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North Shore Dog Training Club Newsletter Issue 4 - 2009

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Lost and impounded dogs

All lost and impounded dogs from North Shore and Rodney District are now housed at the Northern Animal Shelter, 47 Tavern Road, Silverdale.

If you have lost your dog, phone the shelter direct on 09 421 0222 or phone the North Shore City Council Actionline: 09 486 8600

Animal shelter hours: Weekdays 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm - Weekends 10 am to 12 noon

Go North Shore!!

Several NSDTC members have qualified to represent the Northern Region at this year's National Dog Training Assembly in Mosgiel near Dunedin. The NDTA is the biggest dog sports fixture of the year and it attracts competitors from all over New Zealand.

Obedience: Mark Robinson and Sophie, Special Beginners; Laurel Greaves and Bertie, Novice; Karen Browning and Rowdy, Test A; Rachel Butler and Quest, Test C

Agility: Tess Bayly and Quinn, Novice



Paw Justice is an organization that was formed to help deal with the problems of animal abuse and neglect, which has grown at an alarming rate and is stretching the resources of all animal welfare agencies. Please support them by signing the petition in the clubhouse!

www.pawjustice.co.nz

NSDTC members who have achieved 1st places since 1st August

Obedience:

Norwest CH: Ruth Deacon - Dusky, Test B
Norwest CH: Cathy Clarkson - Hollie, Elementary
Norwest CH: Laurel Greaves - Bertie, Novice
Benefit CH: Karen Browning - Rowdy, Test A
Mangawhai RT: Lise Davis - Bruiser, Elementary
Northshore CH: Ruth Deacon - Dusky, Test A
Allbreeds CH: Kelly Daniel - Brody, Elementary
Allbreeds CH: Deanne Currie - Jordan, Test C
East Auckland CH: Joanne Turner - Cody, Test A
East Auckland CH: Karen Browning - Rowdy, test A
East Auckland CH: Jenni Hirst - Castor, Test C
Manukau CH: Tanya Barbour - Bindi, Elementary
Manukau CH: Jenni Hirst - Flyte, Novice
Manukau CH: Deanne Currie - Jordan, test C

Nationals: Success for NSDTC members in 'Dog Dancing': Kelly Daniel & Brody won the Elementary Freestyle with a routine to Van Halens "Jump".

Michelle Gasson & Moss won with their Novice Heelwork to Music routine to Irish Reel Music.

www.choredography.com for more information.

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Agility:

Mangawhai RT: Tess Bayly - Quinn, Senior
Mangawhai RT: Kevin Crossley - Tashi, Novice
Mangawhai RT: Tonka Watson - Jazz, Elementary
Mangawhai RT: Debbie Powell - Bailey, Elementary
WAG CH: Matilda van Rijnberk - Hiska, Novice
Tauranga CH: Matilda van Rijnberk - Hiska, Novice

For the first time NSDTC organised a beginners competition for obedience and agility for members. It was a success, especially for the obedience with almost 20 entries, while the agility had around 10 entries.

Obedience results:

1. Tonka Watson and Molly 2. Tanya Barbour and Bindi 3. Emily Hartwig and Appollos

Agility results:

1. Diane Davenport and Missy 2. Monique Gainsborough Waring and Blitz 3. Monique GW and Flint

Heat stroke in dogs

Understanding and preventing hyperthermia, by Jenni Stregowski, RVT

Hyperthermia is a term describing an elevation in body temperature. This increase typically occurs as a response to a trigger, such as inflammation in the body or a hot environment. When a dog is exposed to high temperatures, heat stroke or heat exhaustion can result. Heat stroke is a very serious condition that requires immediate medical attention. Once the signs of heat stroke are detected, there is precious little time before serious damage - or even death - can occur.

Dogs do not sweat through their skin like humans - they release heat primarily by panting and they sweat through the foot pads and nose. If a dog cannot effectively expel heat, the internal body temperature begins to rise. Once the dog's temperature reaches 106°, damage to the body's cellular system and organs may become irreversible. Unfortunately, too many dogs succumb to heat stroke when it could have been avoided. Learn how to recognize the signs of heat stroke and prevent it from happening to your dog.

The following signs may indicate heat stroke in a dog:

- * Increased rectal temperature (over 40° requires action, over 41° is a dire emergency)
- * Vigorous panting
- * Dark red gums
- * Tacky or dry mucus membranes (specifically the gums)
- * Lying down and unwilling (or unable) to get up
- * Collapse and/or loss of consciousness
- * Thick saliva
- * Dizziness or disorientation

If you have even the slightest suspicion that your dog is suffering from heat stroke, you must take immediate action.

1. First, move the dog out of the heat and away from the sun right away.
2. Begin cooling the dog by placing cool, wet rags or washcloths on the body - especially the foot pads and around the head.
3. DO NOT use ice or very cold water! Extreme cold can cause the blood vessels to constrict, preventing the body's core from cooling and actually causing the internal temperature to further rise. In addition, over-cooling can cause hypothermia, introducing a host of new problems. When the body temperature reaches 39,4°, stop cooling.
4. Offer the dog cool water, but do not force water into it's mouth.
5. Call or visit your vet right away - even if the dog seems better. Internal damage might not be obvious to the naked eye, so an exam is necessary (and further testing may be recommended).

Tip: recruit others to help you - ask someone to call the vet while others help you cool your dog.

There are ways you can prevent heat stroke from happening in the first place:

- * NEVER leave your dog alone in the car on a warm day, regardless of whether the windows are open. Even if the weather outside is not extremely hot, the inside of the car acts like an oven - temperatures can rise to dangerously high levels in a matter of minutes.
- * Avoid vigorous exercise on warm days. When outside, opt for shady areas.
- * Keep fresh cool water available at all times.
- * Certain types of dogs are more sensitive to heat - especially obese dogs and brachycephalic (short-nosed) breeds, like Pugs and Bulldogs. Use extreme caution when these dogs are exposed to heat.

Some dogs can recover fully from heat stroke if it is caught early enough. Others suffer permanent organ damage and require lifelong treatment. Sadly, many dogs do not survive heat stroke.

Prevention is the key to keeping your dog safe during warmer weather!

Interested in agility training? Please contact

Tess Bayly on 09 416 1704 or 027 4731 704

tessbayly@clear.co.nz

Your dog must be 12 months or more and have off-lead control.

Interested in flygility training?

Please talk to Joanne Turner or Sheeran

Johnson. Your dog must be 12 months or more, have off-lead control and love (tennis) balls.

Excessive Barking

Please do not allow your dogs to bark excessively at the clubgrounds. It is unfair to other members and our neighbours. A copy of the club's barking policy is displayed on the notice board.

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be placed in the cupboard under the telephone and will be disposed of if not claimed within 3 months.

Club Shop

We have a range of leads, collars, dumbbells, toys, clickers, long lines, halti's etc. at very reasonable prices.

Please ask your instructor for advice.

Club shirts (dry-fit and cotton) are also available. Please have a look in the club-house.

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