



Summer 2018

Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club Inc.

A Few Words From the President

With the year drawing to a close I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the handlers who have participated in our training , I hope you have all enjoyed your time with us as we have enjoyed having your.. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who give up their time to teach and to help out around the club. Without these volunteers it would not be possible for us to provide this service and their contribution is essential for the continuance of the club. So if any of the handlers enjoyed their time with us please thank some of those staff who have contributed to your time here at the club.

I would also like to thank the Toowoomba Council who have done a wonderful job of maintaining the ground for us and also providing us with a new fence to keep our puppies safe during training. It is remarkable how helpful the council team have been in providing assistance and maintaining the area for us.

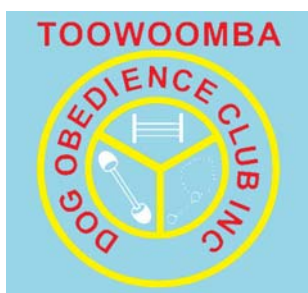
This year the club has spent a considerable amount of funds in the upkeep of the club and especially the field lighting. Recently maintenance and repair was conducted on the lights which has cost the club in excess of \$4000. This is the first time we have had all our lights working at once in several years. Hopefully this will keep them running for several more to come.

Over the Christmas break if you are driving please be safe and make sure your puppies are provided with enough water and shade over these hotter months. The Staff at the club would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We hope to see you all back safely next ye. Training will recommence on the 8th January. All classes will be starting at 6:30pm in the new year.

If anyone would like to volunteer there time and become an instructor please advise one of the staff who will point you in the right direction. We are always looking for more assistance so that our regular instructors and get a break from time to time.

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ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND



Club Meetings

Where: Clubroom, Norman Park, Toowoomba
When: 7.00pm on the third Monday of each month

Annual General Meeting

Where: Clubroom, Norman Park, Toowoomba
When: Third Monday in February commencing at 7.00pm

Training

**CNR OF HURSLEY ROAD AND TO
STREET**

6:30PM TUESDAYS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Membership fees for 2018

All trainees MUST have TDOC membership from the first day of training

- January to December \$10 single, \$15 family
- Training Fees \$5.00

DISCLAIMER

On occasions advice may be sought from Club Instructors/Members with respect to veterinary services, canine products and/or lodgings. The Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club Inc would like to make the public aware that any such advice is purely the opinion of that person alone. This club, whilst advertising a number of veterinary services, canine products and lodgings, in no way suggests superiority of one over another, either by stipulation or implication.

IMPORTANT information

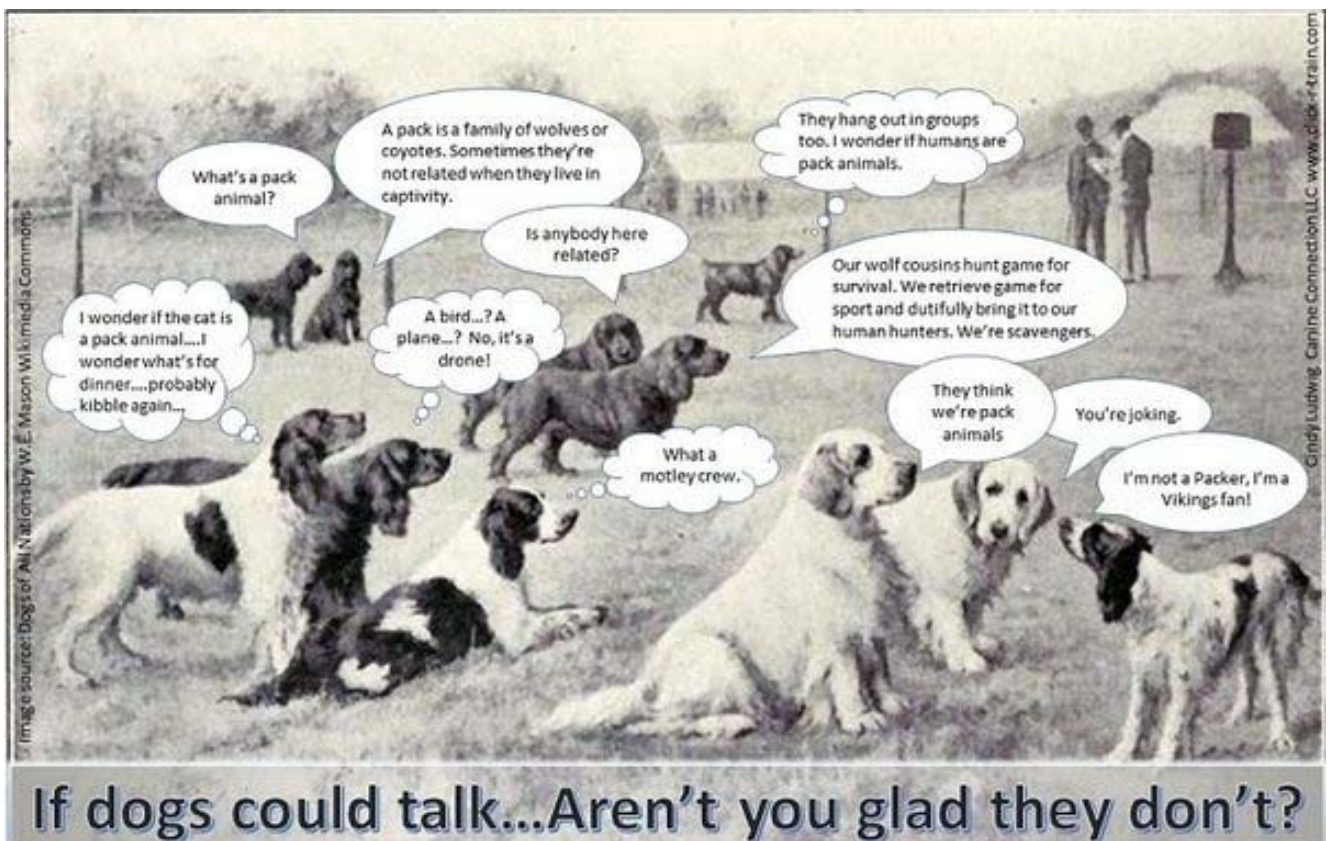
While training with Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club all dogs are required & must wear a martingale or check chain.

