



Blacktown BARK

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**Merry
Christmas !**

and

**Happy
Training**

in

2018



CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, 12th December, 7:30

Please bring a plate of finger food/party food

Exciting Details inside

President's Report

This is my last report for the year,
I would like to start out by thanking all those that attended the Pet Fest day at Francis Park Blacktown in October, our club put on a great display of obedience as well as talking to people about training and dogs in general. We have a very special group of people who this club would not run without and that is our instructors and committee who work tirelessly they deserve a big thank you.

The next event we are all looking forward to is of course, our club Christmas party on the 12th December. I do hope you will all join us with your family for a fun filled night with games for the dogs and food for the adults (please bring plate to share).

I hope you all have a safe and Merry Christmas. We then have a break till the 30th January. I look forward to seeing you all in the new year when we start back

Linda Olsen



IF YOU ARE CONCERNED WITH THE FUTURE OF OUR CLUB

A representative of Blacktown Council will be attending our next *General Meeting* which will be held on Wednesday December 6th, in the clubhouse, starting at 8:00.

All members who would like to hear the latest news, or have any questions or issues you would like to raise with council over the proposed changes to the Club grounds are welcome to attend this meeting.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, 12th December 7:30

There will be no training that night, but bring your dog, and plate of finger food for the supper table and a fold up chair to sit on.

Your partners and children are welcome to attend.

The club will provide all the soft drinks and there will be **lucky door prizes** to be won throughout the night.

Don't forget about the ***Dog and Handler Look-a-Like contest*** with some great prizes to be won.

There will be several **games** for the handlers and their dogs as well. So it will be a busy night.

There will also be presentations of trophies for Titles gained by members throughout the year at show & trial competitions, as well as the Dave O'Rourke Memorial Trophy going to the most improved member and their dog throughout the year at training.

Come along for a fun night !





Important Dates 2017

5 th December	Last night of training.
5 th December	<u>No new beginners in December.</u>
6 th December	General Meeting.
12 th Dec	Christmas Party/Presentation Night.
25 th Dec	Christmas Day, Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas



Happy Holidays



**From everyone at Blacktown
Kennel & Training Club**

Happy New Year

2018

First day of training Tuesday Jan 30th

First New Members Night Tuesday Feb 6th

Pet Fest 2017



Once again Blacktown Kennel and Training Club showed off their formidable skills to the people of Blacktown. Good work everyone and many thanks !





Focus, focus focus



Promotions - September



WHITE TO ORANGE:-

10/10 John & "Hunter"
10/10 Jasmin & "Stella"
10/10 Kaydene & "Skye"
10/10 Sarah & "Calieb"
24/10 Susan & "Buddy"

September

GREEN TO BLUE:

17/10 Dan & "Stella"
24/10 Tracey & "Roxie"

Handler of the month -
Allen Hall

BLUE TO YELLOW:

24/10 Trevor & "Atticus"

Instructor of the month
- Denise Fraser

Promotions - October

WHITE TO ORANGE:-

10/10 John & "Hunter"
10/10 Jasmin & "Stella"
10/10 Kaydene &
"Skye"
10/10 Sarah & "Calieb"
24/10 Susan & "Buddy"
7/11 Courtney &
"Diesel"
14/11 Brett & "Turbo"
14/11 Jason & "Chippy"
14/11 Sandra &
"Bonnie"
14/11 Peta & "Bailey"
14/11 Janet & "Rex"
14/11 Marlee &
"Penny"
14/11 Barry & "Bindi"
14/11 Mahesh &
"Duke"
21/11 Keith & "Skye"

ORANGE TO GREEN:

31/10 Fiona & "Max"
31/10 Aaron & "Stan"
7/11 Anette & "Zoe"
7/11 Sandra &
"Bonnie"
7/11 Elisha &
"Peaches"
7/11 Carol & "Bruce"
14/11 Bill & "James"
14/11 Cris & "Elley"
14/11 Emma & "Kenai"
14/11 Clair &
"Zeke"
14/11 Caitlyn &
"Maggie"
14/11 Corey & "Bella"

GREEN TO BLUE:

17/10 Dan & "Stella"
24/10 Tracey & "Roxie"
7/11 Selina & "Latte"
14/11 Caroline &
"Simba"

BLUE TO YELLOW:

24/10 Trevor &
"Atticus"
14/11 Dan & "Stella"

Show and Trial Results

Aljudan Zeta Fame "Zeta" - John Gilhooly

Bega Valley - 13/2/17 - Judge - Ron Probert - 174

Penrith KOC - 16/7/17 - Judge - Joan Stewart - 178

Blacktown KTC - 23-9-17 - Judge Joan Stewart - 176

Novice Title !



