

Phoenix Dog Training Club

Bristol Park, Bristol Place, Te Rapa, Hamilton

Training Day: Sunday, Time: 9am-11:15am

TERM ONE

5 FEBRUARY 2017

DOMESTIC DOG TRAINING CLASSES

TRAINING TIPS

Free-running dogs should not approach dogs on lead because:

1.Handler may be training

2.Dog or handler may have an injury or have had recent surgery

3.Dog may be fearful

4.Dog may be aggressive

5.Handler may be elderly

CLASSES

Puppy Class 9:00
Instructor:
Gay Mohi

Beginners 9:00
Class
Instructor:
Lloyd Brown

Intermediate/
Advanced 9:00
Class
Instructor:
Lesley
Clinton an
Stephen
Kitson

Rally 10:15
Obedience
Plus Class
Instructor:
Ann Neil

Choosing a Rescue Dog

You have made a decision, it will be a rescue dog to which you give a forever home. This is a dog who has already gone through a failed dog/human relationship; owner either let it out the gate to be found wandering and eventually impounded; treated it poorly and the dog was removed from home or surrendered it to a rescue organisation – owner walked in with the dog and never returned to take it home (from the dog's point of view). This is a dog that will need to gain confidence in an owner again. Depending on how it was cared for – fed, groomed and vet input – as a puppy it may

have health issues that surface early in adulthood. You have missed the easy to train early socialisation period; don't know what this rescue dog's experiences during this period have been.

On the whole though there are many positives if you choose carefully. There have been many hearing, police, military, agility, obedience and other service dogs chosen from rescue centres. Rescue dogs are inexpensive, usually already health checked, behaviour tested, spayed or neutered. It's a ready-to-go dog, it's usually already house trained, past teething, vaccination

confinement time and past the chewing stage.

Now to choose your dog; the fluffy, small and cute are usually adopted quickly but the plain medium to large dogs with short, one-colour coat are often overlooked. Size and coat should be taken into consideration. Your choice will depend on your home size and the amount of time and money available to be devoted to grooming. Ease of training is also an important consideration. Generally easiest to train are those dogs that come up to the front of their cage as you talk, they take an interest in being talked to. Those whose attention cannot be held for more than a few seconds show lack of ...

Committee

The 2016-17 committee has recently been elected

President: Lloyd Brown

Vice President: Gay Mohi

Treasurer: Ann Neil

Secretary: Lesley Clinton

Committee: Liz Scott,

Heather Westerby-Jones

Ann Dansey, Janine Joubert, Victoria Scott, Vicky Reid

These are the people to approach should you have Club queries; have information/items for the newsletter or items to go to committee meetings.



off to the park

Club Members' Class Certificates



Before/after class
join other club
members for a cuppa
and chat

TROPHIES 2016

Club trophy (highest
points Beginners) -
Victoria Scott & Jamie
& Anne Dansy & Lucky

Roberts Family shield
(highest points
Intermediate) - Ricci
Samson & Gia

Sheltie Priest-Hill
shield

(highest points
Advanced) - Liz Scott
& Deefa

Club trophy (highest
points Advanced
Senior) - Lynda Mowat
& Pippa

Holly enjoying class



Congratulations to members and their dogs who successfully completed their Term 4 classes enabling them to go on to the next learning level.

Starter Puppies:

Elizabeth Hill&Wilson,
Isabelle Groves&Pixie,
Anton Cootes&Diesel,
Andrew Brown&Ayla,
Elaine Head&Turbo, Ravi
Kumar&Thor, Susan Pol-
lard & Sandy

Beginners Class: Garry
Mieklejohn & Sora, Victo-
ria Scott & Sweetie, Chris-
tine Shirley & Lucy, Abigail

Groves & Daisy, Becks
McNaughton & Jed

Intermediate Class:

Lee Ann O'Sullivan & Prin-
cess, Mark Greaney & Ti-
tan, Ricci Samson & Gia

Advanced Class:

Anne Dansy & Lucky, Patri-
cia Murdoch & Rosie, John
Doherty & Dexter

Advanced Senior Level 2

Lisa Pulman & Boomer
Nancy Harlow &
Harmony,

Lynda Mowat & Pippa

Good Companion Dog Class

Beginners & Novice - Celia
Hope & Lucky, Gay Mohi

& Lily, Heather Westerby-
Jones & Ankh,

Novice & Intermediate Vicky
Reid & Zoey

Intermediate & Advanced Ca-
zna Payne & Holly, Pauline
Rukuwai & Skye

Xmas Games Winners 2016

Fastest Dog: 1 Liz Hill& Wilson
1.72secs, 2 Liz Scott & Dee,
2.13secs, 3 Laura Wil-
kinson&Archie, 2.31secs

Greediest dog: 1 Anton Coot-
es&Diesel, 2 Celia Hope&
Lucky, 3 Ricci Samson&Moe

Best Trick: 1 Celia Hope&
Lucky, 2 Stephen Kitson with
Magic & Morgan, 3 Graham
Pollard&Sandie

Choosing a Rescue Dog *(continued)*

communication with humans. The cute and fluffy most people will spend some time talking to whereas they may pass by the cages of the plain larger dogs. So if a larger dog appeals spend longer outside their cage; go away and come back a few time to see if their interest in you increases. Reach through the cage and scratch behind ears, on chest or shoulders. Does the dog enjoy it, lean into your touch? This type of dog is likely to respond well to training.

Ask a staff member to groom the dog and notice if the dog objects to an area being groomed. Inquire if that area has been injured. If staff cannot groom the dog it's unlikely you will be able to. Regular grooming – especially of a long haired dog – is essential as coat can become matted quickly without regular attention. Don't forget the nails. Observe the dog being walked. Does it pull? If it doesn't walk well for a staff member you are

likely to find trouble taking the dog out to exercise.

By asking a few questions and observing the dog's behaviour when interacting with humans you are likely to choose a dog you can work with, train and gain many years of enjoyment from.

Part 2 next newsletter



Bobby enjoying class