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*In Memory of  
Marjy Grosvenor*



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Our membership is ever increasing and due to this some classes may be a little larger than desired. We take the utmost care when allocating classes but sometimes rather than require you to have a break of several weeks we will create a class larger than any of us would like. Please be patient if your class is a bit larger than normal, we are working hard to remedy this. The last instructor training session yielded 11 new instructors and this will ease our class size and availability and size difficulties in the future. Thank you to those wonderful people who have volunteered their time and skills to further the services of the club.



Many of our dogs wear yellow bandanas while training. The yellow bandana is not an indication that the dog is necessarily aggressive or a problem but rather this dog needs or does better with more personal space. This can be for many different reasons such as shyness or anxiety or just an over exuberant dog that jumps and lunges because he wants to play, or maybe even a dog who may be recovering from illness or injury. Please respect those dogs and ask the handler prior to approaching that dog. Similarly, remember you are your dog's advocate and are the one to ensure your dog does have the space it requires. If you think your dog would benefit from having personal space at club please see one of our equipment shop staff to purchase a bandana.

Do you ever really think about how your dog learns? Dogs learn due to a very simple theory, if something good happens after a behaviour, that behaviour will increase. If nothing happens after a behaviour or a something bad



happens that behaviour will decrease. This means that we can shape our dogs' behaviour quite easily if we are watching and in tune with our dogs. A boisterous dog that is sitting quietly is exhibiting a great behaviour for that dog, rewarding that behaviour will increase it, whereas waiting until the dog is unruly and correcting it is really quite counter-productive. Anyone with young children know that many children will seek attention whether good or bad and consider it better than no attention at all. Dogs are very much the same. They crave our feedback, and often any is better than none at all, but if we make sure that feedback concentrates on the great things our dogs do, we will have awesome dogs.

**Enjoy your dogs!**  
**Barbara Schubert**



**Please remember...**

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**Training**

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**No Training**



# The Road to Recovery

*Reprinted from Pets Mag*

**I**zzy, the Rhodesian Ridgeback cross, had a rocky road from birth, abused and left at the RSPCA. However, thanks to Angelina, she is now fully recovered.

Izzy is one of my three dogs. She is an 18 month old Rhodesian Ridgeback cross. I adopted her from my local RSPCA when she was 6 months old. When I got her she was timid, shy and easily scared. At that time I only had one other dog, which was very accommodating of Izzy's shy manner. They began to sleep together on the same bed, but Izzy was always very jumpy and would sometimes wet herself when you went near her.

When I first adopted her, I was warned by the shelter staff that she may never fully recover and may always be a frightened little dog. Most of her litter were not able to be rehomed as they were too badly abused by their previous owner. When I first bought her home she weighed a mere 12kg, and after just one week she had gained 3kg. After being home with us for only a few days she got canine cough, which luckily did not spread to our older dog.

After a few months with me, and puppy classes, she soon began to open up. She learnt commands well at puppy class and began to

trust me. Over the next year, she blossomed into the beautiful (but very boisterous) dog that she is today. She loves to jump on tables, on the back of trucks and loves to run. Her favourite hobbies these days include running, jumping, playing with toys, wrestling with my two other dogs and, of course, chewing a nice meaty bone to chill out. She has always loved playing with toys and for her first year we spent so much on stuffed toys, balls, ropes and even hessian mats for her bed as she loved to rip up everything!

Izzy has become an invaluable part of our family and has provided us with many laughs, adventures and trips to the vet (for chewing sticks that she pulled off the tree herself!) Without Izzy our family would be incomplete. 🐾

## Croydon Demo Team

**Have you gained your Basic (B2)?  
Would you like join our demo team?**

**If you are interested come into the  
office on a Sunday morning and fill  
in an application form.**

## FOR DOGS' SAKE, PICK UP

Please clean up after your dog to ensure that dogs retain their rights to parks, beaches, dog-friendly accommodation facilities, walking trails and other public places.



# Basic Obedience Passes



## ***CONGRATULATIONS to the following club members who have recently passed the Basic Obedience Test.***

If you have ordered your certificate and not received it please call into the office on any Sunday between 10.30 – 11.00 am to collect it.

Alli Berry & Cooper  
Daniel Black & Marvin  
Graham Broad & Maddie  
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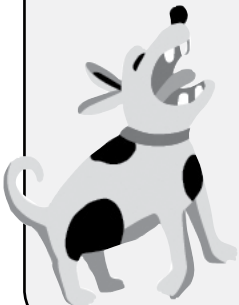
## **YELLOW BANDANNA?**

**A number of our dogs at CDODC wear yellow bandannas... this is because they might be hyper, nervous, protective, or excitable.**

**Please give these dogs SPACE and ask the handler for permission BEFORE you or your dog approach.**



## **Excessive Barking**



### **Please note:**

**It is not acceptable for members to allow their dogs to continually bark whilst at Club. Complaints from neighbours to Council can make it very difficult for the Club to be seen as a group of responsible dog owners.**

**If your dog barks while tethered at Club, it may be advisable to put the dog in a covered, well ventilated crate thus removing visual stimulation, often the cause of barking. 🐾**



**Marjy Grosvenor**

28.12.1947 – 4.8.2016

**M**arjy, a retired Pharmacist, became a member of CDODC in 2005 along with her husband Russ to train their two German Shepherds, Paddy and Quin. After successfully going through the basic classes Marjy and Russ were asked to join the team of instructors and did the training course. Because of their many and varied interests they were unable to commit to teaching every Sunday so became “floating instructors” whereby they filled in for other instructors as and when necessary, no matter what level.

Just some of Marjy’s other interests included flying her own aircraft, kayaking, ski-ing, scuba diving and world travel. She was also a Lifeline Counsellor.

