



Hamilton Dog Obedience Club Inc.

Term 1, 2015

Term 1 Assessments

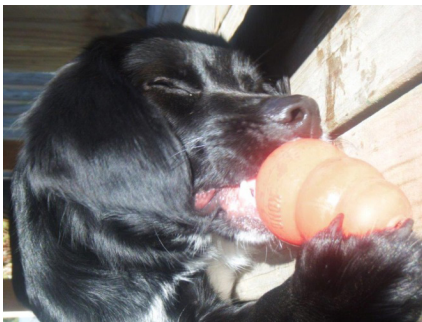
Well done to all those who participated in Assessment Night on 1 April. There were no April Fools - just some fantastic handlers who got well-deserved certificates. It's always great to see how everyone progresses through the term.

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>

Classic Kong Dog Toy

Both my dogs love their Kongs! A Kong is a super durable, built-to-chew, rubber toy. It is ideal for helping your dog stay physically and mentally active.



A fantastic feature of the Kong is that it's hollow in the middle, letting you stuff it with food to provide long-lasting stimulation for your canine friend. I stuff with dog-roll, and when I want to make it extra difficult for my dogs, I freeze the stuffed Kongs. By putting my dog's daily ration of dog-roll in a Kong, rather than in a dog-bowl, I'm making my pet "work for its food". Dogs aren't bored when they are working for food!

For great Kong stuffing ideas visit: <http://www.kongcompany.com/recipes/>

The unique Kong structure, akin to three balls pushed together, means they bounce erratically - which my

dogs love! It certainly helps keep my two on their toes during a game of fetch!

Kongs aren't cheap, but they are a very high quality toy which your dog can use for years.

Rating: 5 tail wags out of 5.

Vanessa Cave, HDOC Secretary

Photos: Dougal McDougal (top) and Pebbles McPebbles (bottom) enjoy their Kongs



Tips for cold weather

Summer is well and truly over - but while your furry buddies (and you!) may not have too much trouble cooling off, it's still important to remember a few things.

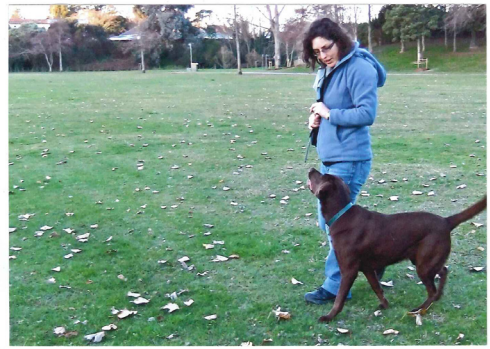
- 1) Don't leave your dogs in the car! This is as important in the winter as in summer. The inside of your car can get very cold very quickly.
- 2) If you take your dog somewhere with more snow than Hamilton, be very careful about antifreeze.
- 3) If you're getting a puppy, remember they can't handle the cold as well as an adult dog so limit the amount of time they spend outside, with the exception of toilet stops! The same goes if your dog is getting older - consider a coat.
- 4) If your dog is an active sort, think about increasing their food rations! They'll be burning energy for warmth as well as play.
- 5) Now's the time for lots of doggy snuggles - it'll keep you warm as well!

The HDOC Committee

Your club's committee consists of four executive officers (President: Mike Rollo, Vice President: John Muir, Treasurer: Kathryn Ross, Secretary: Vanessa Cave) and 7 general members (Lucy Smith, Justine Kaye, Holly Snape, Glen Jacobson, Clare Browne, Dorothy Thresher, Sarah McLachlan).

The committee, which meets once a month, works hard to keep both the Domestic Training and Competition Obedience sides of the club functioning well. They're always keen to hear from members on how the club can improve and evolve. Please don't hesitate to the committee via secretary@hdoc.org.nz.

Photo: Committee member and Training Co-ordinator Holly Snape practicing heelwork with her dog Cocoa.



Terrible dog jokes

Q: What kind of dog does Dracula have?
A: A bloodhound.

Q: What do you call a large dog that meditates?
A: Aware wolf.

Q: What is a dog's favorite food?
A: Anything that is on your plate!

source: <http://www.jokes4us.com/animaljokes/dogjokes.html>

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