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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2012

From the Editor:

2012 is fast coming to an end. We have had another good year, our new curriculum in training classes has proved successful, with the new exercises (don't we all love parking?) and the 6 week course structure have been very popular. Day care numbers dropped a little during the coldest winter ever, but the dogs still managed to enjoy their day...water and mud seem to inspire such interesting games...just like human kids, the dogs love rolling and sliding and getting dirty.

A number of our trainers, committee members and club members recently attended a rally in the city to raise awareness about puppy farms and the horrendous conditions some dogs are forced to live in. Most pet shops are supplied by puppy farms. And puppy farm breeding dogs never know a cuddle, love or affection....most don't see sunlight or feel the grass under their feet. While many wonderful dogs that we know have come from pet shops, and are loving adorable family members, it is the parents of these dogs that suffer, and "Oscar's Law" supporters used their voice to let our politicians know that animal welfare should be a high priority.

We are having a Christmas Party again this year, details in this newsletter, please try and join us for a fun afternoon with your dog.

There is still no real news about when the Brighton Oval development plan will happen, or when we will be able to improve our facilities, but we are all doing pretty ok with what we have, the important thing is that we can offer quality training and fun filled day care to our club members and their dogs.

Membership is due at the end of the year, please consider renewing, details and enrolment form are included.

Our training schedule for next year will be available online by the end of October.

For those of you we won't see again this year, have a great Christmas with your two and four legged family members.
Cheers Ed,

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP TIMES

COURSES: All courses are completed by December 10th and resume on February 2nd 2013. Website will have course date information available from end of October

DAY CARE: Doggy Day Care will run as normal until 6pm on Friday, 21st December. Day Care will resume on Tuesday, January 8th at 7 am and continue as usual for the year.



INTERNET SITES OF INTEREST

Dog Rescue Groups – Looking for a new friend. Speak to us too, we are often looking for a great new home for a dog that we know.

<http://www.sadogrescue.com>

<http://www.rspecta.asn.au/> or

<http://www.adoptapet.com.au>

<http://www.awlsa.com.au>

www.soe-bioremedies.com.au

FACEBOOK:

Find US ON FACEBOOK or Karyn Molloy for clips and fun stuff and updates about dogs

Youtube Search for KarynM to see doggy day care clips

Know a good site – Let us know too!!!

THE TRAINERS, CARERS AND COMMITTEE WISH ALL OUR CLUB MEMBERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND ESPECIALLY THEIR FURRY KIDS A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR...HOPE ALL THE PUPPIES GET LOTS OF CUDDLES AND PRESSIES.



THE PHOENIX FILES

October 12

Hi, My name is Phoenix and I am now five years old. That is very grown up. Mum says she is now expecting "great things" now that I am mature. I am too. I wonder what great things I will get? Maybe new toys, or a new bed? Mum got me a new brother named Baker (that's him in the photo with me) and he is an Afghan Hound. That must mean handsome and good. I kiss him a lot, and share my toys and sometimes I get so excited when he plays with me that I jump around too much and knock him over. Then he stops playing. Mum says I am a Doofus, which means very smart dog, but when I knock Baker over, he doesn't act like I am smart. He grumbles at me. I think he doesn't know about smart dogs.

We have had lots of things change at the dog club. Monique is having a baby! She has had to stop working. I don't know why you have to do that, but mum said she was getting to big to bend and do stuff. I have gotten pretty big too. I weigh 56 kg, which is very good but I hope I can still do stuff. And everyone was worried about Monique getting knocked over, but I try to not bounce and jump around too much, cos I am a Doofus and know how to behave. When she has the baby, Mum says we will meet him. I haven't met many babies and they make me a bit nervous so I hope the new baby isn't a scary one or I will only say hello from a long way away. We have a new girl working here now called Morgan. She is very nice, I like her a lot too. She gives me hugs and pats and helps me look after the other dogs. Mum told her I was a Doofus and she laughed, I guess she hasn't noticed yet how smart I am, but she will when she turns into a Doofus too.

At Day Care, I think I've told you before that sometimes I see dogs running on the oval next door, and I tell them off, cos you are supposed to play in here, not out there. Sometimes Baker goes with me to the fence, but he doesn't bark or look over the fence, he just goes with me. Well, Mum doesn't like him going with me, she knows this is my job. So she calls him back and he runs back to her straight away. So I have to go too, cos otherwise he might get an extra treat or cuddle, and I like cuddles with the three of us best. So I have to leave the fence and run back. Mum used to call me back and I would mostly go, but know she only calls Baker. She worries more about him at the fence than me cos I am a Doofus, a very smart dog and know my job. But I just can't help myself...I have to run back too. I go back now more than when mum called me. She says that's cos I am a Doofus, but it doesn't seem real smart to leave my job and run back for cuddles, but I guess we all do like cuddles together, Mum, Baker and me.