I should add for those who may not be aware, that as a young woman Marjy had a leg amputation plus severe injuries to her other leg and body as a result of an horrendous car accident that nearly claimed her life. She was told she would never walk again, let alone work, but the doctors didn’t know Marjy!

We became friends when Marjy, Russ, Jan Seach and I were in the Advanced Class together in 2005. We had some fun times and dabbled in some of the other disciplines of Agility and Rally (before it became a competition dog sport). However, we all decided that Obedience trialling was the discipline for us. Marjy and Quin went on to compete in high level obedience, trialling in UD (Utility Dog), gained their RAE in Rally and TDX in Tracking. Unfortunately before getting their last UD title pass, beautiful Quin was diagnosed with cancer and died in January 2015.

Early in 2015 we were devastated to learn that Marjy had been diagnosed with melanoma on the spine. In her indomitable fashion she fought hard and with treatment she went into remission enjoying almost a full year of good health during which she made every day count.

Phryne Too, a GSD puppy, arrived on the scene and Marjy had her work cut out for her again. It seemed no time at all before they had their Tracking Dog Title and in October last year got their CCD (Community Companion Dog) Title.

Their most memorable pass was at the prestigious Royal Melbourne Show where Marjy and Phryne won their class.

Some years ago we persuaded Marjy to become the Advanced Class Co-ordinator. Many of the graduates from her class are now in the trial ring enjoying competition obedience. She was always encouraging and took pleasure in helping people.

Marjy, in addition to being a trialler and instructor was, until recently, co-manager of the Demonstration Team, alongside Jan Seach. Between them they organised and presented many CDODC demonstrations at venues such as the Lilydale Show and Croydon Community Days as well as school fetes.

# A Tale of Two Dogs



Sadly early in 2016 she came out of remission. Although in constant pain, she determined to carry on as normal. In February a group of triallers travelled to Bermagui in NSW where she intended to trial young Phryne in Novice (CD). Unfortunately it wasn't to be as she was in too much pain and had to return to Melbourne. While Russ and Marjy were there I shall always cherish the memories of the wine and cheese get togethers we enjoyed in the evenings with our group.

Marjy was part of a small group of triallers that meet on Friday mornings for training. These sessions started out strictly for training but as time went on we decided coffee was called for... which then progressed to lunch. We can often be found deep in conversation at 3 pm. She is sadly missed.

Marjy was an inspiration to all who knew her well. She was indeed an amazing woman who, under difficult circumstances, showed us all how to live life to the full. I loved her dry wit, bubbly personality and permanent smile. In all the time I knew her she never complained, even at the end of her valiant struggle she remained positive.

Amongst many others, I am proud to have been her friend. She will always remain in my heart and I am sure the hearts of all of her friends at CDODC.

I shall finish by repeating the adage that Russ quoted at her funeral, which described Marjy to a tee...

*Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather skid in sideways, red wine in one hand, champagne in the other, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out and screaming "WOO HOO what a ride!"*

**Anne Mann**

*From a friend of Maree Phillips (Instructor)*

Caesar is seventeen years old, getting a bit shaky on his legs. He has his own special spots inside the house and out in the garden, and enjoys his own quiet life. When we were asked to look after a young kelpie while her owner was overseas, we wondered how the two dogs would get on together.

Young Wendy took over from the start, rounding Caesar up in circles, and keeping him on the move until they were both tired out. After a couple of days, they managed to reach an easy truce, but it was plain to see that they were a mismatch.

One evening when Caesar was outside, Wendy started to race around the house, barking furiously, finishing up at the back door. This was unlike her, so eventually we went out in the yard to see what was happening. Probably a possum we thought. Wendy raced straight to our swimming pool and there was poor Caesar, clinging onto the ledge for dear life. We could only see two paws and a pair of eyes. How long had he been there? He was shivering and probably suffering from hypothermia when we dragged him out, towelled him down and kept him warm.

Caesar has recovered now and resumed his calm life. Young Wendy is as busy and as bustling as ever, but we don't mind. We think she's earned her keep. 🐾

## Priceless...

*Reprinted from Readers Digest*

An elderly woman brought two stuffed dogs along to Antiques Roadshow, which was filming in her local area. "Ooh," said the presenter, "this is a very rare set. Do you have any idea what they would fetch if they were in good condition?"

The woman thought for a moment before answering: "Sticks".



# Eight Winter Warmers

*Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag Jul/Aug 2016*

**A**s well as chilly weather, winter brings with it a whole range of potential problems for your pet. Tim Flak offers eight winter care tips to help keep your pooch cosy, warm, happy and healthy when the mercury drops.

## 1. Get Moving

On some dreary winter days, slipping into your joggers and several extra layers of clothing to take your dog for a walk is the last thing you want to do. When it's cold and miserable outside, the call of a comfy lounge and a warm cuppa can quickly make you forget just how important it is to exercise your dog.

"Keeping up your pet's regular exercise when it's miserable outside can be a tall order, however it is important for your dog both physically and mentally," says Bayer Technical Services veterinarian Dr Liisa Ahlstrom. Dogs can begin to put on weight if they lead sedentary life through winter. Fido is not going to be putting himself through a workout in the garden and will be relying on you to take him for a walk or an off leash run in the dog park.

That's why you need to do your best to keep your dog's exercise regime going, even if there are plenty of things you'd rather be doing. Getting out of the yard or house also keeps your dog's mind active and reduces the likelihood of boredom related unwanted behaviours or having house training mistakes.

"For those really awful days, don't forget there are lots of great games you can play in your home, lots of training you can do, and if you're short on time, lots of dog puzzles you can provide which will not only exercise the body, but also their mind," Dr Liisa says.

## 2. Eating right

For many of us, our dog's diet is something we tend to "set and forget". Once you've found a diet that offers all the nutrients your furry

friend needs to be healthy and happy, you stick to it – maybe with the occasional treat or three thrown in for good measure. But because winter can lead to a change in your dog's activity levels, you may need to adjust your pooch's diet.

