



Jolly Dog School News Letter



SEPTEMBER 2008

HALLO EVERYONE,

At the time of writing Shirley has been hiking around Italy as well as spending some valuable time visiting her children and grandchildren. Hubby Ted informs me she has had an awesome time and he is looking forward to her return next week.

Believe it or not – we are on the last leg of the year. It's time to get your diaries out and make some notes of important events coming up. It has been whispered in my ear by a few of the “furry students” at school that I should point out that they are also part of the “kids “ in the family and therefore their dates are just as important as those of the human kids. So lets take serious note of the following if only for Fluffy's sake:

END OF YEAR JDS TESTS

01 NOVEMBER – 13H30 for Puppy Classes, Rookies (Des Class) Elementary (Peter Bekker Class) Intermediary Classes (Ingrid and Jenny Class)

**06 NOVEMBER – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
20H00 to be held at -- 16 Caithness Road, Blairgowrie.
PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB AND COMMITTEE.**

08 NOVEMBER – 13H00 – Beginners, Novice, A Test, B Test and C Test and Agility Classes

15 NOVEMBER – Walk in Melville Koppies at 08H00.

22 NOVEMBER – 14H00 - Braai and Annual Awards

The whole purpose of all of the above events is to round off the year on a “fun” note. Please do not take fright of the “tests” come and see what you and your dog are worth – you will be pleasantly surprised. Bring along a chair, take it easy and watch the dogs and handlers go through their paces. The walk has proved very popular in the past for both dogs and dogs alike and of course the Braai is your reward for your hard work – DON'T BE SHY JOIN IN THE FUN.

A good time was had by all who attended the 50th Anniversary Dinner. A jovial atmosphere prevailed and the food was excellent.

<p>“I WANT TO BE THE KIND OF PERSON MY DOGS AND CATS THINK I AM” What a wonderful thought!</p>
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INFLAMMATORY SKIN CONDITIONS

Anyone who has ever owned a pet will agree inflammation of the skin is not uncommon and is enough to cause an owner huge distress. It may be caused by allergies, flea bites, atopy, and food allergies to name but a few. A food allergy or intolerance means your pet has an allergic reaction to one of the substances in the food and usually these are either proteins or carbohydrates.

An allergic reaction is characterized by skin itching and causes from mild to intense, desperate, frantic scratching. If this scratching is severe it could lead to secondary clinical signs, such as hair loss, red, flaky skin patches, poor quality coat and chronic infections of the affected areas. Vomiting and diarrhea may also occur.

A trip to your veterinarian is essential. You may be given specific medicine as well as nutritional guidelines, which should be followed carefully. **AVOID THE TEMPTATION TO FEED SNACKS AND TREATS.**

If your pet does not respond as you or your vets expect contact him again in case additional medication is required.

TICKS AND FLEAS - Talking of Itching – Have you considered Ticks and Fleas. Sometimes we are quick to think of food or grass allergies BUT remember together with the hot weather comes the nasties. Both Fleas and Ticks breed at an alarming rate. Check your animals regularly and speak to your vet. There are many products on the market to assist you with combating this menace. Remember the ingestion of fleas, eggs etc also leads to worms. Deworm regularly for Fluffy's sake and yours.

KENNEL COUGH – This is not a pleasant disease for your dog or you to contend with. I am told by two vets it is doing its rounds at the moment. Remember it is highly contagious and you need to confine your animal to his home surroundings until such time as he is over it. Also restrict his activity to the minimum as any exertion causes coughing. If there are other dogs on the property there is a good chance they will catch it too.

NEW TRAINERS - You may have noticed the explosion of new puppies attending JDS. It is always exciting to see owners taking an active interest in their dogs and especially devoting the time and effort and let's not forget the patience in their wellbeing. To this end two new trainers have been appointed to assist in this very important start to their journey. Welcome to Fiona and Peter. Please feel free to discuss any problems you may encounter with any of your trainers.

RAISINS – DEADLY TO A DOG

I recently read an article in a vet's magazine, which came as a shock to me after all my years of breeding, and I would like to share this with you.

As few as seven raisins (for large dogs) are enough to kill your dog. The toxins produce vomiting and diarrhoea and rapidly dehydrates the animal. Dogs known to have eaten raisins have been put on a drip to no avail. The animal simply continues to waste away and the owner is often faced with the inevitable death of their beloved animal.

SO WHO NEEDS RAISINS AND CHOCOLATES – HERE IS THE ULTIMATE DOGGIE TREAT AND VERY EASY TO MAKE

LIVER CAKES

500 gram Chicken Liver (beef and lamb also fine)
2 and a half Cups Flour/Wholewheat flour (or mixed)
2 eggs
2 teaspoons baking powder

Chop up liver in food processor and then add flour, eggs and baking powder. Pour into a Swiss Roll Pan and bake at 180 degrees for 30 minutes. Store some in the fridge and the rest in the freezer.

Of course if you do not have the time to make them yourself you can always speak to Wendy. The dogs at school say she makes the bestest bestest biscuits. To order call her on 073-431-6206 or meet her under the big tree at training.

Sign in a Chinese pet store – buy one dog get one flea!

The most precious thing we have is life – yet it has absolutely no trade-in value

ARE YOU KILLING YOUR DOG WITH KINDNESS - LITERALLY???

**DO NOT LEAVE DOGS IN CARS DURING HOT WEATHER
REMEMBER -- IN SOUTH AFRICA EVEN THE WINTER SUN
CAN HEAT THE CAR QUICKLY**

A car can become a furnace with the heat soaring to 27 degrees centigrade within a few moments. Remember the dog is trapped in this situation - he cannot open a window, or get out to find some fresh, cool air. A young dog, or a dog with heart problems is even more at risk.

COMPETITION RESULTS – I have no results to report in Shirley’s absence but please continue to submit ALL results. All results are correlated over the year and go towards the year end awards.

Please send your Competition Results to both

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A CANINE PRAYER – Author unknown

Dear God,
Are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize?

And then dear God,
How come people love to smell flowers, but seldom, if ever, smell one another. Where are their priorities???

When we get to Heaven, can we sit on your couch?
or is it the same old story as here?

Sincerely – THE DOG

Head trainer: -- Des Bekker 011 678 7754

Secretary -- Ingrid Dinsmore 011-793 3482

Club Clothing -- Rhea Derham 083 698 5435

OR-- your class trainer

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**Trainers      Agility**

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There are still some Jolly Dog T-shirts for sale --

The dark blue range starts from R25 for a T-shirt. The new paler blue ones are a little more expensive. Think about having a training T-shirt and save your good ones from being damaged.

You can buy them from Wendy who sits under the big tree. She runs the little tuck shop and sells cool drinks, crisps and chocolate.

Many thanks

Ingrid

**‘The Jolly Team’**