



HOLDFAST DOG CENTRE

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NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2015

We hope all our members, past and new, had a great Christmas and New Year. Our staff all enjoyed their well-earned break, but were excited to get back too. Day care returns earlier than classes, and January saw old friends returning plus new puppies and dogs start. Day care is a great social outing for your dogs, and allows them to interact, socialise, make friends and learn their own special language while using up that extra energy that can be hard to cope with when their parents are busy during the week. Just a reminder, that some days are near capacity, so make sure you either have a regular booking, or check first before turning up.

Members are also able to visit on Fridays, with your social friendly dogs, who can also benefit from the social fun of catching up with friends. A quick reminder : Visitors on Friday are asked not to come if the temperature is forecast 32 or over.

Puppy classes returned mid January, a first for us, but with the addition of Simon as our new instructor we were able to get things rolling earlier than usual. Simon will be continuing the Monday night puppy classes (also new this year) and Karyn will kick in on the Saturday ones soon. Basic, Advanced and Masters returned in February. We are now running all three courses on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and Saturday mornings to provide even more options for you. All basic classes were fully booked – and are till late February – Advanced and Masters were close. We now have a Masters 3.2 course running. If you have completed Masters but would like to continue, then this course is a great option. You purchase a six lesson course, but turn up at any Masters class whenever you wish to. So you could use your six lessons up in a couple of weeks, or spread them out over a few months .. no ongoing commitment, no need to notify, just show up when you wish to. **Agility returns on 21st March**, so book in soon so you don't miss out.

Things have been happening here too.. other than adding an extra night of training we have had some improvements done too.



Our new inner fence on the southern boundary went up this week. This has been a long term aim, to provide a buffer between our day care dogs and the activities on the Lacrosse oval. We were fortunate to receive a Council grant to assist with the cost and are forever grateful for the support from our local Council.

Membership (\$25 per annum) is due now and enrolment is via our website. If you don't renew you won't receive any more newsletters or updates from us. Your membership helps us immensely. If you aren't renewing this year, we would like to thank you for your past support, and we hope to see you again one day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are hosting two seminars in the near future. One, by Megan from Canine Interaction, an accredited Family Paws rep, who can help your dog adjust to the arrival of a new baby, and one by Millie, an accredited Tellington Touch rep, who can teach you how to help your dog relax and feel relief from stress and anxiety.

We are so excited to be able provide you with these two wonderful presenters:
Bookings required, details below.



Canine Interaction



- Are you currently pregnant?
- Want up to date information on how to introduce your newborn to your dog?
- Maybe you're about to become a grandparent and want your dog to accept your new grandchild

Family paws is a licenced program that gives you the skills to prepare your fur baby for the new arrival. How to set yourself up for success and to decrease stress when the time comes.



When: Saturday 28th February at 2.30pm.

Where: Holdfast Dog Centre, Brighton Oval Complex, Stopford Rd, Hove

Cost: \$30 per household

If you have any questions please contact:

Megan (Canine Interaction) 0432 247 999 Karyn (Holdfast Dog Centre) 0405 559 150 / 8377 0737



Tellington *TTouch* Training®

ONE DAY WORKSHOP

Attend SA's First Tellington TTouch Training Workshop

Interested people with or without their canine friends are welcome!

WHEN:	Sunday March 15, 2015
WHERE:	HOLDFAST DOG CENTRE <i>Brighton Oval Complex</i> <i>Stopford Road, Hove</i>
TIME:	9am - 4pm
FEES:	
- With Canine	\$150.00
- With Canine (HDC Member)	\$125.00
- Without Canine	\$100.00
- Without Canine (HDC Member)	\$75.00

!! REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 1 !!

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT
HOLDFAST DOG CENTRE
WWW.TTOUCHSA.COM.AU

OR CALL **0413 548 488**

**Yelling at a dog to stop barking
doesn't work
because the
dog just goes,**

**"Cool, now we're
both barking!"**



If you need help with a training or behavioural problem, give us a call, or email and we may be able to help.

It is easier to prevent problems than fix them, but fixing early is easy than if the behaviour has become established.

TUBULAR AND IRON FENCING

208A Dyson Road Lonsdale 5160

Contact: Stuart Reeves: 0413 583 722

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The fence guys, Tubular and Iron Fencing, were fantastic. They put that fence up while we ran day care! They were so patient and caring to the dogs, didn't mind the kisses whenever they bent down, were happy to let the dogs sniff and explore their gear and never once looked flustered or overwhelmed – and we had a lot of dogs in! Can't recommend them highly enough – if you want fencing – these are your guys

Dougal keeping an eye on things, wouldn't want anything to go wrong!



BUNNINGS BBQ

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped on the day.
Bunnings provide a great opportunity for fund raising, and the success on the day is solely dependent on volunteers and committee working together.



Great job guys – Thanks