"Those that are spending a lot of time outdoors burning up energy are likely to need an increase in calories, while the couch potatoes that snuggle up in the warmest part of the house all day may need their intake reduced a little to avoid weight gain," explains veterinarian Dr Joanna Paul from creature clinic.

Keeping warm does require energy, so dogs that live outdoors exclusively may require slightly more food to maintain their weight in winter. "If you're not getting out and exercising your dog as much as you'd like, then they may be expending less energy than in the warmer months, and you may need to feed them slightly less food if their weight starts to increase," Dr Liisa says.

## 3. Cold winter nights

From hot water bottles to fluffy doonas and electric blankets we're always looking for ways to stay snug and warm on those long, cold winter nights. Keeping your dog cosy and dry all night long is of course essential during the chilly months. "Some breeds are well equipped to handle the cooler weather with their dense coats, but others are not," Dr Liisa explains. "Short haired or hairless dogs tend to need a little extra warmth in winter, as do our young and senior fur kids! Ensuring their kennel or bed is away from draughts and the elements will go a long way to keeping your dog cosy this winter. Providing additional blankets and keeping the bedding raised off the floor will also help".

Dr Joanna also points to the importance of the right bedding during winter. "Keep them comfortable with their own soft bed or maybe yours!" she says.

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## Kp's Awesome Paws Rescue and Rehoming

### Foster Carers Needed

If you are a reliable and compassionate person with a love for animals and can offer a safe, secure home environment, please consider becoming a valued member of the Kp's Awesome Paws Rescue and Rehoming Foster Carer program.

The Foster carer program predominantly involves housing dogs of various ages, breeds and needs until they are adopted into their permanent homes. You will receive the continual support of Kp's Awesome Paws Rescue and Rehoming whilst fostering one of our animals. Animals with minor behavioural problems or those recovering from surgery are also candidates for foster care, as are litters of puppies. All required support will be given to the carer's of these special needs pets.

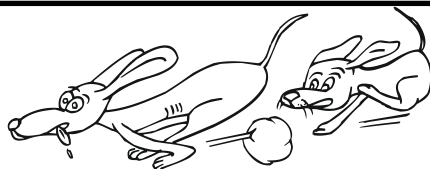
Whether you currently own a dog or not you can be a Foster Carer. Often people who foster are 'between' dogs are not currently in a position to commit to a dog long term.

All veterinary costs will be covered and if needed food and bedding can also be supplied.

Fostering can be short term or long term and suitability of the dog and your family will be assessed before placing an animal with you, and best of all you are saving a life and this is extremely rewarding.

To receive a Foster Carer's pack please email:  
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*Making enquiries no way obligates you to become a foster carer.*



## Dog Club Shop

Did you know that this shop is run for you the handlers and your dogs? Prices are usually lower than pet shops, vets and supermarkets.

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Coffee and Snacks are available for sale in the Clubhouse every Sunday during training hours. Coffee/Tea/Ovaltine/Soft Drinks, Chocolate Bars/Sausages etc. ALL AVAILABLE



## Eight Winter Warmers cont.

### 4. Rugged up

A warm jacket or coat can work wonders in winter for us, and it's no different for our four legged friends. "Some dogs love wearing a jacket, jumper or coat," Dr Liisa says. "Some are waterproof, so walking in the rain won't result in a soaked to the skin dog. There are many varieties of jackets and coats available, not to mention all manner of creative and eye catching designs, and it may take a little bit of trial and error to see what type your dog prefers. As soon as you find something warm, cosy and comfortable, many dogs will love getting all dressed up to ward off the cold.

"Coats and jackets are a great idea," Dr Joanna says. "They are particularly beneficial to dogs that have more trouble keeping warm on their own. This means smaller dogs, those with short coats, and dogs without a lot of body fat, like Greyhounds and Whippets.

If you decide to rug up your pooch in a winter jacket, keep in mind that leaving a coat on a dog if you will be away for many hours is not without risk – for example, if the weather heats up, your dog is stuck with a coat on. It's also a good idea to check that your dog does tolerate the coat as attempts to remove it while you are not supervising can result in paws getting stuck and the dog becoming distressed or injuring itself.

### 5. Indoors vs Out

As society's attitudes towards pets continue to change and our dogs increasingly become more important members of the family, a growing number of Australian dogs are allowed to sleep inside. But that doesn't mean all of our dogs are indoor pets, with many still living in a traditional 'kennel on the back porch' arrangements.

But is it better for your dog to be indoors or out during winter, and is it safe for your dog to sleep outside in the freezing weather? "Different dogs have different lifestyles, and

it's important to keep this in mind when considering their needs during colder months," Dr Joanna says. "Those that are generally indoors are much less likely to cope with suddenly being outside, while more active dogs that enjoy the outdoors are usually fine. Like us, dogs acclimatize to the warmer part of the year and even if they have long coats, they still feel the cold and need to be provided for appropriately".

Outdoor dogs obviously need to be well sheltered from the elements. They need to be protected not only from the rain, but also from wind and draughts. Access to padded bedding that is raised off the ground is another must, while you should ensure that wherever your dog sleeps is always sheltered.

Dr Liisa says that whether your dog is an indoor or outdoor pet is a matter of personal choice, and either option is fine as long as your dog is out of the elements and has a dry warm place to stay. "During severe weather it may be wise to allow your dog inside if they can't be kept adequately safe, secure and warm," she says. "If your pet is outdoors, check to see that the kennel or bed space is totally weather proof (check for any leaks daily) Bedding/kennels should be raised from the floor so dampness can't creep in, ensure the area where your dog sleeps is out of the wind and provide extra bedding for extra warmth."

