

Waikato Canine Obedience Club Inc.

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The end of Term 2!

My goodness another term comes to an end. Half way through the year, the shortest day has been and gone.

I hope the training has been going well and are all prepared for assessment night. Be assured the work that you have put in has paid off and assessment night will be a great success.

It's great to have so many of you brave the cold and the start of the rainy season to stay at club. Remember the more you put into your dog the more you will receive back. Being the enjoyment of a well-behaved and well-mannered friend, your dog!

You will receive an invite for the next course. Each term spaces fill fast so your enrolments for Term 3 2008 must be received by Sherie Draper by the end of Assessment night which is the 1st of July.

You will also have received some instructor and assistant assessment forms. This is your opportunity to give us feedback on how you felt the instructors and assistants helped you and your dog to learn the exercises. These forms are very important to us to identify training issues or places where we can improve to provide a better service.

Please take your time to fill these forms in a return them to us.

All handlers that complete these forms on or prior to assessment night will go into a draw for a wonderful dog prize, drawn on assessment night.

As always, there will be an end of term sausage sizzle as a celebration of your success at the end of assessment night. There will still be the cups of tea and coffee available maybe with a chocolate bickie too.



A reminder to those of you who want Council letters that you need a 100% attendance record. You will need to give your name to either your instructor, or Sherie before the final night of term.

It is important to remember that like us dogs need holidays. Over the break give your dogs a couple of weeks rest from training. This doesn't mean letting the rules go though.

Happy holidays

A reminder of the 2008 Dates

Term 1	29 th January - 1 st April
Term 2	29 th April - 1 st July
Term 3	22 nd July - 23 rd September
Term 4	14 th October - 16 th Dec

Starting Times

Handlers are reminded that Intermediate classes start at 7.45pm.

Don't take a Mucky Pup home...

Did you know... ?

at Washworld Te Rapa we have two self-serve, coin operated dog wash tubs making bathing your dog a breeze!

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Automatic money changer on site.
Attendant to answer your questions on site 9am to 3pm

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The Life Of young Ace

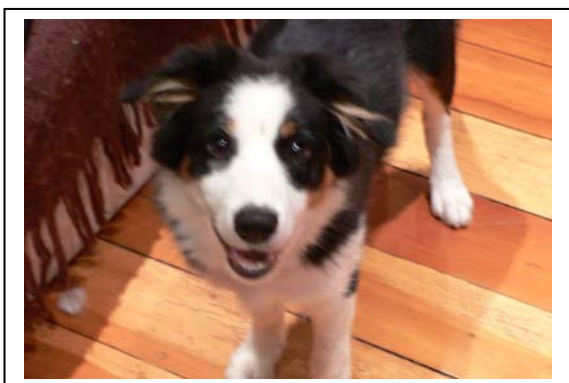
Ace was born on the 23rd of December 2007. Her father "Tyza" is a UK import from long lines of obedience. Her mother "Jess" is from Agility and Obedience lines.

Ace is now a six month old pup who has been working very hard at her obedience as she is too young for agility at this point in time. We train with Wendy down at club on Tuesday nights and Ace is coming along nicely. She is a hyperactive young miss who loves to play with her toys. Ace's training is positive training, meaning I don't give corrections and the only discipline is making her think for herself. My goal for Ace is to become an obedience and agility grand champion. We are working towards these goals by regular training and a lot of hard work.

One of the first things I taught Ace was to sit, down and stand correctly but being a border collie it didn't take very long. When I started training with Wendy we taught her how to put her self into the heelwork position and her presents (sitting in front of you after the recall). Now days we work on heelwork, stays and recalls. We also now teach the send ways (running between cones to retrieve food), scent, and a retrieve which are all harder things to teach and take a lot more work.

On the agility side of this I mostly have been teaching the tunnels and flatwork, which is turning and getting her to follow my body and hand signals. When I first start competing in obedience ace will have to be confident in the heel position as we do on lead and off lead heelwork around the ring, she will have to be able to do a recall, dumbbell retrieve, a one minute sit stay and a 2 minute down stay handlers not facing their dogs. This will take a while to get ace up to this level so she is confident in working.

Alice



Thanks for that Alice, we look forward to more updates on Ace.

Don't forget to keep checking out our ever changing and updating website.

See the most recent competition results. Read of the history of Waikato Canine Obedience Club Inc and much, much more.

www.dogobedience.co.nz

Have you noticed??.....

You may have scene every Tuesday night a group of instructors huddled up in the back corner running around with their dogs.

This is a trial term of a Clicker Tricks class. Our latest member of committee, Alice, has put this class together.

With personal experience, Alice and her dog Rufus are masters of tricks and compete in Paws to Music. (Watch out for the display at prize giving)



What we do is use a clicker (training device) to teach the dogs quite a few different tricks. The dogs seem to really enjoy it and the handlers do too. Some of the tricks we teach are play dead, roll over, leg weaving and plenty more. Alice will also get the handlers to create their own trick and perform it on test night. Next term Alice will be offering this class to more experienced handlers from the intermediate classes deciding whether to continue on with obedience or if they would rather teach their dog a few different sorts of exercises.

Some formalities have yet to be finalized and confirmed, but Watch this space!!