Failure to have your dog equipped with this will mean you are not able to train your dog that night.

Martingale & check chains can be purchased on training nights from the club window.

From June 2018 all people training with Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club must become members of Toowoomba Dog Obedience Club. This is to align us with other dog clubs in Qld.

We are always in need of volunteers to help out at our competitions held here on our Toowoomba club grounds. Please facebook TDOC or see us on a Tuesday night for more info if you are able to help.



Dog Friendly Cafes and Bars to take your dog around Toowoomba

Bar Wunder

Location: 424 Ruthven Street

This is a new dog friendly venue that just opened at the end of September 2018. Bar wunder has a doggy menu set and also sells doggy treats.

Milk and Honey Espresso Bar

Location: 6 Ann Street ,

There is plenty of seating areas outside and lots of shady spots for the dogs they are open from 6am and close around 5pm

The Angel Café

Location: 142 A South street

Angel café is a upmarket café and restaurant The Angel café has plenty of seating areas outside so your dog can enjoy the sunshine .

The park House Café

Location: 92 Margaret Street

There are seating areas outside for dogs only this café is across the road from queens park.



DOG LESSONS FOR PEOPLE

- Enjoy the simple pleasures of a walk.
- Run and play daily.
- Be loyal, faithful, and quick to forgive.
- Always drink plenty of water.
- Sometimes it is best to sit close and listen.
- Follow your instincts.
- Keep digging until you find what you want.
- Avoid biting when a growl will do.
- Accept all of life's treats with gratitude.
- Love unconditionally.



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Fundraising BBQ Bunnings

On the 30th December 2018 we will be holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Anzac Ave
All money raised will go to the club, look forward to seeing you there on the day.



SIGNS OF STRESS

There's always an emotional lesson. If your dog is stressed, do something, like take a break, stop for the day, enrich the area, and/or SLOW STOP sooner.



YAWNING



TONGUE FLICKS



DRY PANTING



FRANTIC SNIFFING



REFUSING TO
GO FORWARD

Avoid leading toward trigger anyway



DELIBERATELY IGNORING
THE TRIGGER

A DOGS LIFE STAGES



Puppy

The puppy stage of the life cycle begins after about 63 days of gestation. This stage lasts until the dog is 6 to 18 months old. For at least the first 8 weeks of his life, your puppy should be with his mother and siblings. During the puppy stage -- both while with his mom and after he comes to you -- your dog is learning about the proper way to interact with humans, other dogs and other pets sharing his home. During this stage of the life cycle, it's important to begin house training and get your puppy's complete set of vaccinations.

Adolescent

The puppy stage will give way to adolescence sometime between the ages of 6 and 18 months. Smaller breed dogs will go into the adolescent stage earlier than larger breed dogs. This is the stage of the life cycle when hormones start to kick in and, if not spayed/neutered, your dog may begin to act like a moody teenager. Your dog will lose his puppy fur and grow to his adult size, though he may be awkward with his body and appear gawky until he gets accustomed to his new size. At the beginning of this stage of the life cycle have your dog altered and consider obedience training.

Adult

Between the ages of 1 and 3 years, your dog enters the adult stage of life. As with adolescence, smaller breeds reach this stage in less time than larger breeds. During this phase of the life cycle, your dog will still enjoy plenty of exercise and playtime, but he likely won't be so demanding of your attention and will not burst with the same amounts of energy that kept you busy during earlier stages. He is likely completely house-trained by now. Consider obedience training or advanced training. Your adult dog will continue to thrive from the mental and physical exercise of learning.