### 6. Sad

Winter really can be a pretty depressing time of year. It's cold, it's wet and it's miserable, the days are so much shorter and you're often trapped inside for long periods of time to stay out of the elements. In people, the reduced daylight hours of winter have been linked to a condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder – SAD for short – which basically leads to the onset of depression in the winter months.

But can this same condition affect our dogs?



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# Charmaine Lee Oodles of Spoodles



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## Eight Winter Warmers cont.

"Seasonally Affective Disorder is documented in people but not so much in dogs," Dr Liisa says. "The main consideration for the wellbeing of your fur kids is that they get used to certain routines and if winter means they get less exercise, or less time to play at the dog park or dog beach, then this alone may affect them." Because we tend to spend less time playing with and exercising our pooches during winter, you may notice that your dog is a little quieter and perhaps not his usual boisterous self. To keep your dog happy and healthy when the mercury drops, always make an effort to keep the routines as stable as possible. "If you are getting out less due to torrential rain or horrid weather, replace this time with some TLC, games and play dates with your pooch," Dr Liisa suggests.

### 7. Protect against parasites

I only have to worry about fleas and parasites in the warmer months, right? Is it true that they're only a problem when the weather is hot and humid? The answer to these two questions is a resounding no. While there's a misconception among some dog owners that parasites are only a problem during spring and summer, nothing could be further from the truth.

"Ensure you continue your preventative health care such as worming and flea control as parasites can still infest and reproduce over winter," Dr Liisa says. It's a common myth that fleas pack their bags for the winter. Don't be fooled – they are still there."

Female fleas lay up to 50 eggs a day and those eggs can turn into larvae and stay dormant for several months. They stay hidden in your carpet, your furniture, your pet's bedding and even in the dirt, and when the right weather conditions arrive they hatch into adult fleas.

So if you don't maintain regular flea control through the cooler months, you may face a flea infestation as soon as the weather warms up. Keeping up to date with all your flea, worm and

tick control needs over winter is the best way to ensure that parasites don't become a problem for your pooch.

### 8. Be vigilant

The final winter care tip for dog owners in Australia and New Zealand is to always monitor your canine's health during the colder months. "We all feel cold at times during winter," Dr Joanna says. "Being cold puts extra stress on bodies that can lead to reduced immune function and a greater chance of getting sick – this is particularly so for the very old and the very young. It's important to pay attention to our dogs' health during winter, and if we notice any changes to seek veterinary attention."

And while the importance of seeking help from your vet if required can never be understated, Dr Liisa says there's one crucial aspect of winter care that can only be provided by a dog's loved ones.

"Nothing warms your pet as much as your attention, love and care," she says. "Enjoy the cooler months and the nice cosy nights cuddled up together."

### Extra winter care tips

- Avoid clipping your dog too short in the winter months – their fur is their insulation – but keep it neat so the coat doesn't get matted," Dr Liisa says.
- If bathing your dog during winter, ensure you pick a dry day and do not put your pooch outside in the cold until it is completely dry. If your dog tolerates a blow drier, this will help it dry faster.
- Want to make your canine warm and cosy as soon as it goes to bed? Pop its jacket or coat in the drier first.
- You can purchase electric heated pet bedding and also use hot water bottles, but these are only suited to pets that are not destructive and will not chew. 🐾

# Coping with Canine Aggression



*Reprinted from Pet Mag Aug 16*

If your dog doesn't get on with other pooches, how can you curb his aggressive behaviour and stop him getting into trouble? Tim Faulk reports.

There's one very scary scenario that dog owners around Australia experience way too often.

Picture this: you're playing with your pooch in your local park when another dog arrives for some off leash fun. But as soon as the other dog enters the park, your dog is ready for a fight – his hackles go up, he lets out a menacing growl and he looks ready to attack at the slightest provocation. You're desperate to stop this tense situation escalating any further – but what can you do?

Sadly, aggression towards other dogs is a problem far too many Australian dog owners face. Not only does this spell trouble for the other dogs unfortunate enough to find themselves in close proximity to your dog, but it also puts you in risk of getting caught up in a dog fight – and the consequences of the can be very nasty indeed.

To help prevent these problems arising, let's take a look at what causes aggression in dogs and how your dog can be taught to play nice with other pooches.

## Causes of aggression

So why are some dogs aggressive towards their fellow canines and others aren't? What is it that turns usually mild mannered dogs into angry and hostile creatures when they come into close proximity with another dog?

"Dog aggression will often stem from bad experiences," explains Alisa Sannikova, animal behaviour scientist from Sydney dog walking and training service Perfect Dog. "A dog that has previously been attacked can become nervous around other dogs, and that

nervousness can turn into aggression in order to keep other dogs at a distance."

Another cause of canine aggression is called resource guarding. "Whether the dog feels possessive of a toy, of your presence, of the dead rat it has found or the territory around its house, the aggression with which it defends the possession can be the same," Alisa says.

"A third possible reason is the bad behaviour of other dogs. A dog that approaches another dog with rude body language or bad play styles can sometimes be told off quite forcefully."

With some dogs it can be immediately obvious that they're uncomfortable, unhappy and ready to ward off any perceived threats. But canine body language can be quite subtle and nuanced, and some signs of aggression can be easy to overlook.

"If you see your dog showing any signs of avoidance and trying to get away from another dog, this is a really clear sign that your dog isn't happy," says Cat Saunders, dog trainer from Melbourne's K9 Company. "Also, dogs that pull out on lead or that have the lead really tight are often in what is called a pre-loaded state and should be avoided."

Alisa also advises keeping a close eye out for any aggression warning signs from your pet or another dog. "The first signs happen quite early on and are often missed – the dog staring hard with a stiff body," she explains. The hackles (the fur on the shoulder blades) are likely to be raised. Your pooch may bark at another dog it sees in the distance, while if that dog comes closer your pet may feel the need to protect you by growling at the approaching animal.

