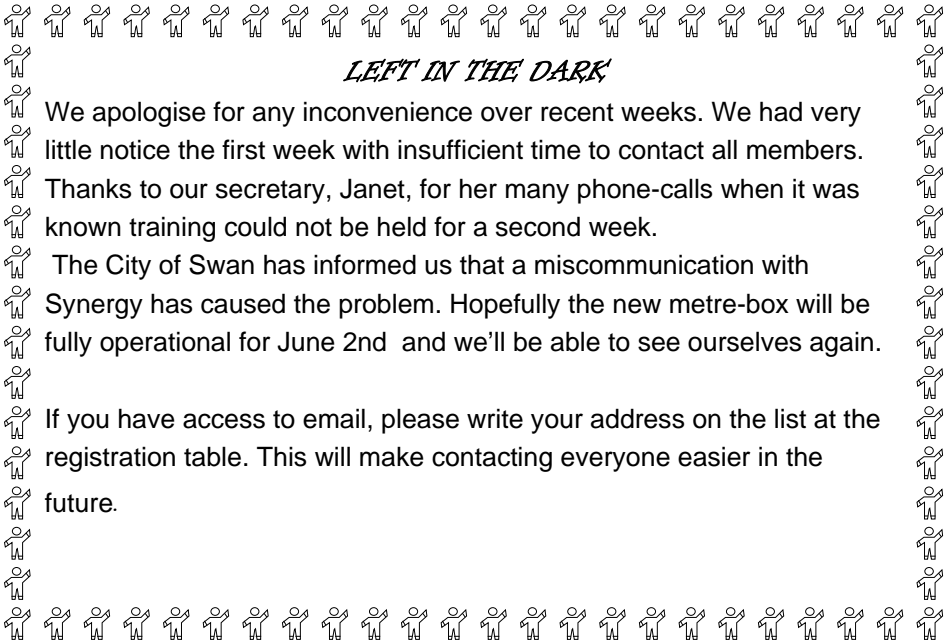
<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join
Class 1	6:30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	6:30pm	Obedience training. Still on lead.
Class 3	7:30pm	Obedience training. Some off lead work
Class 4	7:30pm	Step off to Trialling
Class 5	7.00pm	UD

### **Thursday Night Agility**

<i>Level</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Beginners and Intermediate	6:30pm	Introduction and practice of skills ready for trialling

### **Thursday Night Dancing with Dogs**

Beginners 7.00 pm	Introduction to Heelwork to Music
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*LEFT IN THE DARK*

We apologise for any inconvenience over recent weeks. We had very little notice the first week with insufficient time to contact all members.

Thanks to our secretary, Janet, for her many phone-calls when it was known training could not be held for a second week.

The City of Swan has informed us that a miscommunication with Synergy has caused the problem. Hopefully the new metre-box will be fully operational for June 2nd and we'll be able to see ourselves again.

If you have access to email, please write your address on the list at the registration table. This will make contacting everyone easier in the future.

STATE AGILITY TRIALS APRIL 17TH & 18TH

Some of our members had a successful weekend competing in two heats to qualify for the finals on Saturday.

Vicki Long with Mindy, qualified in Novice Jumping and came fourth in the final.

Miriam Gaulton with Josie also qualified in Novice Jumping.

Sally Pleece with Jackson qualified in Novice Agility and Excellent Jumping.





## **FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE GARDENS**

As you may or may not know, Riverside Gardens is a friendly off-leash dog park in the city of Bayswater that was designed to be a social playground for your beloved pet. It is nestled on the Swan River giving your dog the option of a swim or to play around in the park with a ball or favorite toy. It is not only a dog friendly park. The park hosts a nature reserve for bird watchers. It also has many barbeque and covered areas for families to have a picnic and make a great day out for everyone including Rover.

Ok. Now that I have your attention you may be asking why we are talking about this wonderful dog friendly park. Well, here is your answer. The truth is that the Bayswater City Council in its ultimate wisdom, has decided that it is going to make this wonderful park a no go zone for dogs. The plan is to eventually place a café down on the river bank and ban dogs off leash as this would be a travesty. I am writing to you the members' of Midland Dog Training Club asking that you please have your voice heard and stand behind the Friends of Riverside Gardens. Support them in telling the Bayswater Council to keep it a dog exercise area and not to take this lovely park away from the dogs. I urge you to visit it for yourself and decide just how wonderful it really is.

For more info please don't hesitate to ask Kyran or alternatively go to <http://forgwa.com>

Kyran Bromilow





*Angel - This is just a super true story.*

### *Night Watch*

It is two a.m. and the Nursing Home halls are quiet and dim. I walk through the first floor, looking in each room to make sure my charges are resting easy. I pass the nursing station, nod and smile in silent greeting, walk on down the other wing of the floor.

