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# Hamilton Dog Obedience Club Inc.

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We hope you enjoy the Term 4 newsletter, which includes a special feature on homemade dog toys and information on our Champ Show.

Vanessa Cave, HDOC Secretary

## Homemade Dog Toys

Toys are one of the most important items to provide for your dog. Toys help prevent boredom, provide mental stimulation, and encourage your dog to be physically active.

### ***Did you know that a dog exhibiting poor behaviour is often bored and under-exercised?***

Unfortunately dog toys can be very expensive, and if you've got a good chewer, they don't last very long. So here are my top three tips for quick and easy homemade dog toys.



#### **The knotted rag tug-of-war toy**

Why use your old towels, t-shirts and jeans as cleaning rags when you can simply knot or plait them to make a great tug-of-war toy?

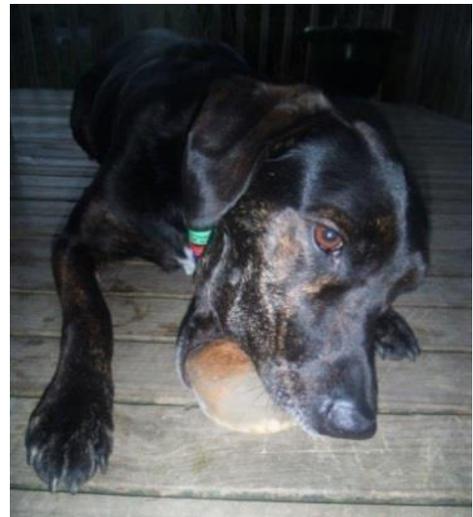
#### ***Learnt the hard way ....***

*It is unwise to give your dog an old shoe to play with. Your dog probably can't tell the difference between an old shoe and an expensive new one.*



#### **The dog ice block**

Freeze your dog's food, or even their favourite toys, in a container of water to create hours of licking fun.



*Pebbles enjoying an ice block.*



#### **Toilet roll rattler**

Put kibble in a toilet roll or cardboard box. Tape up and let the destruction commence!

For more great ideas visit: <http://barkpost.com/3-dog-toys-you-can-make-from-things-around-the-house/>

Share your dog toy ideas on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/hdoc.org.nz>



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*Our Facebook page is regularly updated with links to dog training resources and articles of interest to HDOC members.*

*Enjoy your training. Enjoy your dog!*

# Competition Obedience

There are five levels to Competitive Obedience, plus Basic Elementary. Basis Elementary is for beginners. The test starts with on-lead heelwork and a one-minute sit and down stay (facing your dog). When you've won one Elementary, you'll move up to Special Beginners. To find out more, visit <http://www.hdoc.org.nz/competition>.

***Want to know more about Championship Obedience or interested in giving it a go? Visit our Annual Champ Show.***

## HDOC Champ Show

Saturday 21st and Sunday 23rd November  
Cambridge Dog Obedience Club Grounds  
(cnr Taylor and Swayne Road)

The HDOC Champ Show is generously sponsored by Ultra Petfood Ltd.



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Congratulations to Dorothy Malcolm and Kimbel on becoming HDOC's 24<sup>th</sup> Obedience Champion.

# News from Your Committee

The committee were delighted with the response from the call for volunteers to assist our instructors. Thank you to our new cohort of talented and committed volunteers for the important contribution they are making towards the success of our domestic dog obedience classes. However, we are still on the lookout for dedicated people to join the committee in 2016, particularly in the roles of Enrolment Coordinator, Secretary or Treasurer. Volunteers are the life blood of HDOC - so if you're interested, don't be shy! Send an email to [secretary@hdoc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@hdoc.org.nz) for more information.

Your club's committee consists of four executive officers (President: Mike Rollo, Vice President: John Muir, Treasurer: Kathryn Ross, Secretary: Vanessa Cave) and 6 general members; Holly Snape (Training Co-ordinator), Clare Browne (Dog Behaviourist), Justine Kaye (Enrolment Co-ordinator), Lucy Smith (Website Co-ordinator), and Glen Jacobson. The committee works hard to keep both the Domestic Training and Competition Obedience sides of the club functioning well. We'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](mailto:secretary@hdoc.org.nz).

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# 2016 Term Dates

**Talk Night**  
**Term 1** Wed, 10<sup>th</sup> February  
**Term 2** Wed, 4<sup>th</sup> May  
**Term 3** Mon, 25<sup>th</sup> July  
**Term 4** Wed, 12 October

**Classes (Wednesday nights)**  
17<sup>th</sup> February - 13<sup>th</sup> April  
11<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> July  
27<sup>th</sup> July - 21<sup>st</sup> September  
19<sup>th</sup> September - 14<sup>th</sup> December



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