It's always important to not punish a dog for aggressive barking or growling so that they continue giving you these warning signs.

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## Coping with Canine Aggression cont.

### Tackling the problem

Although dog aggression has several causes, there are also several things you can do to prevent it becoming a problem for your pooch. Socialising your dog is a good place to start. "Socialisation is absolutely necessary for preventing certain types of aggression such as fear aggression," Alisa says. "However, it has to be done correctly – the group of dogs being socialised together have to be polite, gentle and not too many in number. Throwing a young pup into a huge group of random dogs can result in a scared, overwhelmed puppy and cause more problems than it solves."

Training is also a must to ensure that your pet is well behaved in all manner of situations – and the earlier you start training, the better. "I start training dogs from eight weeks of age," Cat explains. "This training involves obedience and effective voice control in all environments. This allows you to communicate with your dog and can help when you need to give your dog guidance in different situations. Another big benefit of good dog training is teaching your dog impulse control. Impulse control is where your dog can make a smart choice under pressure. If we teach our dogs to have impulse control and can guide them with verbal commands, it's a win-win relationship," she says.

### Reaching out for help

If the steps you take to socialise and train your dog don't have the desired effect, don't be afraid to ask an expert for help. Aggression is a big deal and can cause serious problems, so it's very important to consult a professional.

"A veterinary behaviourist or an educated dog trainer from APDT, Delta or Pet Professionals Guild will be able to determine and help you change the underlying cause so that the dog does not feel a need to be aggressive anymore,"

Alisa says. "Avoid anyone who tells you to punish the aggression – fighting fire with fire in this case can often lead to other problems down the line."

Cat points out that your trainer should make you feel comfortable and welcome, offering loads of support and guidance to help you and your dog improve. "It can take some time, which is why I say prevention is better than cure, but stick with it and know that a good dog trainer will support you on your journey," she says.

### What's my responsibility?

Dog owners in Australia have a range of legal responsibilities to fulfil, one of which is to prevent their dog chasing or attacking people and other animals. Fines apply if you break the law regarding your dog, while in the event of an attack you could be charged with an offence by the police and your pet could be destroyed,

In certain circumstances, your dog may be declared 'dangerous' or 'menacing' and you may have to follow certain regulations, such as keeping the dog in a special enclosure and ensuring that adults are only ever in charge of the animal. 🐾

### SoS...

*Reprinted from Readers Digest*

A South African man was sailing from East London, South Africa, to Madagascar when his yacht ran aground and was severely damaged. He scooped up his beloved nine year old Jack Russell terrier and swam ashore to safety.

Only when he was assured that his dog would be all right did he swim back to the yacht to save his other travelling companion – his wife.

# Introducing your new puppy to your cat



By Dr Katrina Warren

Reprinted from *Pets Mag*

**P**uppies and cats can become wonderful lifelong friends, but you will need some careful planning and management for them to be successful. Cats often run when they feel unsafe and puppies can quickly learn that chasing cats can be a lot of fun! So you must manage your puppy so that he doesn't get the opportunity to practice this behaviour as it is self rewarding.

Cats love routine and generally don't like change, so it's important to keep their routine as normal as possible when your puppy arrives. If you are going to make changes to your cat's routine, make them well in advance of your puppy arriving.

## Prior to bringing your puppy home

Get your cat used to being fed where the puppy won't be. It will be easiest if you can feed your cat somewhere elevated like on a table or bench, so the puppy can't steal its food. Also make sure the litter tray is in an area that is off limits to the new puppy.

Set up a "safe room" for your cat that is out of bounds for your puppy. Buy at least one tall climbing tree so your cat can perch up high and feel safe, somewhere your puppy won't be able to reach.

## Interaction

Prior to any interaction between your puppy and cat, tire out your puppy with a run or play session. This will make him a lot calmer and less intimidating to your cat. Put your puppy on a lead while he gets to see and potentially meet your cat. Allow your cat to walk around freely, so your cat is the one who initiates any contact, while making sure your puppy cannot lunge or jump towards her. If your cat becomes frightened, move the puppy away to create more distance between them. Once both are comfortable in each other's presence, lengthen the lead to allow closer interaction.

Always make sure your cat has an escape route.

Spend a lot of time rewarding and praising your puppy's calm behaviour around your cat and always separate them when unsupervised. In the early stages of introduction, it's a good idea to erect a temporary baby barrier type gate so your cat has somewhere safe she can retreat to. Always confine your puppy to a puppy pen if you can't actively supervise. 🐾





# Five Doggy Cleaning Tips

*Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag Jul/Aug 2016*

## Does winter plus dog equal a super messy pooch? Melanie Hearse finds out how to keep your dog clean during the wetter months.

Giving your dog regular baths and close cropped hair is a no brainer in summer – especially those of the long haired persuasion who look miserable and overheated with long, untamed locks on a 40 degree day. Regular dips in the ocean, frequent walks (nature's nail clippers) and all that extra holiday time spent with your four legged friend means grooming can come a lot more naturally during this season.

Fast forward to winter – less of the long walks as you battle the winds and rain to give your pooch his bare minimum exercise requirement, the belief all that extra hair will help keep him warm, and not wanting to get him wet in the winter cold by bathing him.

Dog groomer and owner of Spoilt Rotten Dogs, Mario, says while it's a common misconception pets need less care in the winter: without grooming their coats will matt, causing discomfort and skin problems. "And if your pet is a shedder, or a fan of rolling around in the great outdoors, you're also looking at the prospect of a pretty grotty home (if your dog is a welcome visitor to your bed and couches, things can get even more grubby). So what are Mario's top five winter grooming tips?

