



# Karma Dog Training



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## NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2009.

Welcome to our long overdue newsletter, we hope it finds you well and in good spirits.

### PUPPY CLASSES.

A new class began on 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. and we welcome the following and believe they will be astounded at how clever their puppies will become when following Karma's training methods. A method that is inspiring and based only on positive reinforcement with no harsh methods or harsh training aids. These have no place in Jane and Claudine's remit.

Annie & Gerald Hornsby and Tess/Golden Retriever, Charley Bull and Ralph/Boxer, Lynne Hawtree & Wesley/Rottweiler, Rachel Rothery & Daisy/Springer Spaniel, Jenny Jackson & Sophie/English Cocker Spaniel, Joe Bennett & Scruff/Lurcher, Grant Fenton-Jones & Zeus/Weimaraner, Helen White & Misty/German Shepherd, Colin Hetherington & Pippa/Doberman, Ian Pierson & Sky/Alsation/Bull Terrier X, Helen Clarke & Bailey/Springer Spaniel.

We hope you consider joining the improvers' classes when you have completed your foundation course.

Congratulations to the previous puppy classes who are too numerous to mention.

### ACHIEVEMENTS.

Congratulations to Gill Boot who has been successful in her first attempts, with Blue her Border Collie, in the Obedience Arena:-

3rd Aug 08, 5<sup>th</sup> Pre Beginner, Halstead Dog Obedience Club

21<sup>st</sup> Sept 08, 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Pre Beginner Obedience Stakes, Norfolk Broads DTC,

This was 1<sup>st</sup> Collie so Gill and Blue qualified for the semi-finals at Discover Dogs, Earls Court.

5<sup>th</sup> Oct 08, 4<sup>th</sup> Pre Beginner Class and 2<sup>nd</sup> Beginner Class, Thurrock DT Society.

Gill did compete at Earls Court and was joint 5<sup>th</sup> but unfortunately lost out in the play-off. Nevertheless, I hope you agree the pair of them have done their selves and Karma proud.

Gill & her husband Gary have many animals, horses, geese, ducks & chickens as well as dogs. Gill & Gary now have a new addition to their pack, a 3yr old Border Collie named Tuppence, a 3 yr old bitch. Gill & Gary and their dogs have been introduced to Sheep Dog training through Jane and Claudine. Watch out, once hooked you will be addicted. Also I hear that Lorraine is about to start Sheep Dog training with one of her Rottweiler's (who by the way, historically, were herding dogs). One Man and his Dog lookout!

### **THE KENNEL CLUB GOOD CITIZEN DOG SCHEME.**

Congratulations to the following in obtaining the Bronze award in October 08.  
Margaret & Ty, Liz & Jack, Frank & Bess, Abi & Rocky, Mal & Random, Chris & Harvey.

Double congratulations to the following in obtaining the Silver award in October 08.  
Marilyn & Kes, Sarah-Jane & Muffin, Mal & Magic, Mal & Random, Gill & Blue, Gill & Mash, Mandy & Cassie, Margaret Collins & Floss, Margaret Norman & Rupert, Alison & Sid.

These awards are not given lightly and are judged by an independent Kennel Club approved judge who works to strict criteria.

Further awards will be forthcoming in the months ahead, but fear not, excellent training is given by Jane & Claudine in the run up to the day.

### **DOG IDENTIFICATION.**

You may be interested to know that by a new law, a dog must have an ID disc attached to its collar that contains your name and address. Whether you agree with this or not this is now a legal requirement. This requirement is as well as any microchip/tattoo that your dog may have.

### **A POEM (I hope it makes you chuckle) LEAVE ME ALONE.**

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Ted.  
'Leave me alone,' he says,  
'I'm just going to bed.'

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Felicity.  
'It's a bit dark here,' she said,  
'They've cut off the electricity.'

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Roger.  
'Do you own this bin?' I said.  
'No. I'm only the lodger.'

Ian said,  
Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Sue.  
'What are you doing here?' I said.  
'I've got nothing else to do.'

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Anne.  
'I'm just off now,' she said,  
'to see a dog about a man.'

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Barry.  
He tried to take the bin away  
But it was too heavy to carry.

Down behind the dustbin  
I met a dog called Mary.  
'I wish I wasn't a dog,' she said,  
'I wish I was a canary.'

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**LEARNING TO BE A PACK LEADER.  
(Or how my Yorkie rules me!)**

Learning to be a good pack leader is my dream. I try, honest I do. But, oh Magic you are so clever and manage to foil me day to day. I know the rules and I listen to J & C, hanging on their every word, but Magic does not listen. He is cute and he knows it. He never gives up trying to get me to do what he wants me to do. The down side of this, of course, is that if he were a big dog, then I just may have major problems. I have been trying to be calm and assertive and not give in. I know that it's my fault and that he knows all my moods, such as, when I am anxious or depressed so takes on the alpha role and protects me.

It is hard to be constituent each and every day but that is what is needed for me to win the day. So wish me luck in my quest!

Mal Woolger.

Well that's all this time folks! If any one would like to write a testimonial about their experiences at training then we will be happy to put it in the next newsletter. Just let Jane or Claudine know.

Mal Woolger 18/1/09.