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Fun Facts about Dogs

All dogs can be traced back 40 million years ago to a weasel-like animal called the Miacis which dwelled in trees and dens.

A dog can locate the source of a sound in 1/600 of a second and can hear sounds four times farther away than a human can.

Ancient Egyptians revered their dogs. When a pet dog would die, the owners shaved off their eyebrows, smeared mud in their hair, and mourned aloud for days.

A dog's shoulder blades are unattached to the rest of the skeleton to allow greater flexibility for running.

The ancient Mbaya Indians of the Gran Chaco in South America believed that humans originally lived underground until dogs dug them up.

Zorba, an English mastiff, is the biggest dog ever recorded. He weighed 343 pounds and measured 8' 3" from his nose to his tail.

Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

Laika, a Russian stray, was the first living mammal to orbit the Earth, in the Soviet Sputnik spacecraft in 1957. Though she died in space, her daughter Pushnika had four puppies with President John F. Kennedy's terrier, Charlie.

Dogs are about as smart as a two- or three-year-old child. This means they can understand about 150-200 words, including signals and hand movements with the same meaning as words.



Dancing with Dogs Trial ~ February 7th

Our club is hosting a trial this Friday February 7th at Jackmann Oval. Come along at 7pm to see another way you can have fun with your dog. Handlers and dogs perform routines with music and can enter heelwork to music or freestyle events. Our club runs beginner and more advanced classes on Thursday nights if you get inspired to have a go.



President's Report

Presidents Report Term 1 2014

Welcome back to training for 2014, I hope your Christmas and New Year was relaxing and you have recharged your batteries to get back into training.

We have a few challenges with the car parking, With the HBF group still on the grounds when we start at 6.30. Parking is also available over the road at the council offices. (entry via Great Northern Hwy) We ask for your patience in this matter, as this is outside our control.

While we still in the hot months, please ensure that you have plenty of water for your dogs.

Please keep your dogs under control while on the grounds as some dogs do not like their personal space invaded, this includes dogs that are tied up.

Happy Training

Paul Skewes



Class Description & Times for 2014

** Tuesdays **

Beginners	6:30pm	Beginners. Any age dog can join.
Class 1	6:30pm	Basic pet training
Class 2	7:30pm	Obedience training.
Class 3	7:30pm	Obedience training
Class 4	7:30pm	Preparation for CCD and CD
RallyO	7.00pm	Rally Obedience

- Please remember to sign in at the table and pay your \$2 grounds fee to your instructor each week.
- Please clearly print your name (not your dog's!) and which class you are in to help with our records.

Doggy Etiquette

Please ensure you have full control of your dog at all times. Like humans, dogs need their personal space. Please check with other handlers before letting your dog approach another. Some timid dogs can be greatly stressed when boisterous dogs approach, sometimes causing aggression. Some of our dogs are still learning to be nice to each other and progress can be hindered after an unpleasant encounter. You may see a yellow ribbon or scarf used to indicate a very timid dog.



Your instructors, Karina, Lesley, Sally, Paul, Judy, Valeta, Jill, Amanda and myself who turn up every week to make sure you and your dig receive the training you deserve. To all of you please accept the appreciation of the entire club members and myself.

I will not be nominating for President this year. I feel the time has come for me to hand the reins to someone else. I'm sure you will all give the same support to that person as you gave to me. It's been an honour for me to have been your President for so many years.

Thank you.

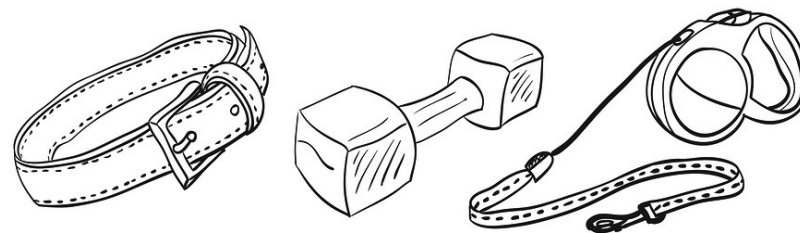
You don't get rid of me that easily though. I will still be instructing and hopefully a member on the new committee.

Jan Welyky

For Sale

We have a selection of leads, collars and dumbbells available. Come and see us at the front desk for some assistance with our products.

- **LEADS**
- **COLLARS**
- **GENTLE LEADERS**
- **DUMBELLS**



**Remember to check out our website at
www.midlanddogtraining.com**



AGM Report 2013

Midland Dog Training Club finishes the year in a strong position both in numbers and financially. Obedience numbers have been good throughout the year with the higher classes increasing in number, which is a good sign. A good many members are trialing and some good dogs are progressing through the classes. Dances With Dogs classes have been well attended resulting in some excellent routines in competition.

Unfortunately the same cannot be said for the agility. A few trialing members attend regularly but beginners are almost non-existent. If numbers do not increase in the new year, the viability of agility training will have to be reviewed.

The Club ran two obedience trials and one DWD competition this year. A big thank-you to the members who gave their time to help us run three very successful trials.

Our trialing members, over the three disciplines, have done very well this year and have gained 75 titles overall. Some members have also gained titles in tracking and retrieving. Well done guys.

We have been fortunate to have a good strong team of committee and instructors.

Paul, Vice-President, always there to help organise things and to stand in for me while I've been on holiday.

Janet, Secretary, always seems to be one step ahead of what's going on and manages to liaise with the Shire and Dog West with positive results.

Paula, Treasurer, has kept the books in good order and handled the money. Not a easy job.

Jill, Trial Secretary, whose organisational skills result in well run successful trials.

Sally, newsletter editor, keeps us all informed about club activities.

Vicki Long, Jason and Vicki Nemeth who are always here to help wherever needed.



Doggy Ice Treats

Ingredients

3 Cups water

1 Cup beef stock

1/2 Cup assorted treats

1/4 Cup peanut butter

Small toys

Directions

1. Mix water and broth together to make a very light broth that the dogs will love. You can also just use water though.
2. Find a sturdy four cup freezer-safe bowl or dish. Add some treats in the bottom and fill it with your stock/water mixture.
3. Let the mixture freeze for about 30 minutes. It doesn't need to be completely frozen solid at this point.
4. Add a thin layer of peanut butter to the top of the ice and return to the freezer for another 30 minutes.
5. Keep adding layers of treats and broth or water until you get to four cups. You can put small toys in the ice block along with any treats.
6. Freeze the block solid for at least two hours.
7. If your dog is hesitant to lick it, put a dab of peanut butter on the outside. Once they get the hang of it, they will love it!





Thursday Nights

7pm - DWD Beginners

February 27th
March 27th
April 24th
May 22nd
June 26th
July 24th
August 28th
September 25th
October 23rd
November 27th

7pm - DWD Advanced

February 13th
March 13th
April 10th
May 8th
June 12th
July 10th
August 14th
September 1st
October 9th
November 13th



Code of Conduct

1. Closed shoes must be worn while training.
2. No smoking.
3. It's your responsibility to supervise your children at all times.
4. Dogs must be on a lead at all times, unless instructed otherwise.
5. Membership badges must be worn.
6. Remember to pick up after your dog.

Classes for Term 2, 2014

Beginners

Registration - 29th April
Commence - 6th May

All other Obedience Classes

Resume - 29th April