### 1. Thou shalt brush and demat their hair often

Make sure to brush your pet's coat at least once a day to prevent matting or knots. This means getting in there with a slick and good quality brush that can get right into your dog's coat. This will help remove sheds and detangle any knots. But don't brush too hard or in one area only. This can be very uncomfortable for the pet. If need be, make yourself a detangling spray like you would for yourself – grab a pet

conditioner and dilute to a 50/50 mix with water in a spray bottle.

Comb the coat after you've finished brushing it – this will help ensure you haven't missed any knots that are in the process of forming. Do this thoroughly and ensure that every area has been combed. For dogs with longer coats,

part their hair and comb right down into it till you can see the skin, taking care to be gentle. You can work across in sections to make it easier.

### 2. Bathing is still a big must

During winter, it is best to stick to your dog's regular bath time schedule. It can be once a week, once a month, once every three months or whenever you deem necessary – essentially, don't skimp on a wash you'd normally do because you fear they'll be too cold. An indoor tub is obviously ideal; If you don't have a suitable bath or sink, you can place your usual dog bath in the shower area. Make sure the water is a comfortable temperature – not too hot, not too cold.



# Five Doggy Cleaning Tips cont.



It's important to use a high quality dog shampoo. Never ever use human shampoo because dogs have a different pH level to us. Dogs with sensitive skin should use soap free or moisturizing dog shampoos. Dry the coat well straight after bath time using a hair dryer, with the heat off to avoid injury. Make sure your dog is dry before letting it go off and play. Also make sure to dry your dog when it gets wet from playing outside because body heat is not enough to dry its coat. If you're drying in front of your heater, keep your dog at a safe distance to prevent burning its skin.

If you have a long or thick coated pooch, the drying schedule can be time consuming but it's extra important to dry them thoroughly. As with the brushing, check in sections, from the root to the tip, to ensure they are dry all the way through.

## 3. Keep a close eye on nails and clip as required

It's best to check nails and paws right after bath time. Nails should be clipped regularly, too. Long nails prevent the foot from contacting the ground directly, pushing the toes outwards and making it uncomfortable to walk. In the warmer seasons we can get out of the habit of checking our dog's nails as regular walks grind down the nails. So mark it in your calendar or make it part of your bath time ritual, regardless of the season.

If you're not confident clipping your dog's nails, your vet can perform this for you when you go for your dog's annual check up. Ask for lessons while you are there, or any other questions or problems you have around nail maintenance.

## 4. Also check between foot pads

Most dogs grow hair between their foot pads, but it's important to keep the hair off the

pads themselves. Excessively long hair in this area will cause frequent slipping on ice, tiles, floorboards and other polished surfaces. Sand, water, ice and burs will also cling to the hair, making walks very uncomfortable. As with the nails, your vet can help if you are not confident clipping these delicate areas. Some dogs are not keen on having their feet handled so it's best to choose a time when they are sleepy and relaxed and you can do it slowly with no interruptions. Keep other dogs out of the room to avoid accidents.

## 5. Continue to trim the coat in the cooler months

Most owners will want to leave their dog's coat untrimmed throughout the winter season to keep their dog warm, but did you know the cold weather stimulates hair and coat growth? It's okay to keep the coat a bit longer, but regular trimming is still necessary, especially at this time. Breeds like German Shepherds and Samoyeds have coats that naturally thicken up during the cold months, but breeds like the Shih Tzu, Maltese and Lhaso Apso will require more frequent coat trimming and grooming because of their more sensitive skin.

So while you may think you are doing your dog a favour by slowing down the grooming in the cold weather, your dog will actually thank you for keeping it up. You just need to keep your four legged friend warm and thoroughly dried afterwards. If necessary, you may prefer a professional groomer during the winter months so you can rest assured your pooch will be getting the best in winter grooming comfort!

## Bonus Tip

Brushing your dog's hair before a bath is wise as mats and knots can get a lot worse when they get wet. Soap residue is also more likely to get caught in a tangle. 🐾

## Interested in obedience trialling your dog?

Pop over to the roped-off trial practice rings on Sunday morning and take a look at what you can achieve with your beautiful dogs. We are happy to answer your questions. All sizes and breeds are capable of reaching high standards, so when you pass Basic 2 give it a try! You will be amazed what your dogs can learn. ***It's not just quality heeling...*** there's jumping, retrieving, send aways, and later on scent discrimination.

We are fortunate to have highly experienced tutors at the top of their game but of course a lot of dedication, time and effort is required by each dog/handler team. Our trial members take part in Obedience trials statewide and interstate. The group enjoys fantastic camaraderie both during training and at events.

Once you have **passed Basic 2**, put your name down for the **Advanced Class**, a prerequisite to joining the trial group. Please see the form on the desk in front of the office.



**Members are responsible for the behaviour of their children at all times.**

**Children must NOT approach a dog without the owner's permission.**

## Do you want a trophy?



All handlers whose dogs have gained a title since 1st April 2016 are entitled to a trophy which will be presented at our 2017 AGM. Simply give Ingrid Krueger a copy of your Title Certificate.

If you wish to be considered for one of our Perpetual Trophies, please make sure that you give a list of all the passes you have received since last April and any qualifying scores you have earned to Ingrid Krueger. Please remember the Committee does not have E.S.P.

