



# Command News

December 2011



## Director's Christmas Message

On behalf of my family, I wish all our clients, their families and pooches a safe and happy festive season. To my staff of Instructors, it has been a long year and I appreciate your commitment and enthusiasm over the last twelve months with your classes. I'm sure you are all looking forward to a well earned break. Thank you Eddie and Martin for helping out as emergency instructors when we needed you. I would also like to mention that we are thinking of our instructor and friend, the late Jodie Dwyer who sadly passed away early September this year.

To Sally at DogZone, I wish you and your excellent staff all the best for the festive season and I look forward to your continued support of our school for 2012

Finally, to Kathy and Carolyn thank you for your excellent work in our office and of course our Command News editor, Judy for your untiring work on our newsletter and assistance with CDTS.

Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

See you all in 2012. **Basil Theofanides**

### Break up Dates for 2011

#### Burwood, Gasworks Park, McKinnon

All Classes at these venues will finish on Saturday 17/12 & Wednesday 14/12 unless otherwise advised.

#### DogZone

Classes will finish Monday evening 12/12. Tuesday evening 13/12 Thursday evening 15/12 and Saturday 17/12

### Starting Dates for 2012

#### Burwood, Gasworks Park, McKinnon

All Saturday classes will resume 28/1/12  
Wednesday evening classes (Burwood East) 1/2/12

#### DogZone

Classes will resume Thursday evening 2/2/12 Saturday 4/2/12  
Monday evening 6/2/12 Tuesday evening 7/2/12

### Christmas Break

Command Dog Training School office will be closed from  
**Middy Wednesday 21 December 2011 &  
will re open Monday 16 January 2012**

## Need to do some Christmas shopping ?

Why not leave your dog at **DogZone** to be pampered for the day, while you spend a day in the city?

**DogZone** day care centre for dogs based at 53-55 North Rd Richmond is owned & managed by professional dog trainer Sally Chan.

Other services include the dog spa where dogs are fully pampered with a groom and clip and of course a petture for those nails.

**Gift Vouchers also available.**

Contact Sally 9427 9888

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Zoe, Diona, Sandy and Mariko (left to right ) are overseas students who have graduated from their CIC (Certified Instructors Course) at Dog Trainers Australia (DTA). Basil is in centre.

Overseas students attend the DTA full time programme for up to 10 weeks. This programme includes over 135 hours of practical hands-on training.

Students are assessed on their competency in a number of key areas including basic animal husbandry, training untrained dogs using a variety of methods and planning & delivering training sessions.

Diona has since returned to Hong Kong, while Sandy and Zoe both from Hong Kong and Mariko from Japan are doing their EPT (Extended Practical Training) at Blue Cross Animal Shelter for another 3 weeks.

If you are interested in becoming a qualified Dog Trainer/ Instructor please contact Basil Theofanides (Nationally Accredited Trainer & Assessor )

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### Christmas Message

*I would like to once again take this opportunity to wish all my friends at Command Dog Training School a happy and healthy Christmas & Great New Year.*

*To all my instructors especially Kathy and Carolyn who are not only our instructors but friends and a helping hand to us all.*

*And not forgetting Basil for making Command Dog Training School the special place that it is for all of us . I look forward to seeing you all again in 2012*

*Judy Small "Anzac & Chance"*

### OUR FUN DAY

Christmas Break up Day

Our end-of-year break-ups will be held on Saturday 17/12 at each venue as follows:

Burwood East - 10.00am - 11.30 am

McKinnon - 10.00 to 11.30 am

&

Saturday 10/12 Gasworks Park

10.15 am to 11.30 am.

DogZone - T.B.A.



We would like to thank Nature's Gift for the support they have provided our school over the last 12 months and since 1996

We wish all of you a  
Happy Christmas  
&  
New Year.  
A Healthy Pet For Life

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**NATURE'S  
GIFT**



OUR DOG OF THE MONTH

### Indie

Indie (Van Harley princess Indie - kennel name) is a 2 year old German Shepherd Dog owned by Lisa.

Lisa first started her training at Command Dog Training School 14 years ago with another German Shepherd Dog, Corrie... Indie started her training when she was 8 weeks old in December 2009 with C.D.T.S. Instructors Carolyn and Kathy at our Burwood venue and is currently in Intermediate 2.

"Indie loves chasing balls and running free at the park with her friends. She is a very spoiled dog and is treated like a princess!!! ( sleeps on a big pink fluffy blanket next to my bed) Every morning Indie jumps in the car when I take my 4 children to school and she is there when we pick them up at 3.30. Indie also loves training at C.D.T.S where she has many friends. She loves nothing more than a chicken carcass to nibble on. Her only dislike are nasty dogs and the monthly heartworm and flea tablets she has to have.

Indie is such a gentle soul and takes a lot of pampering from Brooke (my 6yo) and enjoys their cuddles in bed!!

Indie was chasing her ball at the park when a pip-squeak of a dog chased and barked at her, in which she dropped her ball and ran straight to me for protection !!! Indie is one very spoiled and loved dog."

Thanks Lisa for your story

### Happy Birthday Martin

All at Command Dog Training School would like to wish Martin a very Happy Birthday on Friday 10th December.

Martin who commenced instructing at C.D.T.S. in 1988 was one of the school's first instructors.

Martin is well respected by all who have trained under him.  
Happy Birthday Martin

Have a lovely day.



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