



THE DOG'S DISH



May - July 2016 Edition

WELCOME ONE AND ALL

We'd like to welcome everyone to Four Paws K9 Training and hope you are all enjoying training your dogs with us.

Please take a minute to read the contents of this newsletter as it contains some important information for everyone that attends classes at Keilor Downs.

Buying treats??? Please bring correct cash with you!

We kindly ask those of you who purchase our pre-cut training treats on a Saturday morning, please bring the right change with you to pay for them as we do not carry change for large notes. The treats cost \$4 and we only accept cash for these.

Please arrive a little early each week!

We ask that everyone please make an effort to arrive 10-15 mins before for class each week.

Arriving even as little as 5 mins after classes have started is not only disruptive to the class that has already commenced, but it puts you and your dog on the 'back foot' with regards to the quality of the session you will have.

Please remember to take into consideration the lengthy queues for check-ins...allow an extra 5 mins for this so that you don't run late!

Possible Federal Election - Saturday 2nd July 2016

There is talk of a possible Federal Election being called which will be held on Saturday 2nd July 2016. If the election does go ahead on this day, then unfortunately this will affect the training as the school is used for polling purposes during elections. Should this be the case, we will organise a group social walk and puppy activities day at Brimbank Park in lieu of training on that day.

This is just to pre-warn everyone of what the plans may be should the federal election be called on 2nd July. We will advise everyone accordingly.

No Smoking at any time!

Remember that the Vic Govt's total NO SMOKING law is now in full force for both outside and inside the school grounds. Your co-operation would be appreciated and we thank you!

****Please diarise the "No Training" dates at the top right of this newsletter****

HAPPY TRAINING!!

DATES TO DIARISE

NO TRAINING DATES FOR 2016:

Queens Birthday long weekend

Saturday 11th June 2016

Melbourne Cup long weekend

Saturday 29th October 2016

Last day of training 2016

Saturday 10th December 2016

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DOG POO !!

Remember.....it is **YOUR** responsibility to pick up after your dog at all times regardless of where you are on the school grounds.

Please also note the **NO GO** zone which is the synthetic turfed athletics track area to the back of the school!

CHANGED ADDRESS?

Please let us know if you've changed your address or contact details

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DOES YOUR DOG JUMP UP ON YOU??

Did you know that jumping up is a 'man-made' behaviour? Yes that's right! When your dog jumps up on you it's because you have taught him to do so. It's what you inadvertently encouraged him to do from when he was a young puppy.

Remember when you would come home from work and you greeted him with such joy and enthusiasm? Remember when you would pick him up and cuddle him...and maybe even kiss him?? And remember when he started to put his paws on your legs for attention and you patted him when he did this? On all of these instances, you were teaching him to jump up to greet you and in some cases even play with you! (Note: I am referring to the dog as 'he'...just for ease of flow and for no other reason!)



But it's not all fun and enjoyment now that he's over 15kgs! And small dogs are not any easier either, what with their sharp nails...OUCH!!

The other thing to note is that every time you say to your dog "Get down" or "Go away" and touch him when he jumps, you are actually reinforcing the jumping! Young children who scream, cry and flap their arms around are also reinforcing the jumping. As far as the dog is concerned, he's getting exactly what he wants from you...A REACTION!

So what to do now that you have Freddie the 45kg German Shepherd with a jumping up habit??

Well firstly you must stop the reinforcing actions coming from you and your family/friends. This means you must completely ignore the dog when he is jumping if possible. Ignoring means you do not look at, touch or talk to the dog...at ALL! Once your dog has calmed down, then cue a Sit or Drop and only when he remains in position is when you calmly pat him.

If your dog has taken to mouthing/biting when he jumps you'll need a different course of action. Here are a few ways that can help:

1. Say "SIT" as soon as your dog starts to approach you. You need to do this *before* he reaches you. Pat him only if he remains in a sit, if he gets up and jumps up, you must retreat all attention until he sits again. Keep hands away and arms folded.
2. Scatter food treats on the floor each time you come through the front door. This will entice his nose to the ground, allowing you time to get inside without him jumping up. This approach also teaches him a new greeting behaviour of 'Go find the treats on the floor whenever mum or dad comes home'. A good one for kids and visitors.
3. For extreme heavy duty jumpers who bite hard try a loud sound (whistle or air horn) or even a squirt from a water pistol at the very moment he jumps up. This approach makes the jumping an unpleasant behaviour to exhibit, and it does save your skin from bites and scratches which can be painful. We also highly recommend a behavioural consultation with one of our trainers to assist if your dog has escalated to biting you when he jumps.

Please come and see us if you need further assistance with a dog that constantly jumps up!

PUPPY GRADUATES AND ASSESSMENT PASSES

Jan - April 2016

PUPPY GRADUATES

Nena Carretero	Gus O'Neill	Maximus Shiraze
Logan Varas	Roy Eskander	Radar Andionopoulos
Hunter Ritchie	Ollie Spiric	Izzy Lacy
Teddy Mijhawan	Ruby Nelson	Maggie Koesoemo
Sonny Staropoli	Koda Vu-Khuu	Jazzie Russell
Pumba Mtta	Coco Karavokiri	Evie Do
Cooper Bencic	Hope Deakin	Freddo Yoshida
Mickey Nguyen	Spencer Fulpmer	

BASIC PASS

Tyson Motta
Willow Zala
Shadow Carroll
Rocher Mahoney