# Obedience Trialers' Report



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Croydon members who received qualifying scores at recent Obedience Trials:

## **GEELONG ODC 10/7/16**

OPEN RING (CDX)

**Nicole Savanah and Boon**, 1st Place,  
Score 170, Title.

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

**Anna Morgan and Iamgoldn Moon Shadow**,  
(Tilly) 1st Place, Score 87.

## **DOGS VICTORIA –**

### **STATE OBEDIENCE TRIAL 6/8/16**

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

**Lorraine Holland and Tullacrest Celtic Drift**  
(AI), (Drift) 1st Place, Score 95.

**Anna Morgan and Iamgoldn Moon Shadow, CCD**  
(Tilly) 3rd Place, Score 92, Title.

## **SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB OF VICTORIA 13/08/16**

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

**Sue Timperley and Inneslake Simply**  
**Irresistible RN, (Elsa)** 1st place, Score 97.

## **WESTERNPORT ODC 20/8/16**

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

**Sue Timperley and Inneslake Simply**  
**Irresistible RN, (Elsa)**, 3rd Place, Score 95.

**Lorraine Holland and Tullacrest Celtic Drift**  
(AI) CCD, TD, (Drift) Score 87, Title.

NOVICE RING (CD)

**Merrae Ballaam and Luccimamina Stella, CCD**  
**RN (Keisha)** Score 179.



**Lorraine Holland and her Border  
Collie, Drift**



**Anna Morgan and her Golden  
Retriever, Tilly**



**Nicole Savanah and her Vizsla x,  
Boon**

Please note correction to June edition of Capers  
Perpetual Trophy results as follows:

<b>GEORGE TODD TROPHY (highest scoring UDX)</b>	
Anne Mann	Zoe





# Rally Obedience Report

## AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD (Restricted to breed)

### TRIAL - KCC Park 26<sup>th</sup> June

Anne Mann and Rebecca McGroarty continue to star:

**Rally O Excellent A**, AM Trial – Anne Mann with Rhythm, 80 and first place in ring.

**Rally O Excellent A**, PM Trial – Anne Mann with Rhythm, 90 and first place in ring.

**Rally O Advanced A** - Rebecca McGroarty with Jet, 93 and first place in ring.

### GERMAN SHEPHERD OPEN TRIAL – KCC Park 16<sup>th</sup> July

On a fantastic day, weather-wise, Helena Walter had a surprise bonus. She had been waiting for her dog Nelke to come into season for the previous month or so!!

**Rally O Excellent A** – Helena Walter with Nelke scored 89.

### STATE OPEN RALLY O TRIAL – KCC Park 7<sup>th</sup> August

Two Croydon handlers achieved well deserved success at Dogs Victoria Headquarters at KCC Park in Skye. I am grateful to a very happy Sue Timperley who provided the results presented below in her own words, thanks Sue:-

“So very proud of my gorgeous girl Elsa today, her very first trials.

**Rally O Novice AM** Inneslake Simply Irresistible (Elsa) scored 100 and 2nd place. There were 3 x 100 pt scores in that ring!! Judge: Gordon Parsons.

**Rally O Novice PM** Score of 97 and 3rd place. (Judge: Mark Klecka) Very hotly contested Novice rings both AM and PM with some very good dogs and handlers.

Bobbie Terrill and Morgan TS Grand Ch & Tri Ch (O T) RO Ch Cabulla River Aorbarn UD RAE JD GD SPD HAS(S) ET scored 97 and a very well deserved first place in **Rally Master 2** AM Judge: Dawn Ayton

And 5th place, again with a score of 97, in **Master 2** PM trial – Judge: Ms. Christine Geary.

The Master rings were also very hotly contested.”

## SHETLAND SHEPDOG (Restricted to breed)

### TRIAL - KCC Park 13<sup>th</sup> August

In her own words Sue Timperley tells the story (for the second week in a row!)

Well Elsa (Inneslake Simply Irresistible) did it again today, 1st place with a score of 97 and **Rally Novice Title and Highest score in Rally Trial.**

Congratulations Sue, you are certainly on a roll!

Gary McArthur – Rally O Coordinator

## WHY DON'T YOU TRY RALLY O?

Once you have your Basic 2 Certificate you are able to take part in this sport from 11am until 12 on Sundays – it is a lot of fun for you and your dog. You do not have to enter competition like the people whose successes have been reported on this page. You can just enjoy yourself practising the skills you already have in a fun layout of interesting signs. Check out the information on the CDODC website under the Rally O tab or pick up an Expression of Interest form from the table near the office. If you decide you'd like to take part fill in the form and drop it in the Rally O Box.



If you would like to take part in this sport or have any questions, please contact the Coordinator Gary McArthur: [croydonrallyo@gmail.com](mailto:croydonrallyo@gmail.com).

# CDODC Tracking passes



Kennel & 'call' name	Owner	Date	Venue	Grade
TS CH Kardibroke Lilac Belle <b>(Bella)</b> CDX, RAE	Jacinta Burke	01.7.2016	Ballarat ODC	T9 Excellent
TS GR CH Kardibroke Lilac Belle <b>(Bella)</b> CDX, RAE	Jacinta Burke	01.7.2016	Ballarat ODC	T10 Very Good With a 'track on' to <b>Track &amp; Search Grand Champion Title</b>
Tullacrest Celtic Drift <b>(Drift)</b>	Lorraine Holland	10.7.2016	TCV	T2 Good
Ellagant Great Rhythm <b>(Rhythm)</b> CDX, RA	Anne Mann	10.7.2016	TCV Broadford	T1 Very Good
Ellagant Great Rhythm <b>(Rhythm)</b> CDX, RA	Anne Mann	18.7.2016	Gippsland ODC	T2 Very good
Tullacrest Modern Milly <b>(Milly)</b> UD RAE TDX ET	Lorraine Holland	18.7.2016	Gippsland ODC Inc	T7 Good
Tullacrest Celtic Drift <b>(Drift)</b>	Lorraine Holland	18.7.2016	Gippsland ODC Inc	T3 Very Good <b>Tracking Dog Title</b>
Tullacrest Celtic Drift <b>(Drift)</b> TD	Lorraine Holland	26.7.2016	Ballaarat ODC	T4 Pass
T CH Tullacrest Modern Milly <b>(Milly)</b> UD RAE ET	Lorraine Holland	26.7.2016	Ballaarat ODC	T8 Good <b>Tracking Champion Title</b>
T CH Gunzal, RA <b>(Tilly)</b>	Deb Smith	21.8.16	TCV Inverleigh	T8 Good <b>Tracking Champion Title</b>
Ellagant Great Rhythm <b>(Rhythm)</b> CDX, RA, TD	Anne Mann	22.8.2016	TCV Inverleigh	T3 Good <b>Tracking Dog title</b>
Tullacrest Celtic Drift <b>(Drift)</b> CCD, TD	Lorraine Holland	22.8.2016	TCV Inverleigh	T5 Good



