



MIDLAND DOG TRAINING CLUB

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Turbo the Red-nosed Reindeer, owned by Leone Holdsworth, won our Christmas dress-up competition.

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From the Editor

Welcome to all our new members and welcome back to those continuing their training with us.

We had a few ups and downs in 2009. The building renovations have taken much longer than expected. This meant the cancellation of agility classes as it was too difficult to access equipment. We then had to cancel classes when our lights were out of order for a number of weeks.

On the positive side we hosted a successful obedience trial on our grounds and a Dancing with Dogs club trial. Our Christmas wind-up was great success with everyone involved in the fun and games. As usual the sausage eating race was popular. Thankyou to those who so generously donated prizes for the raffle and congratulations to those who won a prize.

This year we had hoped the clubrooms would be ready for the first week but we have now been told March is the time of completion. Our first night back was thrown into chaos with the disappearance of the keys. Luckily another set was soon picked up and things were back on track. Thankyou for your patience on that night and how lucky there was an old barbecue available for the treasurer's table. Thanks to Paula, Janet, Nicole and others for sorting out the registrations.

Our club has already hosted a DWD trial on February 5th with many dogs gaining passes. See the report on page 10.

We will be hosting an Obedience Trial on June 5th and an Agility Trial on August 29th. Keep an eye out for details so you can come and watch, help or even compete.

Happy training.



Class Description & Times for 2010

Tuesdays

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 –See dates page 5

Thursdays

Assuming our clubrooms are complete for the start of 2010, we plan to have Dancing With Dogs and Beginners Agility classes running on alternate weeks at 7 pm. See pages 6-7 for dates.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to sign in each week when you pay your \$2 ground fees.
- Pick up after your dog. Bags are available if you forget.
- Classes operate in school terms.
- **REMEMBER YOUR REGISTRATION FEES COVER YOU TILL THE END OF THE YEAR.**



**DATES FOR U.D.
CLASSES TUESDAYS
7pm**

Feb. 9th
Feb. 23rd
March 23rd
April 20th
May 4th
May 18th
June 1st
June 29th
July 20th
August 3rd
August 17th
September 14th
October 12th
October 26th
November 9th
November 23rd
December 7th

Check out our website

www.midlanddogtraining.com



DANCING WITH DOGS
THURSDAYS 7PM

FEBRUARY	11TH
FEBRUARY	25TH
MARCH	25TH
APRIL	22ND
MAY	6TH
MAY	20TH
JUNE	3RD
JUNE	17TH
JULY	1ST
JULY	29TH
AUGUST	12TH
AUGUST	26TH
SEPTEMBER	9TH
SEPTEMBER	23RD
OCTOBER	21ST
NOVEMBER	4TH
NOVEMBER	18TH
DECEMBER	2ND



Next Beginners Obedience
Registration
Tuesday April 20th

Pre-register to ensure a place via
our website.

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Jackson in action.

**PROBABLE DATES FOR
AGILITY**

**Subject to completion of
clubrooms and easy
access to equipment.
See Jan closer to the
start date.**



Start time 6:30pm

March 4

March 18

April 1

April 29

May 27

Jun 11

Jun 25

Jul 22

Aug 5

Aug 19

Sep 2

Sep 16

Oct 4

Oct 28

Nov 11

Nov 25

Dec 9

Remember to start agility training your dog needs to be reliably obedient with a strong stay and recall. If you're not sure if you're ready yet, have a chat with Jan.



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www.yourdogphotos.com



How many dogs does it take to change a light bulb?

1. Golden Retriever: The sun is shining, the day is young, we've got our whole lives ahead of us, and you're inside worrying about a stupid burned out bulb?
2. Border Collie: Just one. And then I'll replace any wiring that's not up to code.
3. Dachshund: You know I can't reach that stupid lamp!
4. Rottweiler: Make me.
5. Boxer: Who cares? I can still play with my squeaky toys in the dark.
6. Lab: Oh, me, me!!!! Pleeeeeeeeeeeze let me change the light bulb! Can I? Can I? Huh? Huh? Huh? Can I? Pleeeeeeeeeeeze, please, please, please!
7. German Shepherd: I'll change it as soon as I've led these people from the dark, check to make sure I haven't missed any, and make just one more perimeter patrol to see that no one has tried to take advantage of the situation.
8. Jack Russell Terrier: I'll just pop it in while I'm bouncing off the walls and furniture.
9. Old English Sheep Dog: Light bulb? I'm sorry, but I don't see a light bulb!
10. Cocker Spaniel: Why change it? I can still pee on the carpet in the dark.
11. Chihuahua : Yo No quiero Taco Bulb. Or 'We don't need no stinking light bulb.'
12. Greyhound: It isn't moving. Who cares?
13. Australian Shepherd: First, I'll put all the light bulbs in a little circle..
14. Bichon: I'll just blow in the Border Collie's ear and he'll do it. By the time he finishes rewiring the house, my nails will be dry.



