



**THE HOBSONS BAY
OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB inc.
NEWSLETTER**



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Message from the President

Welcome to the second edition of the club newsletter for 2010. I look forward to seeing you all at our social night on **Friday 31st July, 6pm onwards at the Pharlap Bistro, Gate E Leonard Crescent Flemington. Melway Map 2S J1&2.** Please register with either Vera or Jackie in the office if you are interested in attending.

Trainer Profile – Tim Kraehe



Tim joined HBODC in 2000 and is currently the Silver Class trainer.

Tim Graduated from (then) Grade 5 with Harry, a Kelpie cross and has broad experience with a range of dog types and obedience challenges. Tim has previously enrolled in the Guide Dog Program and trained guide dog 'Odelle' who now lives in Japan, then trained guide dog 'Jamie' who became someone's pet due to having too big an attitude to get into the Guide Dog Training program! Tim and wife Kathrine now have 'scooter' a terrier cross.

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Calender of Events:

- **3rd July** Bunnings **BBQ**, Port Melbourne store
- **31st July** social night out Flemington Racecourse, Pharlap Bistro

- **August** Fun Day/Trial ... *date to be announced*
- **19th September** Annual General Meeting

Announcements

The Club is hosting a BBQ at the Port Melbourne Bunnings Store on **SATURDAY 3RD JULY** to raise funds for the Club. **More 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 club will be holding its **Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday 19th September** at the conclusion of the morning's training at the office facility. All current Committee positions will be declared vacant. Any member of the club is entitled to nominate to join the Committee or vote at the AGM. **Any agenda items are to be given to the Secretary, Vera Hume no later than Sunday 15th August 2010.**

Vice President Janette will be compiling a members survey to enable us to obtain your feedback on how the Club is run, your likes/dislikes and any suggested improvements. The survey will be available during the next few weeks. Your participation in completing a survey would

be appreciated.

Trainer John has been competing with Redmond one of his new puppies - and won **Baby Puppy in Show** at Bulla Sunday 6th June. That is a great result as Redmond beat quite a few other puppies of the same age. Well done John and Redmond!

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Article of Interest – Cocoa Mulch:



Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Target, and other garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called '**Theobromine**'.

It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest it and die. Several deaths already occurred.

An owner of two young lab/crosses purchased Cocoa Mulch from Target to use in their garden. The dogs loved the way it smelled. One of the dogs (Calypso) decided the mulch smelled good enough to eat and devoured a large helping. She vomited a few times which was typical when she eats something new but wasn't acting lethargic in any way.

The next day, Mum woke up and took Calypso out for her morning walk. Half way through the walk, Calypso had a seizure and died instantly.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on

the label, upon further investigation on the company's web site, this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or bakers' chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of Theobromine, a Xanthenes compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline. A dog that ingested a lethal quantity of garden mulch made from cacao bean shells developed severe convulsions and died 17 hours later. Analysis of the stomach contents and the ingested cacao bean shells revealed the presence of lethal amounts of Theobromine.

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Fun Days/Trials

What are they?

Fun Days and Trials are special days that are held several times a year, at the usual training time and location.

Two things happen on these special days:

- You can choose to show your abilities in the Trial ring. You can enter the ring with your dog and one of our Trainers will spend individual time with you and your dog to see how your obedience training is progressing. The exercises the trainer will observe you on depend on your Class level, basic exercises for beginners and more complex exercises as you progress through your training.
- If you choose not to participate in one-on-one/individual training, you can join our special Fun Day classes and activities. A challenging and enjoyable group class, or a run through some simple agility

equipment, will test just how well you know your dog and how well you can work together.

What are the benefits of taking part in the Trial (one-on-one training)?

- Entering the one-on-one Trial will give you precious "exclusive" time with a Trainer.
- You will receive valuable feedback, encouragement and guidance, which will help you in your quest to develop both your training skills and your dog's obedience skills.
- If you score in the top three contenders at each level, you can win trophies and prizes!

How do we register?

- Registration for the one-on-one Trial opens at 9.30 on the day of the Trial/Fun Day, and the competition will start soon after that.
- You will be given a number, which you will wear into the ring when your trainer asks you to enter.
- If you are joining the Fun Day Class and Activities, you just need to register at the desk - just as you would for a normal class.
- The cost for all activities is the same as for a normal training day.
- **Dates of our Fun Days and Trials will be announced at the Sunday morning pre-class gatherings, so keep listening!**

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This is what obedience training can lead to ...

Trainer **Janette** and her Cavalier King Charles **Bingo** were asked to be part of the Dogs Victoria obedience demonstration team at Federation Square on the Anzac Day Holiday. Photos can be viewed at:
<http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/Content.asp?ID=293>

Dogs can die in cars even in winter:

Motorists are warned about the danger of leaving dogs unattended in cars - even during winter according to the RSPCA and local council representatives.

While in summer it takes only 6 minutes for a dog to develop severe heat stress in a car, pets are also vulnerable to heat stroke and distress during winter months and therefore pets should **never** be left unsupervised in parked vehicles.

Cars can heat up like saunas even on mild days. The type of car you have is also relevant; studies indicate that darker hatchback type cars heat up the quickest. Anyone who sees a pet left unattended in a car should contact the RSPCA immediately.

Article from *Dogs Life* magazine May 2008 edition

Dogs and massage:

A massage is a wonderful thing at the best of times, relaxing luxurious in some cases. A massage can help loosen tense muscles, increase oxygen flow and aid with healing injuries. This is as true for dogs as it is for humans. So consider some benefits of a canine massage:

- Increase in the dogs range of movement
- Increase in the amount of fluid in the muscle
- Increase in blood circulation
- Increase in flexibility
- Provides pain relief
- Decrease in anxiety and tension
- Eliminates waste and toxins
- Improved general health and wellbeing

Article extract from *Dogs Life* magazine May 2008