



Command News

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Welcome back

We hope all our clients and their pooches had a great break over the holiday period. We all look forward to another great year of training



CLASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO MELBOURNE'S HEAT WAVE

Applicable only to classes at McKinnon, Burwood East and Gasworks Park.

This **does not** apply to classes at DogZone – Richmond.

Due to the unprecedented heat wave this week, we have cancelled all classes for the dog's safety, their owners and our Instructors. Therefore, classes scheduled to start on Saturday 31 January and Wednesday 28 January will now start Saturday 7 February and Wednesday 4 February respectively. Any classes that were to recommence on those days including Intermediate – Advanced classes, the same applies.

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Melbourne Pet Expo

Melbourne Pet Expo is on once again from 13-15th February at Caulfield racecourse.

This has proved popular with both children and adults and is a really great day with over 60 breeds of dogs.

A large selection of pet products is also available.

Don't forget to check Nature's Gift stand which is located just inside the main entrance stand 105 This is a must for all animal lovers.

Judy Small



Certified Instructors Course (C.I.C) Dog Training & Behaviour

The next C. I. C. will be commencing 29 March 2009 with registrations closing 14 March 2009.

If you are interested in becoming a dog trainer/ instructor you must not miss this opportunity.

Early Bird Discounts for enrolments by 14 February. For further details please contact training director. Basil Theofanides - Dog Trainers Australia

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Fun For Dogs



Need a cool break for your dog?

DogZone day care is fully **air-conditioned** for your dog's comfort.

A cool place for cool dogs!

DogZone dogs are given a maintenance brush before going home to help maintain their coats condition minimising the amount of hair loss at home. All you'll need to do is take your dog home, feed and love it. Exercise, play, daytime companionship and brushing will have already taken place **DogZone** is based at 53-55 North St Richmond and is owned and managed by professional dog trainer Sally Chan.

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A healthy pet for life
NATURE'S GIFT

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HEAT WAVE & DOGS By Basil Theofanides



With the temperature forecast of 40 degree days it is important to consider how to keep your dog cool and safe. Dogs cool down by sweating from their tongue. The sweat drips onto their paws and forelegs thus wetting them. As the air passes over, it assists in the cooling process. Therefore it is important that dogs are able to hydrate themselves just as humans do in order to replenish the loss of fluid.

The simple steps below will assist in ensuring your dog's well being during a hot spell.

Fill multiple bowls of water if you are going to be away all day. However, some dogs will use the bowls to paddle in and cool down which means they could be without water for the day. To counter this possibility fill a bucket of water and place a brick or two in the bottom. In most cases this is sufficient to stop the dog tipping it over. Another idea which I have used is to secure a bucket (plastic or better still, metal) onto a square piece of solid timber say 650 mm x 650 mm x 100 mm thick. Fix the bucket with a bolt, washer and nut to the block of wood and silicone around the hole to stop leaks. This method pretty much guarantees that your dog cannot tip the bucket over.

Ensure your dog has plenty of shade throughout the day. Remember the sun moves across the sky and the shade that was available in the morning might well be gone by midday. Consider getting a child's plastic wading pool/sandpit and filling it with water.

Give your dog a frozen bone to chew in the morning before you leave. I have also frozen a Kong Toy full of chicken or beef stock and given this to my dogs – which they absolutely love. A kind of Sunny-Boy for dogs.

You can bring dogs inside which is what I do in this extreme heat. However, if you are away for the day ensure you consider point 1. above. Also, if you don't leave the air conditioning or cooling on, the air will be still and therefore your dog can nevertheless overheat. At least leave a fan on to move the air about as it will ensure your dog stays cool. Otherwise, you may be better off leaving your dog outside.

If you have a hairy dog, take to a groomer and have it

shaved for summer. This will help enormously in keeping your dog cooler.

If your dog is too hot, dip a towel in water and drape it over its body. Also wet down its paws to help cool it.

Early Signs of Heat Stroke

- Rapid breathing
- Dry mouth and nose
- Rapid heart rate

Dull, greyish-pink, or red gums

This Is An Emergency

Even at the earliest stage of heat stroke, you may be fighting for your dog's life. You must get him to a veterinarian as soon as possible. These symptoms can be followed in minutes by collapse, seizures, coma and death.

ANIMAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS

<http://www.aecvets.com.au/index.html>

AEC Mount Waverley

37 Blackburn Road
P: 9803 8122
Open 24 Hours 7 Days
We Never Close!

AEC Hallam

18/151-159 Princes Hwy
P: 8795 7020
Open 24 Hours 7 Days
We Never Close!

AEC Frankston

39 McMahons Road
P: 9770 5555
Mon - Fri 6pm - 9am
Sat-Sun & Public Holidays
Open 24 Hours

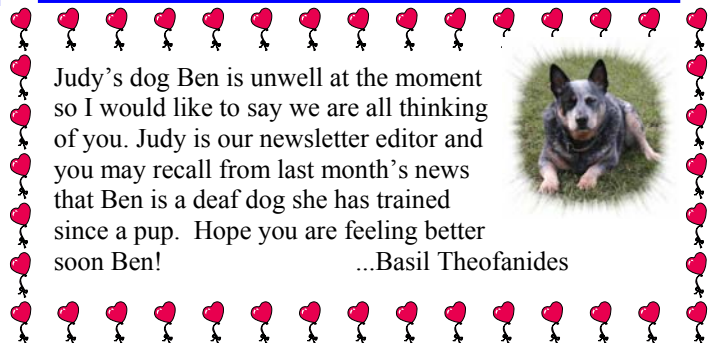
Dogs Die in Hot Cars

Leaving your dog cooped in a hot car is a sure way to bring on heat stroke. A hot car is like an oven, with temperatures that can rise an incredible 1.1°C per minute! Never leave your dog in a vehicle even if the temperature is 20°C.

Walking your dog

If the temperature is going to be in the mid to high 30's, walk your dog in the morning or late evening and consider a shorter walk than normal.

Take care over summer! Basil Theofanides



Judy's dog Ben is unwell at the moment so I would like to say we are all thinking of you. Judy is our newsletter editor and you may recall from last month's news that Ben is a deaf dog she has trained since a pup. Hope you are feeling better soon Ben!

...Basil Theofanides

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Please email me should you have a story, recipe or anything you would like to see in our newsletter

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