

Black Jack DTC

Black Jack Dog Training Centre News for April 2010

About the Centre

Wigtoft Dog Training Club has changed its name to Black Jack Dog Training Centre. As we were able to purchase some land on Black Jack Road, between Swineshead and Wigtoft in 2009 we decided to change the club's name to Black Jack Dog Training Centre.

We are offering indoor classes at the Wigtoft Village Hall as well as outdoor classes at the field at Black Jack Road.

The first classes on the field

In April we will start teaching agility classes at the field on Black Jack Road. We have an agility group on the Monday evening and on Tuesday evening. If there are any people that are still interested in doing agility with their dog, please contact Hetty as she will start up another agility group from June onwards.

From the 5th of May till the 11th of August we will be doing some of the obedience classes on the field, as it will give us more room to train some exercises that require some distance like for instance the send away exercise. Also a change of surrounding will be good for the dogs as you will see it will be very different for the dogs to work on a field.

New sports

In the last newsletter we have already mentioned the new sports that Hetty is introducing to the club. One of them is barrel racing and the other is longe training. Both come from horse riding and are loads of fun for your dog.

It will not only give your dog a chance to run a lot but it will also improve your control and distance work with your dog as your dog will need to do certain exercises as a distance. There are no age restrictions or health restrictions to these sports, so

the sports can be done by any size dog at any age or fitness.

Hetty has been training with her own dogs in these sports and the dogs really love it!



If you are interested in trying out one of these sports please contact Hetty as she is planning to start some courses in May.

Official opening – open day 2010

As we are going to use the field officially in 2010 we would like to organise an open day. Especially as we could not do a Christmas party last year as we have so many members now that is won't be possible to fit them all in the village hall at the same time! ☺

This open day is planned on Saturday the 17th of July and everyone that is currently training at the club is warmly invited to come and have fun with their dog at this day. We are thinking about organising some fun competitions and a chance to have a go at some other sports the club offers, like longe training or barrel racing. An invite will follow closer to the date. We hope to see you all there!

New online Blog

Please visit our online blog with all up to date gossip of the dog club and Hetty's own dogs on:
<http://blackjackdtc.blogspot.com/>

Summer course

This year we are doing a summer course. This is the first time we do a course like this and it is a combination of all sports that are being taught at Black Jack Dog Training Centre.

Lesson 1 + 6: obedience

Lesson 2 + 7: tricks

Lesson 3 + 8: agility

Lesson 4 + 9: barrel racing

Lesson 5 + 10: longe training

If you can't choose between the sports, this is an ideal course for you. The costs for this course is £40 and will be held on Thursday evening and will start on 3rd of June.

Demo in Milan, Italy

Hetty was invited to Italy in January 2010 to do 4 freestyle demos at the international dogshow in Milan. It was an ideal opportunity for Hetty to train her new freestyle routine, as a week after the demo she would be competing in Stoneleigh with the new routine. The new routine is based on the television series of Dr Who and at the beginning you see Wizz regenerating as the new doctor. Hetty plays his companion. Together they defeat an evil Dalek and save the earth.



If you would like to see the video of this routine, then go to our website :

www.barkingmaddivas.com

On the right hand side you will see a bar with our videos. The top one is Dr Who and was filmed during one of the demos in Italy.

Progress Awards

We are planning to hold an official progress awards evening for our freestyle and heelwork to music members. We are hoping to make it an outdoor event, in order to keep the costs down for everyone who is taking part. The judges will be our own club members Roger and Margaret Reed, who are also official Paws and Music Progress Award judges.

Training classes (by prior arrangement only)

Mondays

6:30pm-7:30pm – Beginner Agility course (FULL)

7:30pm-8:30pm – Agility course (start: June)

Tuesdays

6:30pm-7:30pm – Beginner Agility course (FULL)

7:30pm-8:15pm – Barrel Racing course (start: May)

8:15pm-9:00pm – Longe training course (start: May)

Wednesdays

7:00pm-8:00pm – Novice Obedience

8:00pm-9:00pm – Competitive Obedience

Thursdays

6:00pm-7:00pm – Puppy / Beginner Obedience

7:00pm-8:00pm – Heelwork to Music / Freestyle

8:00pm-9:00pm – Summer course (start: June)

Private tuition

Hetty also gives private tuition in Obedience, HtM/Freestyle, Agility, Barrel Racing and Longe training and behavioural issues.

We have a lot of handlers who take private tuition to prepare themselves for their competitions. Private tuition is on appointment only and can be done on any day at a time that suits you.

More information can be found on our website
www.BlackJackDTC.com