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The Newsletter



The Eye of the Trainer

BY KEN RAMIREZ

"As close to sitting around the campfire with Ken Ramirez as most of us are likely to get, this exceptional book offers readers the opportunity to hitch a ride on the heart and mind of one of the most compassionate and influential trainers of our time. With touching candor and wicked training skills, Ken deftly navigates what is most important about being a teacher: an endless capacity to put the learner first" --Susan G. Friedman, PhD., Professor Emeritus, Utah State University

Does this sound interesting? Join in this issue's book club reading More on page 6!



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Message From the President

It is crazy to think that we are almost at the end of 2020 but then most of us may well say that 2020 has been a crazy year anyway. While COVID lockdowns are (touch wood) a thing of the past, we are all still determining how the new normal affects us, our livelihoods and our future opportunities.

The committee are busy undertaking the update of the Association's key documentation and there is a reminder in this newsletter regarding the proposed revisions to the Constitution that have been emailed to all full members. Please feel free to provide input into this process as the Association exists to serve the members and the committee needs to know what you think of what is proposed.

We have worked through the revision of the Code of Ethics and are now tackling the Code of Practice for the Endorsed Trainers and we hope to share these updated versions with you before the end of the year. The Endorsement application process is also being updated to align with the CANZ Accreditation process with the intention of positioning APDTNZ endorsed trainers amongst the leaders in the field of dog training across NZ.

Progress is also being made on compiling APDTNZ Position Statements on relevant matters pertaining to dog training and behaviour management. The first of these, regarding Dominance, is close to being finalised and this will be the start of a resource package to assist members in informing clients and the public on how to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for their dogs.

Finally, one more reminder, and this one is about helping drive more clients your way for those that operate a business. I strongly encourage members to ensure that their member profiles on the webpage are complete and current. People are accessing this information or being directed to this page in order to find a reputable trainer. If your information about your location, the services you offer etc. are not in your profile then you will not come up on the search function. The more information you have there the better the chance you have of being presented as the solution that someone is looking for. If you are unsure of how to update your information, please get in touch and someone will get back to you.

Keep up the great work that you do and keep sharing your successes and advice, particularly on social media. It is fantastic to see what our members get up to and see the impact you are having on the lives of people and their dogs.

Mark Weaver





CHANGES ARE COMING: THE CONSTITUTION IS EVOLVING



We are changing. All for the better! Changes are necessary to grow and reflect the evolving climate of dog trainers in New Zealand.

That means, changes to the constitution. And we want your input!

The Association has been in existence for just over 10 years and the committee has been undertaking a review of our key documents to ensure that they reflect current practices and expectations.

A number of proposed updates to the constitution have been sent for member review and comment.

The changes can be summarised as follows:

- Amend the name to "Association of Professional Dog Trainers New Zealand"
- A number of grammar amendments to ensure consistency of terminology
- Aligning the process for life and Honorary members
- Deletion or amendment of clauses that are no longer relevant due to changes in technology and the way we process payments
- Addition of headings to assist in finding relevant clauses
- Addition of a clause referencing the endorsement or accreditation of members
- Addition of role definition for "Vice President"
- Addition of the term "Full Member" to align with current practices
- Creation of the "Membership Secretary" role, outside of committee
- Amendment to allow the committee to set the annual membership fees
- Allowing the appointment of a Reviewer as an alternative to an Auditor
- Minor other consequential changes in relation to the above

We would love for members to review this and provide any feedback to presidentapdtnz@gmail.com prior to 18 October 2020. Please check your email for details!

This feedback will be summarised and circulated with an updated version of the amendments as appropriate requesting confirmation by at least 15 voting members to take this to a Special General Meeting.



Welcome
New
Members!

Members Corner

ADELE CURRAN

Sit Happens

Adele started her work with dogs volunteering for Christchurch Bull Breed Rescue while pursuing a Bachelor's of Science, majoring in Psychology. After finishing her human psychology degree, Adele started studying towards an Advanced Diploma in Canine Behaviour. Adele has helped to foster over thirty high-needs dogs in the last three years which has taught her a lot about force free behaviour modification.