Senior

From adulthood your dog will enter the senior stage of the life cycle sometime between his 6th and 10th birthday. Unlike with adolescence and adulthood, larger breed dogs reach this stage of the life cycle at a younger age than smaller breed dogs. During this stage of the life cycle your dog's muzzle will likely begin to gray. He will move more slowly and, instead of a brisk game of fetch, he'll be more content with a stroll. Your senior dog may eat less and sleep more than he has at other times of his life.

Summer Survival Tips to beat the summer heat.

As the weather is warming up and the summer holidays are getting closer here is a guide to keep your pets healthy and safe this summer:

When to walk your dog:

The best time to walk your dog is early in the morning or late in the afternoon.

Make sure you take a water bottle for your dog as they tend to get thirsty on their walk.

A good tip to try before taking your dog outside on the footpath for a walk is to put your hand on the concrete if it is too hot to keep your hand there do not take your dog out for a walk on the hot concrete as it will burn the pads on your dogs feet.

Other Tips

Never leave your dog in a hot car not even for 5 minutes the temperature in a locked car can rise quite quickly and your dog will be prone to heat stress or could die within minutes.

Make sure you have plenty of water and shade for your animals. Invest in a cool coat or cool mat. Invest in a clam shell, fill with a bit of water and let your dog sit in it. Make some ice blocks for your dog to enjoy on a hot summers day.



As the weather is warming up Snakes and paralysis ticks are out in force; Here are some signs to watch for if your dog has been bitten:

Paralysis Ticks:

Signs of a Tick Bite:

Change in dogs bark

The back legs will become weak

Your dog may take a few steps then sit down

As the tick poison progresses the dogs symptoms will get worse these signs will be

Vomiting

Drooling

Panting or grunting

Breathing becomes difficult

Dog can't stand up at all

Dogs will need urgent vet attention once you notice any of these signs. Best way to prevent paralysis ticks is to make sure you buy a monthly tick treatment such as Nexgard, Advantix to name a couple. Make sure you check your dogs coat for ticks on a regular basis.

Snake bite Signs:

Vomiting

Weakness or unsteadiness on their feet

Dilated pupils

Shaking

Drooling

Muscle tremors or seizures

Bloody urine

Difficulty breathing progressing to respiratory arrest

If you see any of these signs in your pet please take them to the vet straight away so that they can begin treatment right away as every minute counts to save our dogs life.

Christmas and New Year Holiday Tips:

Over the Christmas and new year period most families will go away with their pets, here is a checklist of how to keep them safe over the holiday break:

When fireworks are on make sure your dog is in a safe spot so that they can't escape as most dogs don't like the loud noises and will try to escape.

Make sure your microchip is up to date with current contact details or make sure your dog has a pet tag on their collar. So that they can be returned to you should they become lost.

When going on Holiday with your dog make sure you take the following items with you so dogs don't suffer from anxiety :

Bedding

A small selection of toys to play with

Leash to take them for a walk

Pick up bags

Food and water bowls

Quick drying towel

Also before going away with your dog make sure that they have been treated for fleas and ticks.



INSTRUCTORS WANTED

We are looking for more Instructors to teach our classes on a Tuesday Night this is a volunteer Position .

So if you are enjoying your classes and would be interested in learning more about becoming an instructor please talk to one of our trainers and they will give you more information in regards to this. Our instructors Training is run over a six month period where you will learn how to instruct all class levels from 1-5. As you do your training you will learn new things to teach your own dogs.



Would you like to Trial your dog in obedience or agility Competitions

Have you enjoyed your training with the club and would like to take your training to the next level? Are you feeling brave and would like to compete with your dog in the obedience and agility rings? Now you can, our club runs trial training on a Thursday night. On these nights we do what we call ring run outs for obedience and we offer Agility classes. These classes start from 6:30pm on Thursday nights and the normal training fee applies for these classes. Our Training members on a Thursday night are more than happy to teach you what is expected in a trial ring and offer you feed back on where you can improve in your training.

If you are interested in competing in obedience/agility come along on a Thursday night from 6:30pm and see what it is all about.

Club News:

As our training for 2018 draws to a close just remember that our training for 2019 will resume again On Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 6;30pm with all levels from class 1 to 5.



LOCAL VET DIRECTORY

**Toowoomba Veterinary Hospital**

191 Hume St Toowoomba
(07) 4632 8333

**West Toowoomba Veterinary
Surgery**

357 West St Toowoomba
(07) 4636 2027

**Greencross Eastwood House Vet
Surgery**

51 Margaret St Toowoomba
(07) 4639 1891

Herriot House Veterinary Surgery

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(07) 4639 1733

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224 Alderley St Toowoomba
(07) 4636 2233

Clifford Park Vet Surgery

485 Tor St Toowoomba
(07) 4633 1999

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348B Bridge St Toowoomba
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Alistair Webb Veterinary Surgeon

16A James St Toowoomba
(07) 4638 1880

Greencross Vets South Toowoomba

366 Stenner St Toowoomba
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Highfields Vet Surgery

31 Kuhls Rd Highfields
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