Doggie Wisdom

The reason a dog has so many friends is he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

I think I should have worn my seat belt!



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Dancing With Dogs Trial February 5th

We have had such hot weather that I was not sure how much training everyone was going to be able to put into their dogs for the start of the year. Some of the Midland club members had come round a couple of times to our place for finishing touches on routines and they looked really good.

Well the trial was perfect weather 32 degrees during the day but before the first dog went on a nice breeze had made it perfect. Our club is situated on an oval surrounded by two busy roads and by the time we had gone through four routines not only did we have friends of those competing but we had general public finding a spot to watch the action.

We had 35 routines presented to the judges and some first timers to which was great, it is really nice to see the sport continuing to grow and the quality was high.

Winning starter HWTM was a lovely Golden Retriever Mhadaidh Especially Hot handled by Kerry Webster competing to Yankee Doodle this was sooooo good, Kerry is a boot scooting expert so her timing was great and her dog heeled so well and deserved first and her title. 2nd was T Ch Beau (MDTC Member) this is a very accomplished agility dog and to see him and Eileen working so well together on their first time out was brilliant although as all of us know the first time in the ring is the hardest and poor Eileen kept saying 'does everyone suffer from all these nerves' 3rd saw Marianne Rogers and T.Ch Bellview Obie Bernie (MDTC Member) gain his starter title as well performing to I got U Babe, Marianne had the long flowing hippy hair and looked great, Bernie heeled super close which everyone really liked although Marianne was heard saying are you sure he is not too close!!!

Lots of qualifiers included some super German Shepherds that have really embraced this sport and all this group support and encourage each other.

Novice HWTM was won by Amanda Houston and her Golden Retriever 'Teddy' (MDTC Member) performing to the Shadows, she loved every minute of being out there enjoying the event, 2nd was Sheeza one more leg to go Val and a very happy Vicki gained her title with her lovely Rough Collie Barcoo up to Trixx. (MDTC Member)

Two very nervous ladies stood ready to perform the intermediate routines, it is a really big jump going up into this class with longer routines expected more precision I know that both the girls had worked really hard to make sure they were ready, Anne Rowe's border collie Jack (MDTC Member) competing to This is Australia was so entertaining and lovely trot heelwork had her continue on her winning ways showing some real flair well done, Carol Freely with her Doberman (MDTC Member) had chosen a medley of music from the musical Annie and it was really important that the changes in speed and tempo went well for this routine to come off well done Carol on gaining your first intermediate pass.



Amanda Houston's lovely border collie performed in Advanced to a Scottish reel although I think it should be renamed to the Scottish Heel:)) The routine went well with Ben in attention the whole time really enjoying it. If dogs could grin he would be.

We moved straight on to the Freestyle and I have to say what a great idea from the winning pair in starter was Diane Webb performing to Howzat a cricket routine with her lovely German Shepherd weaving around her cricket bat and the cricket stumps well done. Eileen having a great first time out gained 2nd in freestyle as well with Eddie Ramsden currently our only guy competing with his German Shepherd performing to Dance the night away.

Marianne then came out and blew us all away with her James Bond routine, I love the speed of this routine it makes it so exciting to watch and gained her title with both her dogs and I know she is already working on her intermediate so I am waiting in anticipation. 3rd went to a very well deserved Carol Freele performing to Ghostbusters costume was great and some new and interesting moves really made this routine one to be proud of.

Ben then came out in Advanced. There were a lot of props in this routine so Amanda was hoping that all would go well as the first time she did a dress rehearsal with all the props out he thought his Christmas had come early and the toys were left out for him to play with!!!! Ben is such a star and he loves being on show and he gained his 2nd leg of advanced.

Well done to the Midland Club the organisation was superb, scoring with Amanda Smith in control was easy, catering from Janet Pleece, Kyran on the music had the routines timed to perfection and Kimberley on the gate did a great job giving every competitor a lovely smile on their entry and exit of the ring, Karen on commentary made everyone feel welcome and special. Super prizes which included dog toy music notes donated by Karen McCluskey plus musical trophies made a great prize to the well deserved winners.

Thanks to the judges for their judging and expert comments, I cannot wait for the Western Classic in March, the day after this competition Amanda, Karen, Anne and myself will be heading to Crufts to see the English routines. Honestly can't wait, sorry the write up was so long. I get a bit excited about this sport:)))

Jill Houston a very proud organiser of the MDTC DWD competition



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.
6. Remember to pick up after your dog.

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