I come to Tommy's room,. He's awake in bed, softly moaning. Tommy was Thomas when he came here to live. Then he became Tom and now he is Tommy. He's not really aware of where he is any more. It hurts me to see that. I go in and sit beside him. He likes me to do that, it seems to bring him comfort. Soon he is asleep again, resting at peace. That makes me feel good, let's me know that I do matter around here.

Back to the nursing station and push the button to summon the elevator. My colleagues are down the hall helping Norma into bed after the hourly trip to the bathroom. I wave with my head to them as the elevator door whispers open, get on and press the button for the second floor. Up on "Two," I check with the staff working there and they tell me how the night is going. I walk down the North wing. Everybody seems to be OK. Out the door onto the terrace. The nights are turning warmer and it's clear and beautiful out here tonight. Two of Ginny's grown grandkids are standing out here, sneaking a smoke. I give them my best stern look and we laugh. They tell me how Ginny seems to be more "there" tonight. Ginny has just had hip replacement surgery. She has lots of kids and grandkids that try to share time so that "Gins" is never alone, that she always knows they're there for her. Nice family. I go in and head down the South wing.

Ina is reading, she doesn't sleep much. She likes war novels. Can you believe that? Here is this 91 year old woman, hair primly "up" for the night, commanding fleets and armies courtesy of Tom Clancy and W.E.B. Griffin. I get the latest about how we SHOULD have resolved the thing with China about them holding our Navy plane crew. I agree. Hey, do you think I'm going to argue with a woman who thinks she's Robert E. Lee, The Duke of Wellington AND William Wallace all rolled into one? Ina's a trip. I take my leave of her, renewing my promise to watch the latest Horatio Hornblower instalment on the A&E Network this Sunday night.

I go down to 211. Nanny has this room. She's almost ready to leave here. She's comfortable tonight. Nanny has a "private duty" care giver. Nice guy. Nanny's two sons and her two oldest grandkids are here tonight. That's good to see. All too often when one of our residents gets ready to leave, nobody comes to sit with them and help them prepare for the trip. Nanny's guy steps out into the hall with me and because she has her family there, joins me as I complete my rounds.

The Duke lives in 228B. His real name is Harold but nobody EVER calls him anything but "The Duke". The Duke's another of our "characters" . He pretends to be an old curmudgeon but he's really an old sweetie. The Duke sees us and he goes into his routine about: "How can a guy get a little rest in this joint with every (blank) (blank) body parading by every (blank) (blank) ten minutes?"



We go into his room. The Duke's room is a double, but we try not to give him a room mate. Nanny's guy and The Duke exchange a High 5 and he gives me his usual little kiss and pat. All the girl's working the Floor say you got to watch The Duke, he's got "fast hands". He's another insomniac and has his coin collection spread out all over the vacant bed in his room. The Duke was in the Navy and has coins from all over the world. Each coin has a story and if you don't mind the frequent themes of bars, fights and the many ladies that have graced The Duke's life, the stories are fascinating. We leave The Duke's room so "A guy can get a little rest and maybe, if you don't keep thundering back and forth all night, a little (blank) (blank) sleep!" I love The Duke.

We get back to room 211, touch cheeks and my friend goes back to Nanny's side. I walk Nanny's grandkids down the hall and ride the elevator with them. I tell them to be careful driving home at this hour. That grandson of Nanny's drives like every road is a Speedway. I watch them drive off, gravel flying. St. Christopher must work overtime when that boy is on the road. Well, time for me to take a break. The kitchen crew will be in soon, I'll be supervising breakfast. As always. This is a really full, full time job. I've no complaints though. I wouldn't want it any other way. A little over a year ago I was really down and out. My family had broken up and it looked like I wasn't going to have much of a future. When you think about it, I'm lucky to be alive at all. I have no complaints now. I'm needed here and valued for what I bring to the job.

My name is Angel. I'm a 5 year old, female (spayed, natural ears, docked tail), White Boxer. A former owner surrender. Today I'm a full time, Resident Therapy Boxer in a Nursing Home in New Jersey. Thanks for letting me share my story with you.

{Angel really exists. I wrote this story the night before last while I sat with my Mom in the Nursing Home and after watching Angel work. The residents portrayed; Tommy, Ina, Ginny, Norma and The Duke are real and are fair examples of some of the wide range of people who now call this home, Home.

Nanny of course is my Mom and Caesar is truly Nanny's "private duty caregiver". Angel does make her "rounds" each and every night. She does it "solo," has the run of the residence and uses the elevator. She can open doors on her own. When I'm with my Mom, Caesar will go along with her for a time, helping her to check up on her "charges". She is always supervised but not closely. She has earned the very special trust she now enjoys. Besides her night rounds, Angel works with the physical therapists as an Animal Assisted Therapy Dog during the day. Her main job though is to bring comfort and joy to people who all too often have none of that in their lives. She's very, very good at her job.}

Our president, Paul, discovered this lovely story on the internet.



## *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.

*NEXT BEGINNERS INTAKE:*

JULY 21st

6.30 pm

*FOR SALE*



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- **LEADS**
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- **DUMBELLS**