Adele started working for Sit Happens mid 2018 and enjoys working with people who truly have the best interest of dogs at heart and loves the opportunity of the continued professional development she can take with Sit Happens by sharing knowledge and skills as a team.



Did you know there is no borrowing fee for APDTNZ members? All you need to do is cover postage and packaging. Within New Zealand there is a charge of \$8.00 or \$13.00, depending on size, this *includes* the cost for returning the books.

*The Librarian will advise you which charge applies to your choice of books.**

Rules and available books can be found at <https://apdtnz.org.nz/library/>
Contact librarian@apdt.org.nz with any questions

APDTNZ Trainer Endorsement Programme (TEP)

The TEP aims to become a benchmark for qualified and experienced trainers so the public, as well as other dog trainers, can confidently seek them out.

Endorsement is maintained every 3 years via continuing education and activity points to encourage trainers to further their own knowledge across the fields of dog training, education, and behaviour. Endorsed trainers will be highlighted on the APDTNZ website and have the right to use the APDTNZ endorsed trainer logo.

How to apply:

- The TEP is open to Full Members.
- Complete a self-assessment against the entry criteria.
- Submit an application for endorsement along with supporting documentation and an application fee.

All applications will be reviewed by a panel.

apdtnz.org.nz/trainer-endorsement-programme/

APDTNZ Member Only Facebook Group!

Did you know there is a member-only Facebook group for APDTNZ members? If you're not in the group yet, let us know so we can add you!

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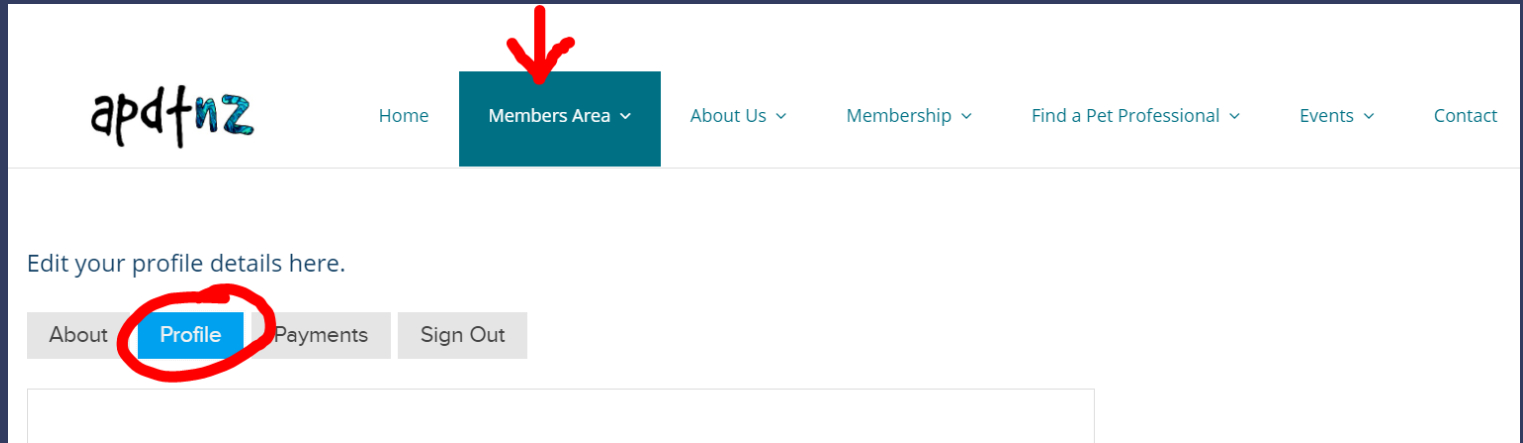
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Member Directory

Did you know that we have an updated directory for our members?

It is a great way for dog caregivers and other training professionals to search for APDTNZ members that cover particular areas and quickly see the services that they offer.