Bone Awards

OCTOBER:-

Marlee Simmonds & "Penny" X4
Jason Smith & "Chippy" x3
Yuvraj & "Joey"
Mahesh & "Duke" x2
Dan Co & "Stella" x3
Cris & "Elley" x3
Carla & "Bindi"
Carol Warren & "Dakota"
Caroline & "Simba" x5
Selina & "Latte" x8
Alyssa McCulloch & "Yuki" x2
Gantasala & "Duke"
Suditha & "Arrow"
Barry Wademan & "Bindi"
Janet Roy & "Rex"
Peter Guenther & "Andy" x4

Jacinta Halim & "Mochi"
Theresa Vella & "AJ" x2
Peter Gogarty & "Tricky" x2

Allen & "Riley"
Simone & "Minion"
Peta & "Bailey"
Brett Shields & "Turbo"
Yuriy & "Mario" x2
Courtney Rowe & "Diesel" x2
Tracey Schultz & "Roxie"
Donna & "Gypsy"
Trevor & "Atticus"
Sharon & "Riley"
Dakota Moore & "Donte"
Rebecca Van Der Zwet & "Bella"
Sharanya Roy & "Rex" x2
Philip Grubb & "Duffus"
Elisha Auld & "Peaches"
Kiannah Moore & "Bix"
Kaydene & "Skye"

Damien Moorey & "Rocco"
Brett & "Precious"
Rhonda Kitching & "Holly"
Bronwyn Lawton & "Bindi"
Shania & "Tiny"
Emily & "Bella" x2
Fiona Howard & "Max"
Peta Howard & "Bailey"
Leea Smid & "Diesel"
Blake Rowe & "Storm"

"DOG & HANDLER OF THE MONTH":-
SELINA & "LATTE"

"INSTRUCTOR OF THE MONTH":- VICKI FINN.

WELL DONE!

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8 Things not to feed your dog this Christmas



1. Chocolate

Most pet owners are well-aware of this already, but it's an easy one to forget at Christmas. That tasty advent calendar, or those bars of Toblerone wrapped nicely under the tree, can be highly toxic to your pet even in small quantities.



2. Nutmeg

Adding a dash of nutmeg to your eggnog this Christmas? Don't fling it around – it's actually one of the lesser known poisonous foods for dogs. The Australian Veterinary Association warns that nutmeg can cause dogs to suffer from tremors, seizures, issues with the nervous system and even death.



3. Grapes and raisins

Are grapes bad for dogs? Sadly, yes.

Thanks to the traditional plum pudding, Aussies probably consume more raisins at Christmas time than through the entire remainder of the year! Both raisins and grapes, though, can cause acute kidney failure in your dog, so be careful not to give them a handful of leftovers.



4. Avocados

It's avocado season and they are a popular Christmas food. But they also contain a toxin which can damage the heart, lungs and tissue of many different animals, including Fido. Fortunately the effect in dogs is usually mild – definitely keep avocados away from any pet birds though!



5. Macadamia nuts

Australia is the world's largest producer of macadamias; the Australian Macadamia Society estimates that currently there are around six million macadamia trees in Australia! These popular Christmas nuts can also be toxic to dogs, though. Symptoms generally present within 12 hours and can include vomiting, hypothermia and elevated heart rate. Keep any nutty treats wrapped under the tree!



6. Onions and garlic

It's amazing what some dogs will crunch into; both onions and garlic can cause gastric irritation and anemia if eaten in large quantities, so be mindful of this when preparing turkey stuffing or Christmas vegetables.



7. Turkey skin, pork crackling, sausages and fatty meats

Unfortunately, these staples of a good Christmas lunch are foods which can all lead to inflammation of the pancreas in dogs due to high fat content. They're not the best for owners, either! (although we can't deny they're delicious).



8. Alcohol

'tis the season to be jolly, and we tend to celebrate the festive season with beer, wine and bubbles. According to the AVA though, even small amounts of alcohol can kill a pet. Half-empty glasses, spilled drink, even fermented fruit and other foods – make sure you keep them out of reach.

Tuesday Night Ground Rules



Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training. Check with your Instructor, or with Canteen staff. They are there to help you.

Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times unless your Instructor requires otherwise. This is for your safety, as well as others.

Please clean up after your dog. Keep one or two doggy bags in your pocket just in case. Doggy bags can be obtained at the canteen.

Keep the ground equipment clean. Make sure your dog does not urinate on the "witches hats" used for class assembly at commencement of training.

Bitches in season are NOT allowed on the grounds. Please leave the girls at home for the duration of the season as it upsets the male dogs

The use of mobile devices for filming and photo taking is not permitted during classes



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A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training.

We even have treats available for your dogs. We also sell leads and collars, check chains and soft collars. Come and meet the team. They will help you with anything you would like to buy.

Also any information you want to know.



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