



### Canberra 2010: Canberra Dog Obedience Club Event

On a glorious autumn Sunday afternoon that extended well into the evening, 40 people stayed back after classes and were entertained by a knowledgeable and energetic Tamara Jackman from Underdog Training (based in Melbourne), for what was the first in a series of seminars to be run this year.

The seminar covered the following topics and practical sessions:

- Dog Behaviour and Psychology lecture that focused on the mechanics, identification and cause of behaviour problems along with ways of dealing with some of the more commonly seen problems such as separation anxiety, hyper excitability, fear and timidity, aggression - to dogs and people, mouthing and jumping up
- Puppy Socialisation Theory, focusing on the what, when and how of puppy socialisation and the very significant benefits of early socialization
- Practical workshop with puppies, which demonstrated aspects of the earlier lecture with some very cute and very smart puppies, very kindly provided by instructors and a couple of unsuspecting new members, which was greatly appreciated
- Training Equipment, Exercises for Adult Dogs and Instructor Techniques Theory, where amongst other things we were introduced to the Sense-ible Harness (an alternate no-pull harness) where the lead attaches to a ring on the chest which looks very effective and easy to fit. Look out for these in the shop in the next few months;

Evaluations received after the seminar, combined with the general buzz experienced during the seminar, supported the view that all those who attended had a very informative and enjoyable day. Thanks again to everyone who attended and made this an excellent start to our seminar series.

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