I am so happy she got me a brother but I really think he is my boyfriend cos I love him so much and he is so dignified and handsome. Some people say he looks like Fabio. I don't know who that is...Mum said he is a model and people take his photo a lot, so maybe Baker is like him cos people take his photo a lot too, and mine..but more him. Mum laughed about the Fabio thing and made a funny picture, see it below. Mum says Christmas is just around the corner too, I went and looked but I couldn't see it. My mum is not a Doofus, but I love her anyway.



Phoenix

Baker Bulletin:

We need someone to give us advice and/or quote on some paving and drainage issues. If this is your area of expertise please let us know. (Not looking for freebies, just want some reliable, trustworthy advice.)

2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY



Saturday December 8th at 12.30 pm



Sausage sizzle provided (incl. bread and onions)

BYO drinks - there will be soft drinks for sale

Activities:



Agility demo and tryouts (1pm)

Eleven legged Race : Dress up Relay : Egg and dog Race : Apple Bob Race

Fancy Dress Competition (Best child/dog, Best Dog)



Best Trick Competition

\$8 per adult, two Adults \$15, children and dogs free

RSVP by December 1st (return slip included in newsletter)

SOE-BIOREMEDIES

Liquid Minerals for Animals are a new product made by SOE-BIOREMEDIES, who have until now produced human natural products. The Liquid Minerals, Emergency, Balance, and more recently, Focus and Confidence have proven very successful in helping dogs to achieve emotional balance and become calmer and more receptive to their home and learning environment. Kellie Eaton, one of our trainers and carers, is happy to talk to anyone who feels their dog may benefit. Karyn has also attended SOE's workshop with Kellie and seen the improvement in many dogs. For some the change has been life altering. It is wonderful to see an anxious dog being able to respond and relax and feel safe. The Liquid Minerals are an all natural product. We are very happy to be able to recommend and supply these drops. For more info, see us at daycare, training, or call or email us.

SOE-BIOREMEDIES is also on facebook and has a website: www.soe-bioremedies.com.au

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership for 2013 is due at the end of the year and payable by February 1st 2013.

At the last Annual General Meeting, the committee passed a motion to increase membership to \$25 per annum. This amounts to just over \$2 per month.

Membership provides many benefits and allows the committee and staff to effectively manage many areas of our organisation. Benefits are listed below. We assure you of our continued commitment to our club members and dogs and value your membership.

Membership Benefits

- Access to training classes and doggy day care
- Advice on dog behavioural problems by our experienced staff of trainers
- Advisory service via phone or email.
- Drop in centre on Fridays during day care (suitable dogs welcome too) including advice on all dog behaviours and problem solving techniques
- Interaction with other members during social events and drop in days
- Access to grounds to exercise dogs when classes and day care are on operating
- Assistance with advice on dog breeds and behaviour pre-purchase or after
- Rescue dog and rehoming assistance and advice
- Advice on Dog and Cat Management Legislation and Local Council Regulations
- Information and advice on developments and studies on dogs, behaviours, natural remedies, diet and community/urban living programs
- Quarterly Newsletter

Your membership also helps us to provide wider benefits to the community by

- Helping us to provide education about responsible dog ownership and encouragement to be proactive regarding dogs and their families rights and obligations
- We work with Local Council and other groups to enhance the lives of dogs and families
- We work with rescue groups to help settle dogs into new environments and provide assistance to foster carers with training and rehabilitation of dogs
- We provide a free one-on-one session during class times to anyone with a dog whose behavioural issues prevent the dog participating in a class situation, allowing us to set up a training schedule that will improve a dogs confidence
- We provide extra assistance and guidance to the elderly or disadvantaged to help keep the dog in a home environment where both human and dog need each other
- We provide opportunities for high school students to undertake work experience
- We provide opportunities for unemployed to gain knowledge and skills to help them gain employment
- We work with agencies who are responsible for special needs community members and provide opportunities to develop people and dog skills in a supportive working environment
- Members also benefit from the social and health benefits of being actively involved in a positive dog/human community



We would love you to be part of our community

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM IN THIS NEWSLETTER