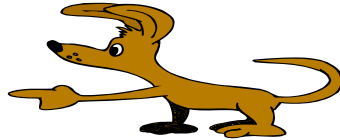




Command News

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Command Dog Training School Web Site: www.dogtraining.com.au



Freddie & Chloe



Why did I decide to take our little Yorkies along to obedience classes?

When Freddie eventually arrived, like all puppies, he was pretty active and loved jumping all over the place and tunnelling under things. So I set up a couple of little jumps and a cat tunnel, that I found at a \$2 store, in the back yard. Freddie seemed to really enjoy jumping over the jumps and running through the tunnel after his ball. I thought maybe I should find a class or something for him, but didn't find the time, and he needed to have done some obedience lessons first.

Last year we decided to get another friend for Freddie (our original Yorkie, Jonty, had died at the age of 16 earlier in the year). Freddie, who was now three, had a couple of annoying habits, such as barking madly at the ring-tailed possums that live in our garden, and only coming when called when he felt like it. It occurred to me that he was going to teach the new puppy his bad habits and, if I didn't want two yappy little dogs annoying all the neighbours, and me, I'd better do something about controlling him better. So I enrolled him in obedience classes at [Command Dog Training School](http://www.dogtraining.com.au).

I wasn't too sure how successful these would be as Freddie was already 3 years old but I was quite amazed at how quickly Freddie has learnt everything he has been taught. And best of all he seems to be really enjoying the classes and the practice on his walks and at home. Six months after his first Basic lesson he is starting to heel off lead. And he has had a go at the Agility equipment. Maybe he will be an Agility dog one day!

When Chloe arrived we took her along to puppy school, then waited until she'd been spayed and had grown a bit (she is all of 1.8 kg, but a bundle of energy) before enrolling her in the Basic class. Again I wasn't sure how she'd go as she is so small. But she settled in, gained a bit of confidence and passed her Basic course at C.D.T.S. just before Easter. She is now doing all the basic things well and is about to start Intermediate lessons. Chloe also loves jumping and tunnelling in the back yard at play time.

The classes have been very rewarding for both us and the yorkies- neither Freddie nor Chloe bark at the possums, they both come when they are called, and are a delight to take walking. And they both love it.

Thank You Judy for your story....
Judy is from our McKinnon venue

A healthy pet for life
NATURE'S GIFT

Vale

Chase a loveable Border Collie, and one of Command Dog Training school Demo dogs was rescued as a 2 year old from the Blue Cross (he was a fence jumper). Jill had him for 10 years and he died of cancer 3 weeks ago.

Chase also achieved Tracking Champion, CD (Companion Dog) obedience competi-



Chase

tion title, was trained to do Freestyle Dancing and also a Pets as Therapy certified dog. Chase loved to play and to eat not always in this order and who would forget Simon's Birthday cake, that few of us got to enjoy as Chase got to it first.



Misty

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Also Misty another one of Command Dog Training School Demo Dogs. Sadly Misty was put to sleep at the grand age of 16

Our thoughts are with Jill and Tracey, especially the Demo Team



Chase Misty

DogZone

At DogZone day care & play centre (now in its 9th year) for dogs you can book your dog on a casual basis or take out a 10 or 20 day pass. Passes can be used over a four month period respectively DogZone also offers a V.I.P. monthly pass for those dogs that need to come daily. DogZone is based in Richmond at 53-55 North Street.

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Readers Page

Dog Of The Month



Bronte

Cavalier King Charles Spaniel Bronte is our Dog Of The Month for May..

Owner Jane has trained two previous dogs at [Command Dog Training School](#)

First trained was Zoe a Golden Retriever that was sadly put to sleep in 2009, Zoe participated in Basic Obedience and Intermediate classes in the 1990 and loved being with people and dogs.

Hugo another King Charles Spaniel commenced puppy training in 2000 and continued through until Advanced 2

Classes —now who could ever forget Hugo's amazing bird chases around the oval, not that he ever caught anything, but he kept us all amused with his trying. Jane is now currently training Bronte another King Charles Spaniel

Bronte loves nothing more than food, a comfy bed, any ball games, long walks in the park or on the beach, meeting and playing with other dogs, visiting her groomer and most of all Hugo and her human family.

Bronte dislikes loud noises especially fireworks, but loves visiting the groomer last December for her special Christmas photos, she took to modelling like a duck to water, and quiet enjoyed posing for the camera, thank you Sarah from [Animal Mad Grooming](#) for making it such a fun day..

Sarah also trains with us at [Command Dog Training School](#)

Bronte can also be quiet inventive with her games and activities.

A more recent interest is gardening and in particular pruning.

Unfortunately Bronte prefers to prune indoors, dragging small branches through the doggie door!

It's not unusual to come home to a trail of twigs and leaves across the floor!

And a very proud Bronte...

Thanks Jane for your story

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Please email me should you have a story

Chicken and Oat treats

500 gms chicken mince

3 Cup Rolled Oats

1 cup of Grated Carrot

2 Eggs

1/3 cup parmesan cheese.

Mix all ingredients well and place on a well greased tray

15 inch x 11 inch

Bake in a slow oven for 140 for 40 mins.

Wait until cool, and cut into small treats.

These can be placed in small plastic bags..

They can be frozen and taken out the night before training...

WE KNOW YOUR DOGS WILL LOVE THEM

Makes over 200 treats Total cost \$7.70

Teddy Bear



Teddy Bear was adopted by Trish and Travis on Sunday 10th April 2011 from Shar Pei Rescue out in Tyabb.

He was a show dog, incredibly timid but has the most gentle soul.

He has become very affectionate after gaining our trust and follows us around everywhere.

Teddy Bear is just 5 yrs old and starting Basic Training at [Command Dog Training School](#) on Wednesday 13th April with instructor Kathy Grass. Proving that you can get a really great dog from animal shelters.

Thanks Trish & Travis for sharing your story with us

Million Paws Walk

The Million Paws Walk will take place on Sunday 17th May. The main purpose of this event is raising funds and with over 144,000 animals finding shelter at the R.S.P.C.A. annually, every dollar counts.

As well as the walk, there will be entertainment, display stalls, giveaways and a host of activities.

So put your dog on a lead and bring your "Best Friend" to Australia's premier pet event

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