



Blacktown BARK

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Lining up for the new year

important dates 2014

4 March	New beginners orientation night	2 September	New beginners orientation night
5 March	Committee Meeting	3 September	Committee Meeting
8 & 9 March	Triple Championship Show	20 September	Obedience Trial
1 April	New beginners orientation night	21 September	Double Rally O Trial
2 April	General Meeting	1 October	General Meeting
25 April	Anzac Day	7 October	New beginners orientation night
6 May	No new beginners in May	4 November	New beginners orientation night
7 May	Committee Meeting	5 November	Committee Meeting
3 June	New beginners orientation night	2 December	No new beginners in December
4 June	General Meeting	3 December	General Meeting
22 June	Obedience Trial	9 December	Last night of training
1 July	New beginners orientation night	16 December	Christmas Party/Presentation Night
2 July	Committee Meeting	25 December	<i>Christmas Day</i>
5 August	New beginners orientation night		
6 August	General Meeting		



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Send your contributions to the Editor or hand it in to Jan, or Ian at the canteen on training nights.

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2014 club office officials & committee

Club Officials

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training ground rules **Tuesday night**

- ✓ Please ensure you have a suitable collar and lead for your dog when attending training. There have been some incidents of dogs slipping their collars or simply snapping their leads. If you have any questions talk to your Instructor. They are there to help you.
- ✓ Dogs **MUST** be kept on a lead at **ALL TIMES** unless your Instructor instructs 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 equipment clean - make sure your dog does not urinate on the witches hats used for class assembly at 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.



Canteen service for you & your dog

A Canteen service is available on Tuesday nights at training. We offer everything from a hot cuppa to chips, lollies and drinks.

There are even treats for your dogs. We also sell leads and Collars. Check chains & soft collars. Come and meet the Team, there is Jan, Ian, Rika & Sylvia. They are friendly and helpful and will help you with anything you would like to buy. Also any Information you want to know. So before or after training come and say hello.



Got any thoughts about how we can make our Club better? Drop a note in the box at the Canteen or tell the guys there what you think! All suggestions are welcome! (well ... almost all)

president's report

Welcome back to training. I hope everyone has had a great Christmas and will have a happy New Year.

A big welcome to all the new members who have joined the club in February and I hope your time with us will be a happy and rewarding one, for you and your dogs.

This year will see us as busy as ever, with:

- three Championship Shows on 8th & 9th March
- our Obedience Trial and Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs on the 22nd June
- our Obedience Trial on the 21st September
- Rally O Trials on 22nd September,

Our Club is presently hosting trainee Judges on Wednesday nights and if you're ready for CCD or Novice, we would love to see you

come down on a Wednesday night to get some practice in while at the same time helping the trainee judges with their training.



Our Chief Instructor, Jan Baker, is looking for instructors to

help out on Tuesday nights. If you are interested, please see Jan Baker or myself on the grounds on Tuesday or Wednesday night.

Ron Probert



Jan Baker

christmas past - just some of our members making Blacktown



a great place to be - good luck in your training in 2014









promotions

WHITE TO ORANGE

10/12 Sarah & "Mindy"
 10/12 Fiona & "Max"
 10/12 Aleese & "Bomber"
 10/12 Adel & "Leila"
 10/12 Grant & "Baxter"
 10/12 Bianca & "Frank"
 10/12 Kelly & "Twifford"
 10/12 Rebecca & "Leila"
 4/2 Rebekah & "Xander"
 4/2 Cheryl & "Neyo"
 4/2 Kylie-Anne & "Kaos"
 4/2 Joby & "Jax"

ORANGE TO GREEN

10/12 Naomi & "Luca"
 4/2 Aleese & "Bomber"
 4/2 Luke & "Luna"
 4/2 Len & "Daisy"

GREEN TO BLUE

BLUE TO YELLOW

10/12 Heather & "Meeka"



bone award

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER/JANUARY

Grant King & "Baxter"	X 2
Madalin & "Ammo"	
Tyler & "Mercedes"	
Josephine & "Wullie"	
Keira & "Tiger"	
Kirsty Mooy & "Sidney"	
Alan Currie & "Mindy"	
Richard & "Gygan"	X 3
Fred & "Lebron"	
Chantel Teakle & "Mutley"	
Rebekah & "Xander"	
Kayne & "Boss"	
Fiona Howard & "Max"	
Hayley & "Storm"	
Martin & "Blinky"	X 2
Andrew Henderson & "Harry"	
Isabelle Boyd & "Lulu"	
Henry & "Yogi"	
Carina & "Abbie"	
Rebecca & "Leila"	
David & "Henry"	
Katrina Bullock & "Ellie"	X 2
Simone & "Minion"	X 2
John Lopez & "Snoopy"	
Kerry Ritchie & "Harry"	
Cheryl & "Neyo"	
Rachel & "Duchess"	X 2
Cassandra & "Beau"	X 2
John & "Loki"	
James & "Lexie"	
Robert Skomba & "Keira"	
Andra Hemmings & "Dash"	X 2
Tamar & "Alex"	
Naomi & "Luca"	X 3
Danielle & "Demi"	
Irene Kitcheman & "Bella"	
Troy Bell & "Bentley"	
Kelly McCosker & "Twifford"	
Vicki Proctor & "Jessie"	
Greg Hill & "Raffaello"	
Michael Roberts & "Axle"	
Greg & "Boo-Boo"	
Linda Chee & "Mungo"	
Lindy Pettit & "Ruby"	
Belinda & "Boof"	
Veronica Antudillo & "Bentley"	
Nicole Botfield & "Titan"	
Luke Tester & "Luna"	X 2
Peter Guenther & "Andy"	
Pamela Ellis & "Kenna"	
Len Mills & "Daisy Von Crumb"	
Anil Deo & "Oscar"	
Adel Atalla & "Leila"	
Leanne & "Lily"	
Karen Ward & "Axel"	
AND THE WINNER IS to be announced next issue	



