



## BANKSTOWN SCHOOL FOR DOGS

### THE WEEKLY WAG NEWSLETTER

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#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Brett Avery & Becks – Kelpie X	Sophie Moutia & Max – Jack Russell X
Emmeline Parent & Jack – Jack Russell X	Michaela & Tom Finnegan & Molly – Golden Retriever
Lauren Predic & Zoe – Terrier X	June Benton & Jakkie – Jack Russell
Beatriz & Matthew Hatfield & Jack – Australian Silky X	
Nicole & Lachlan Gandy & Bella – Boxer	Rachel Kong & Taro – Japanese Spitz
Frank Nguyen & Max – GSD	Steven Xue & Lily – Labrador

#### GRADUATIONS

##### Kindy – Infants

Sue Mayo & Napoleon	Wayne Baker & Jett	Ann Dodd & Bailey
Lisa Baker & Jett		

##### Infants – Primary

Michael Davis & Tammy

Well done!

#### CLUBS AGM & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September we will be holding our AGM after training has finished ie: 11.15am. This should take approximately 15minutes. We will then be having a sausage sizzle and you will have the opportunity of seeing just how good a dog can work. Harlene will give us a demonstration with her two German Shepherds while you are eating. Sausage sizzle will be free and we hope you will all be able to join us.

#### LABOUR DAY LONG WEEKEND

There will be NO training on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October as this is the Labour Day long weekend.

## **ATTENTION!!!**

### **AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO HAPPEN!!!**

Socialisation is most important in dog training, however!!!

Allowing your dog to rush up to another dog to say hello can be a disaster. Although your dog may be the friendliest dog on the block. Not all dogs are as accommodating or as friendly. Many dogs that appear quite friendly do not like another dog getting in its face and will turn into this aggressive man eating dog. Which could result in your very friendly dog turning into something else entirely. Dogs who have been frightened or attacked will often change temperament and turn into fear biters or develop other behavioural problems, which are very hard to fix.

So....

Please, please, please, everyone, before you allow your dog to approach another dog check with the handler to see whether this is OK. If not then walk away from the dog in question and try another handler.

### **GOOD LUCK**

Joan & Terry, Ebon & Ophelia are moving to Nabiac. We wish them all the best for the future and a fond farewell. We will miss you all and trust you will come and visit if you are ever in the area. We would also like to thank Joan for the work she has done while on the committee.

### **FLYBALL AT KIOLOA**

Once again the flyballers had a great weekend at Kioloa. We did not come away with great scores but we were all very pleased with the way our dogs performed. We sent 2 teams "The Roadrunners" which consisted of, Wags, Tucker, Ebony, Sam & Folly. Wags, Tucker & Folly had their usual flawless day, although Tony instead of Kevin once again handled Wags. I'm sorry Kevin, Wags might have missed you, but she sure ran her little heart out for Tony. Ebony for the first time in ages ran pain free and was as happy as Larry. Sam was wonderful, it was his first time in the team and although only ran with the team once, he was just perfect.

Our second team "The Coyotes" consisted of Digger, Gidget, Sophie, Roxy & Tessa. Digger is an old hand and was just great. Sophie was also a first timer and ran all day without a mistake, which was just fantastic. Gail has to learn to get out of the way quicker or she will get run over by Gidget, but that is easily fixed (Sorry Gail, I couldn't resist the dig) Roxy was also a new dog and with a lot of help from Tony, with rugby tackles, managed to stay in the race until the very last, when she was red carded. Gidget, well Gidget is Gidget, but I'm sure Craig is very happy with her. She did get red carded too, but also managed to get to the last race of the day. All in all it was very successful. What about the "Roadrunners" time of 20.6 seconds. Ha Ha, the clock forgot to time the last dog. We were very honest though and told the judge there had to be a mistake or we would have been in division 1 instead of 6. A big thank you must go to our two box loaders, Ashleigh & Nicole and Marianne for ball shagging. For anyone who would like to take their dog on a holiday Kioloa is just the best spot ever. Dogs are allowed on the beach and as long as handlers clean up after there dog everyone is happy. There are cabins (some with fenced gardens for the dogs) tent and caravan sites.

### **DOGGY ONE LINERS**

1. Why did the snowman call his dog Frost? Because frost bites!
2. Why did the poor dog chase his own tail? He was trying to make both ends meet!
3. What happened when the dog went to the flea circus? He stole the show!
4. What happens when it rains cats and dogs? You can step in a poodle!
5. Diplomacy is saying "nice doggy" until you find a rock.
6. What has four legs and an arm? A happy pit bull
7. My karma ran over my dogma
8. Why isn't there mouse flavoured cat food? There is fish flavoured!
9. Do radioactive cats have 18 half lives?

10. What is the difference between a dog and a fox? About 5 drinks
11. Why did the cowboy buy a dachshund? He wanted to get a long little doggie.
12. If there is H<sub>2</sub>O on the inside of a fire hydrant, what is on the outside? K9P
13. What's the difference between a new husband and a new dog? After a year, the dog is still excited to see you.