The more information that you add, the easier it will be for people to find you. So please make sure that your profile is up to date. You can add and change it as much as you like! Feel free to add your business card, logo, classes offered, specialties, etc.



Steps:

1. Log in to your profile
2. Under 'Member's Area' -- choose 'Edit Profile'
3. Under 'Edit Profile,' choose 'profile'
4. Fill in the suggested fields
5. Repeat as often as you like!

EVENTS, NEWS & SWAG

APDTNZ Advertising Policy

- The APDTNZ will not advertise training services or courses.
- All material in the newsletter must be in line with the APDTNZ Vision and Mission Statements and the Code of Ethics
- Placement of material in the newsletter is at the discretion of the Editor and the Committee
- No paid advertising is accepted
- Members may place merchandise ads free of charge in the newsletter, but must include a discount for members
- Events may be advertised in a maximum of 5 lines
- Positioning of ads is at the discretion of the Editor and Committee
- The publication of any advertising material does not constitute the endorsement of the APDTNZ for the event or merchandise.

APDTNZ CLICKERS IN STOCK

Price and Shipping:

\$3 each, sold in min quantities of 5 (\$15 for 5)
 Postage: up to 10 clickers \$3.50,
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"I appreciate this group so much... I am learning a lot and incorporating it into practice."

"I'm going to get sh*t done!"

"Thank you for another excellent session! You rock!"

"I'm just where I'm supposed to be."

"I've been training for a long time and appreciate 'freshening up' my thinking."

"...feeling inspired by you all!"

"...packed full of ideas and information."

"Love this community... THANK YOU!"

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FROM FEARFUL TO FEAR FREE
A Positive Program to Free Your Dog from Anxiety, Fears, and Phobias

From Fearful to Fear Free

Dr. Marty Becker et al. (2020)

Don't forget to send me your reviews and share your thoughts!

We just finished From Fearful to Fear Free. What are great read! Here are my thoughts:

" I feel the book was informative, but not in the ways I was hoping. I feel the book is geared towards a lay audience and focuses on prevention (which has it' place, obviously, but the title implies otherwise.) Certainly written by a powerhouse in the field and a great worthy read regardless!"

- Erin Jones

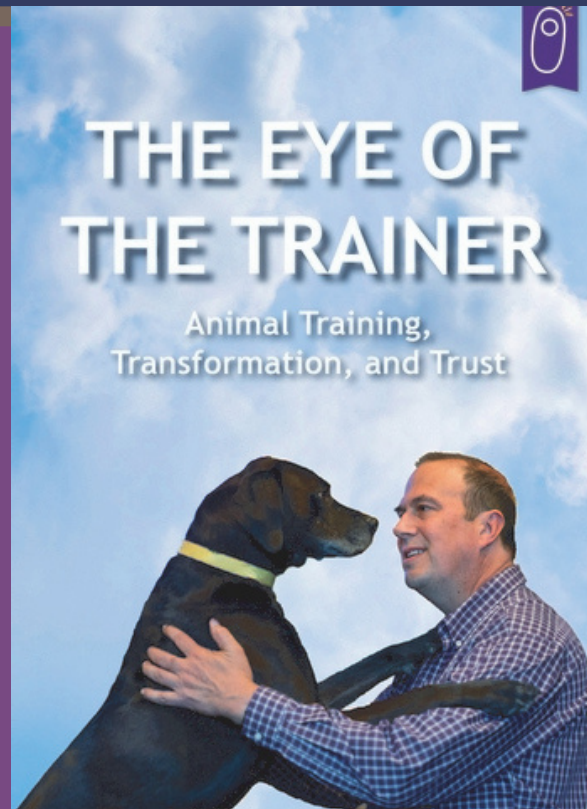
THIS ISSUE WE WILL READ:

The Eye of the Trainer

By: Ken Ramirez (2020)

Available from Amazon, Fishpond, The Book Depository, and your local book store can likely order you a copy!

Send me your review!
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