

# Phoenix Dog Training Club

Bristol Park, Bristol Place, Te Rapa, Hamilton

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

TERM TWO

7 MAY 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  
Instructor: 9:00  
Gay Mohi

Beginners  
Class 9:00  
Instructor:  
Lloyd Brown

Intermediate  
Class 9:00  
Instructor:  
Stephen  
Kitson

Rally 10:15  
Obedience /  
CD Class  
Instructor:  
Ann Neil

Good 10:15  
Companion  
Dog Class  
Instructor:  
Liz Scott

## Choosing a Rescue Dog - part 2

Last newsletter suggested tips on choosing the right Rescue Dog for you. You have now chosen and are off to collect this special dog. If the journey is long remember to have frequent on-lead stops. Cage or harness the dog in your vehicle, a frightened or anxious dog can leap from a vehicle and be killed or injured – not a good start.

Are there other dogs at home? Perhaps, prior to pick-up day, take them to the rescue centre to ascertain compatibility. That went well; now in your home location, go to a nearby park and introduce the dogs again individually to each other on this neutral territory before driving onto your property. At home take your rescue dog only out to the yard to toilet. Tak-

ing it straight into your home may mean it toilets inside – often a difficult habit to break.

Next may be the introduction to new people. Family and friends may be keen to meet your new dog. Where possible introduce to a few people only on the first day. Let the dog approach the people individually; give each person a treat or toy to interact with your dog. The more good meetings the quicker your rescue dog will gain in confidence. If other dogs live in your home, pick up all toys and bedding before your rescue dog enters. This practice reduces territorial or possession conflicts. After the dogs have been together a few hours the gear can be placed down again. Place a bed for your rescue dog

in a safe quiet area away from thoroughfares. Give a few toys too.

What is your daily plan; have you decided your rules? Start with grooming and handling your dog every day for the first few weeks; even short-coated dogs will attend the vet and need to be accustomed to being handled. Work on preventing anxiety. Rescue dogs can often be insecure. Remember they become parted from their owners, expect to see them again but that never happened. An insecure dog may start by following its owner from room to room; it builds an obsessive bond and eventually can't be left alone even for a few moments. So leave your dog in a room alone for a few minutes at a time.

## Committee

The 2017-18 committee has recently been elected

President: Lloyd Brown

Vice President: Gay Mohi

Treasurer: Ann Neil

Secretary: Lesley Clinton

Club Room Officer: Victoria Scott

Committee: Liz Scott,

Heather Westerby-Jones, 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.



A trained dog is an enjoyable dog

# Club Members' Class Certificates



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

**Annual General Meeting** will be held  
7 May 2017  
- after class - 11:15am

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(Starters class dates vary)  
**Term Dates 2017**  
**Term 2**  
30 April - 2 July

**Term3**  
23 July - 24 September

**Term 4**  
15 October - 17 Dec

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**Christmas Break Up**  
17 December 2017

Congratulations to members and their dogs who successfully completed their Term 1 classes enabling them to go on to the next learning level.

**Starter Puppies:**  
Gerry Macascill & Honey,  
Shelley Bishop & Jet, Jamie Thurston and Rasta

**Beginners Class:**  
Elizabeth Hill & Wilson,  
Toni Satherley & Toto,  
Isobelle Groves & Pixie,  
Irene Smith & Bonnie,  
Anton Coote & Diesel,  
Graham Pollard & Sandy

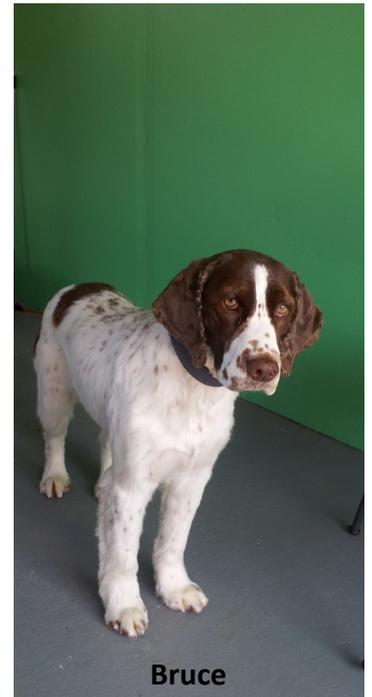
**Intermediate Class:**  
Mie Meiklejohn & Sora

**Advanced Class:**  
Lee Ann O'Callaghan & Princess, Ricci Samson & Gia, Ann Dansey & Lucky

**Good Companion Dog Class**

**Beginners & Novice -**  
Pauline Rukuwai & Jazz,  
David Wilkinson & Archie,  
Heather Westerby-Jones & Ruby

**Intermediate & Advanced**  
Gay Mohi & Lily



Bruce

## Choosing a Rescue Dog (continued)

Use this early time to settle into your routine. Observe how your rescue dog behaves with family, friends, other dogs and perhaps other pets.

Next stage is to start your training. At the beginning assume your dog knows nothing. Think back to its life before you brought it home. It parted from its owner, was placed in a kennel waited, waited and waited, for its owner to appear; got into a routine being walked, given food and taken care of – same routine, same food, some excitement as different peo-

ple appeared outside the cage. Usually, it had little to do during the day. You now want to walk this dog in areas of your neighbourhood. Begin by putting on the lead, give no commands and just go for a short walk. Do these walks after vigorous play or a few hours after a meal – when your dog will feel a little tired. Give thought to the commands you will use. Introduce one command at a time. You may need to change from common/standard commands as these may trigger bad past life experiences. For instance

'come' may have involved being shouted at or beaten. The behaviour you may see by using this command might be your dog returns, but stands a short distance from you.

There are lots to learn and challenges along the way but the bond built and accomplishment achieved will certainly be rewarding.



PUPPIES' FIRST BATHS