



THE HOBSONS BAY OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Message from the President

Welcome to the First edition of the club newsletter for 2010.

Trainer Profile – Glenn McIver

Glenn is the Bronze Class trainer.



Glenn with Coco and Jake

Glenn joined the HBODC in 2004 with daughter Emily and two Border Collies Pip and Jake. Glen had trained the two dogs as working dogs on his farm. After spending 10 years on the farm, and then returning to the City, the dogs needed some retraining: getting used to being on their leads, living in a more confined space within a suburban setting, quite different to what they had been used to.

Over the next 4 years Jake excelled at each level of training winning 'best' dog trophies at every trial he entered. Jake succeeded in achieving 'Diamond Dog Excellence', only the second dog to achieve the highest level we offer at our club.

Jake is in retirement now and enjoys sitting back watching the 'young pups' coming up through the ranks of the club. Pip achieved winning some ribbons of her own over the years, but sadly passed away in 2008.

Coco is the latest edition to Glenn's family a vibrant cheeky 2 year old brown and white Border Collie who is now being put through her training at the club too as a participating member of Glenn's Bronze class.

In 2008 Glenn was invited to become, and was established as a trainer at the club. With 30 years of being involved in education and training, together with his farming experiences, and Jakes training achievements, Glenn is well qualified to tackle all those tricky issues, questions and situations that arise when it comes down to dog obedience.

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Announcements

The Club are hosting a BBQ at the Port Melbourne Bunnings Store on **SATURDAY 3RD JULY** to raise funds for the Club. Volunteers are needed, so if you are interested in joining the Committee in hosting the event on the day please put your name forward to any of the committee members to be included on the roster ... the more people involved the merrier! - get involved and help support your Club!

The City of Port Philip Council Website is being linked to the Club's website, this will give us improved marketing potential and generate greater awareness of our Club.

Vice President Janette and Secretary Vera have had a recent meeting with our representative Samantha Buckley from the City of Port Philip with a view to securing a grant to assist us make some improvements

John Frigo the previous Club Treasurer who has been associated with the HBODC since 1996 has recently been awarded life membership to the Club. Congratulations John.

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FORGET THE GYM, WALK THE DOG! **Heraldsun article by Nicola Conville:**

Can't afford a personal trainer? Try taking your dog for a walk ...

Having a dog might benefit your waistline. A recent study has found that pet owners get more exercise than gym goers. UK researchers surveyed 5000 people and found that dog owners get more exercise walking their pet than people who go to the gym.

On average, pet owners walked their dogs twice a day with walks lasting 24 or 30 minutes. This equates to about seven hours a week spent walking their dogs while non-pet owners spent just one hour and 20 minutes each week walking, running or working out at the gym.

The study also revealed that while 86 per cent of dog owners said they enjoyed their walks with their pooch, a mere 18 per cent of gym goers said they enjoyed exercising at the gym, and almost 70 per cent admitted that they felt it was a chore.

A staggering 47 per cent of non pet owners admitted that they did no exercise at all!

Calender of Events:

- o 07 Feb 2010 - 1st Training
- o 04 Apr 2010 - Easter No Training
- o 08 Apr 2010 - 1st Trial
- o 25 Apr 2010 - Anzac Day No Training
- o 13 Jun 2010 - 2nd Trial
- o 22 Aug 2010 - 3rd Trial
- o 28 Nov 2010 - 4th Trial

to our current Club facilities ... stay tuned for an update on this issue.

In the mood to whip up some tasty treats for Easter for your four legged friend?

try this yummy recipe for home made doggy biscuits that will have your pooch's tail wagging in delight.

Recipe from "Baking for your Dog" by Ingeborg Pils:

Billys Crunchy Bones (makes about 6)

1 bunch watercress
400g wholewheat flour
100g course rolled oats
50g wheatgerm
50g peeled sunflower seeds
50g lard
250g unsalted meat stock.

1. Preheat oven to 180 degrees Centigrade. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Finely chop watercress. Knead it with other ingredients to form a dough. Roll out dough to a thickness of about 2cm and cut out six bone-shaped pieces with a sharp knife
3. Place bones on baking tray and bake for 45 minutes. Turn off heat and let bones dry in the oven overnight. Store in a paper or linen bag. They will keep for about two weeks.

Did you know

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then giving poochie only two of them!

To err is human, to forgive is canine

Brain Teaser:

What king can you make if you take
The head of a lamb
The middle of a pig
The hind of a buffalo
And the tail of a dragon?

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