



Hamilton Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Term 2, 2015

Term 2 Assessments

Well done to all those who braved the cold and participated in Assessment Night on 24 June. We saw some great results and some massive improvements from our dogs and handlers. Keep up the good work!

Thanks to Puss & Pooch

HDOC would like to say a big thanks to Puss & Pooch, who generously donated the goodie bags all handlers received on Assessment Night. Puss & Pooch have a range of earth-friendly products and toys for cats and dogs - and fun stuff for humans, too! Check them out at <http://www.pussandpooch.co.nz>

Interested in a volunteer role at HDOC?

We're on the lookout for some talented and dedicated people to help us out in 2016. We'd like to hear from people who are interested in joining the committee, particularly in one of the following roles:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Enrolments Co-ordinator
- Training Co-ordinator

Full training will be given for all these roles.

In addition, we're always keen to hear from anyone who's interested in assisting our instructors with their classes, with a view to eventually instructing your own class. Don't feel that you have to be an expert on dog training or behaviour - we'll help you learn.

Volunteers are the life blood of HDOC - so if you're interested, don't be shy! Send an email to secretary@hdoc.org.nz for more information.

Make the most of your dog's toys!

For dogs, toys are a necessity, not a luxury. Toys not only help fight boredom, they also provide comfort when your dog is left alone. Here are some hints to make the most of your dog's toys.

Rotate your dog toys

My dogs love playing with their toys! However, to stop my dogs becoming bored with the same old toys, I rotate their play toys every few days. This keeps the toys interesting and exciting. Just when my pooches get tired of the toys, I bring out the "new" ones!

Provide toys that offer variety

Toys for

- carrying e.g. rope toy
- "killing" e.g. squeaker toy
- rolling e.g. treat ball
- "babying" e.g. soft toy
- chewing e.g. rubber toys

Ensure your dog's toys are safe

- Remove anything that could be chewed off or swallowed, e.g. ribbon, buttons & eyes.
- Ensure the toys are appropriate for your dog's size. Too-small toys (especially balls) could become stuck in your dog's throat.



- Discard any broken or torn toys.
- Supervise your dog's play with squeaky toys. Your dog may feel the need to find and destroy the source of the squeaking!
- Check the soft toys don't contain any dangerous fillings like polystyrene bead. Soft toys should be machine washable.

Toys serve different purposes

- Active toys for chewing, chasing and carrying around (e.g. balls, tug ropes)
- Distraction toys that keep your dog busy for hours (e.g. Kongs, treat balls)
- Comfort toys that provide a sense of security (e.g. soft toys, old-shirts)



Next time: Making your own dog toys!

- Vanessa Cave

Dog walk review - Taitua Arboretum

Taitua Arboretum, with its network of meandering paths, offers a pleasant venue for walking your dog. The 20ha arboretum boasts a fine collection of mature trees, tranquil woodlands and several small duck ponds. Taitua is also home to a large flock of free-ranging chickens. So take extra care if your pooch is a would-be chook chaser! Livestock (cattle and sheep) are also frequently seen in the paddocks within the arboretum.

Taitua has excellent amenities. There is a large carpark at the entrance, human and canine fresh water sources, well maintained toilets and a rubbish bin. My canine friends and I always enjoy a walk around Taitua. The changing seasons constantly give the arboretum a different feel (and provide new smells!). A gentle stroll around Taitua takes around an hour.

Taitua Arboretum is located off SH23 (road to Raglan), a short drive from Dinsdale.

- Vanessa Cave

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