Success - getting your dog to sit quietly next to you



Success - getting your dog to step out with you on a loose lead



Success - getting your dog to lie down while you walk away for a few minutes long down

Book Excerpt

Bringing Your New Dog Home

Cesar Milan is one of the best known dog handlers. Here he shares an excerpt from Chapter 6 of his *Short Guide to a Happy Dog*, walking us through the process of bringing a new dog or puppy home for the first time.

Homeward Bound: Meeting Your Human Pack

You've located the perfect dog with the right energy for your family and lifestyle. You've researched the breed, decided you can handle any special needs, and have everyone in the household ready to take on the role of Pack Leader. You go through the adoption process, including microchipping and spaying or neutering, and today is the big day — time to bring home your new dog.

This is the point in the process when many people make the biggest mistake, frequently out of excitement over having a new family member. They drive home, bring the dog out of the car and to the front door, throw the door open, take off the leash, and let the dog loose to explore her new home . . . and the poor dog has no idea what's going on or where she is. It may look like she's excitedly investigating as she runs from room to room, sniffing everywhere, but she isn't. You've just thrown her into a completely alien environment with no direction, and these early associations are going to stick. The place is unfamiliar, it smells different, and there doesn't seem to be any way out. If you have previously had pets in the house, it will smell like them, and your new dog will be uncertain about invading someone else's territory.

So let's back up from the front door and back to the car, and back to the shelter. Before you even bring the dog to the car, take her on an energetic walk. This will help use up the pent-up energy from being in the shelter. Once you are in the car, stop a few blocks from home and take your dog on another walk, this time to your doorstep. This allows her to get used to the smells and sights of the new neighborhood, and to begin to feel confident about being there. She will also get to know you and your energy, and you will begin to establish trust.

Finally, when you arrive home, it's not time to let your new dog go bounding inside yet. Lead her to whichever door you enter through, and then make her sit, waiting until she shows calm, submissive

energy. When you open the door, you and the family must enter first. Only then, invite your new dog in, but keep her on the lead for now — and make sure that everyone practices "No Touch, No Talk, No Eye Contact."

The idea is that you slowly introduce your new dog to her new place, one room at a time, and you should begin with the room where she will find her food and water, making her wait until you have gone through the door and invited her in. Have her sit while you get her food and water ready. After she has eaten, she should be even more relaxed. Now you can give her the tour of the rest of the house, avoiding rooms you do not want her to enter.

As with that first room, make her wait at the threshold to every room until you invite her in. Keeping her on the lead, let her sniff and explore each new place before leading her to the next. What you are doing with this process is telling the dog, "This is my territory. I own it, but I am allowing you in." It will help build your dog's respect for what is yours from the beginning.

Once you have completed the tour, it will be time for your new dog to meet each of the human members of the pack, one at a time. Let her smell them first, and don't allow anyone to show affection until the new dog comes to them. Pack leaders do not go to their followers; their followers come to them.

Read more: <http://www.cesarway.com/dog-training/the-basics/Book-Excerpt-Bringing-Your-New-Dog-Home#ixzz2tX8gsKph>



health matters



listen up ! dogs die in hot cars

Next time you think about leaving your dog in the car while picking up a beer, coffee or take away, please reconsider.

In as little as six minutes, a car can get hot enough to cause life-threatening damage to your four-legged best mate.

Each summer, RSPCA NSW responds to pleas for help by concerned citizens who have found dogs in locked cars. They need your help to get the message out there — a dog left in a car alone for any period of time is in danger.

DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOG AND DON'T FORGET TO COOL HIM AS WELL...



paralysis ticks

are becoming more and more common.

If left untreated, they can kill your dog. They are VERY common near our beaches so if you take your dog to the coast make sure you go over them several times in the following three days as they can take that long to become big enough to feel.



Nymph tick



Engorged tick

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.

wise dogs

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.



An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out..

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar: 'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 He's trying to catch up on his sleep. Can I come with him tomorrow?'



Trialling dog



Service dog



Party dogs



Now that's a hand signal - Jan bends to make sure it is right in front of the dog's nose

Ryan Ke

Golden Retriever – Obed Grand Ch Euraid
One Night Stand CCD UDX NRA – Yogi
owners – Jan Dixon & Louise Patterson

Sunshine Coast Obedience Club – 30/11/13
Rally O Novice – judge Mrs C Fisher
83 pts – 1st qualification

9/11/13 – Redlands Dog Obedience Club (Qld)
1st place UDX – 190 pts – 1st place
Judge Mr J Brown (Qld)