



# Blacktown BARK

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**Merry Christmas everyone!**

& happy new year - see you 28 January 2014







## President's report

Well its hard to believe it is so close to Christmas, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Committee and the Instructors for all their hard work throughout the year.

If you are going away for the holiday season, please drive carefully and ensure your dogs are well catered for, it they are not going away with you. I will see you, when we recommence training, on the 28th January 2014.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Ron Probert

## IMPORTANT DATES 2013 & 2014

<b>2013</b>					
15 December	Christmas Party for Committee Members & Instructors		7 May	Committee Meeting	
			3 June	New beginners orientation night	
25 December	<i>Hope you have a Merry Christmas Day</i>		4 June	General Meeting	
			<b>22 June</b>	<b>Obedience Trial</b>	
			1 July	New beginners orientation night	
			2 July	Committee Meeting	
			5 August	New beginners orientation night	
			6 August	General Meeting	
			2 September	New beginners orientation night	
			3 September	Committee Meeting	
<b>2014</b>			<b>20 September</b>	<b>Obedience Trial</b>	
1 January	Happy New Year		<b>21 September</b>	<b>Double Rally O Trial</b>	
	No new beginners in January		1 October	General Meeting	
28 January	Training resumes		7 October	New beginners orientation night	
4 February	New beginners orientation night		4 November	New beginners orientation night	
5 February	General Meeting		5 November	Committee Meeting	
4 March	New beginners orientation night		2 December	No new beginners in December	
5 March	Committee Meeting		3 December	General Meeting	
<b>8 &amp; 9 March</b>	<b>Triple Championship Show</b>		9 December	Last night of training	
1 April	New beginners orientation night		16 December	Christmas Party/Presentation Night	
2 April	General Meeting			<i>Christmas Day</i>	
25 April	Anzac Day				
6 May	No new beginners in May		25 December		

# Christmas: Keep one eye on the **good stuff** & the other eye on the **bad stuff**

The good stuff is there are lots of **treats** you can make for your dog so they gets something in their christmas stocking that is also healthy. One simple recipe is:

## Christmas Dog Treats

Yield: About 3 dozen small cookies

4 eggs, divided (2 for the dough, 2 for the wash)  
1 ounce vegetable oil  
1 tablespoon honey  
8 ounces chicken stock  
10 ounces whole wheat flour  
5 ounces plain flour  
3 ounces cornmeal  
1 cup peanut butter

1. Preheat the oven to 325°. In a large bowl, whisk together two of the eggs, the oil and honey. Whisk in the chicken stock.
2. Combine the whole wheat flour, plain flour and cornmeal. With the mixer on medium speed, slowly pour in the chicken stock mixture, then add the peanut butter. Mix until the dough comes together, about 1 minute.
3. Divide the dough in half. Roll out each ball of dough approximately ½ inch thick. Cut into desired shapes using small (3 to 4-inch) cookie cutters. Place on baking sheets sprayed with cooking oil.
4. Whisk the remaining two eggs and brush the egg wash lightly over the cookies. Allow to dry for 10 minutes and brush with the egg wash a second time (the second wash is optional, but gives the cookies a darker brown color). Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes, depending on the size of the cookies.



The bad stuff is there are lots of paralysis **ticks** about this year that if left untreated can kill your dog. They are VERY common near our beaches

They are usually a mid grey in colour. Male paralysis ticks may occasionally clamber onto people, but unlike females, they almost never feed on humans or other vertebrate hosts.

Local itchiness and a hard lump at the bite site usually occur after paralysis tick bite. Only adult females and especially females which have fed for 4 days or more produce enough toxin to cause paralysis.

Daily checking of your pets is recommended. Once paralysis symptoms are evident the condition is dangerously advanced and you should seek immediate medical attention.

The ideal way to remove ticks is to kill them with several applications of a pyrethrin insecticide applied directly on the tick and then let the dead tick shrivel and fall out by itself.

Once it is dead the tick can be just left to fall out by itself although this may take a day or more if the tick is deeply embedded. Do not apply kerosene or similar chemicals to ticks as these do not achieve the principal aim which is to kill the tick quickly, and are also suspected to cause the tick to disgorge further secretions. Treat the bite site with antiseptic.



Nymph tick



Engorged tick



## Dogs NSW Distinguished Service Awards

Three members were honoured with Dogs NSW Distinguished Service Awards during Spring Fair: Barry Scott of Samoyed fame, Margaret Hearse, a legend in Great Danes, and Ron Probert, who will be well known to all in the Obedience world and the Blacktown Kennel Club. Congratulations to all three, and thank you for your tireless commitment to Dogs NSW.



Ron Probert, well known to all in the Obedience world and the Blacktown Kennel Club, accepts his award.

## 2013-2014 Office Bearers & Committee

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Christmas  
A time for lot's  
of hugs from  
all sorts of friends