Lorraine Holland and Milly with  
Tracking Judge Judy Pillinger



Deb Smith and Tilly with Tracking  
Judge Peter Miller



Jacinta Burke and Bella



# Phillipe was abused, but love helped him survive

*By Alice Clarke Reprinted from the Herald Sun  
1/8/16*

Everyone thinks their dog is the cutest. They are wrong. My dog is cutest and he isn't even my dog.

Last October, I agreed to look after Phillipe for two weeks while his owner was going through the process of leaving her husband. It's been nearly 10 months now and I'm looking down the barrel of my last two weeks with him.

Phillipe is a weird dog, perhaps the weirdest. When I first got him, the vet thought he was allergic to meat protein. Turns out, he's just allergic to grass and gets bad eczema when it rains. As a white, small and fluffy animal he already wasn't suited to being a guard dog, but being allergic to the outside officially took away any tough points he might have had. But that's OK, I understood.

I happen to be allergic to him, too, so he's spent quite a while staying with my father (though I have taken him back for the next few days so I can say a proper goodbye).

When I got him, his favourite foods were lettuce, cheese and carrots and he ate his gluten free vegetarian dry food with gusto. But since Dad started feeding him bones, he now shuns dried food and turns his nose up at canned food. When he turned into a fatty, Dad took to giving him homemade chicken soup... the only non-bacon, non bone food he loves.

But the biggest change since I got him, though, is that he's far less anxious. The husband of his owner was a cruel and abusive man, which is probably, why, when we first took him, Phillipe would cower at any loud noises and was terrified of bald men.

And after taking him to the groomer, I learned that the poor little chap had every one of his

ribs broken and all of them had healed in such a way you still feel the break.

Such people will often aim at animals before they attack humans. They're creatures that can be made to suffer without the risk of them telling anyone. The abusers then move on to their spouse, their children and, if allowed to continue unchecked, people outside their immediate circle. Tiny dogs who have minimal bark or bite make easy targets – that's what Phillipe was.

At the same time dogs and other pets can be the only friend an abused partner has; the only ally who won't judge them for whatever their abuser accuses them of. They can be both the only friend and tether that stops them from getting free....because it's hard to leave with a pet. Few shelters will take in people and their pets, and it makes finding somewhere to live far more expensive. But that is a conversation for another time.

Visit any animal shelter and you're likely to be confronted by the sad faces of abandoned pets. It could be because you're projecting human emotions on these cute but dopey creatures, but dogs in shelters look like they've given up, like they acknowledge that they're unloved.

Shelter dogs almost all have sad stories... you aren't abandoned because they're happy and loved. They all come with their own baggage – we all do. But with a little care, love, support and not breaking their ribs, eventually they can become your best friend. One that won't judge you for anything and will quietly support you and warm you when you need it.

Phillipe has come a long way from the trembling mess who barked at everything when I first got him. He used to run constantly and display every textbook anxiety reaction. He's now relaxed, perhaps for the first time in his 10 year life, and nothing fazes him.



Well, nothing except the jumper he has to wear at night to help his arthritis (if you have your limbs dislocated enough, eventually you'll get severe arthritis). He somehow manages to get out of that without ripping or damaging it at all. He is the adorable Houdini of dogs.

Even if you aren't up to the commitment of taking in a shelter dog forever, there are plenty

of dogs out there needing to be fostered. You, too, can give a dog love and confidence and give its owner time to escape whatever situation they find themselves in.

But, just remember, that no matter what dog you end up getting and how long you have them, Phillippe will always be cuter. 🐾

## Time to love, let go

*By Dr Karen Budd  
Reprinted from Herald Sun*

Most Australians consider their pet part of the family, with research showing 91% of people report being very close to their pets.

The diagnosis of a terminal illness in a pet can cause grief and distress, but also confusion as to what to do next.

### End of life palliative care

Despite advances in modern veterinary care, just like human medicine, not all illnesses in our pets can be cured.

Palliative care is used when recovery is not expected nor possible, and is aimed at improving quality of life and reducing pain.

End of life care also extends to the pet's family to improve the quality of the time remaining with their pet.

Although the end of life care is important for all owners of a terminally ill pet, some owners have personal or religious beliefs that forbid euthanasia. In this situation, palliative care becomes central to end of life care.

### Making the decision

Feeling guilty is a very common emotion at the end of a pet's life. After a lifetime focused on preventing and treating illness in our pets, it can seem wrong to consider euthanasia. But helping a pet to die peacefully may be the only way to prevent further suffering.



Conflict between family members regularly occurs. Not everyone reaches readiness at the same time, and it can be difficult to explain to children the reasons for letting the pet go.

Sometimes "the right time" is not immediately apparent.

Terminally ill pets can have good days and bad days, and when your pet is feeling well, it's normal to feel confused about your decision.

Take the time to talk the situation over. You may find that speaking with someone outside the immediate family who understands the issues is helpful to provide objective advice. 🐾

# CDODC OFFICE HOURS

## PLEASE NOTE:

The office hours are from **9.15am – 10.30am**

Certificates **ONLY** will be available from

**10.30am – 11.00am**

The office will **CLOSE at 10.30am sharp**, so that the volunteers who work on the desk can collect their dogs and go to their training classes.

## Dog Trivia...

- At the end of the Beatles' song "A Day in the Life", an ultrasonic whistle, audible only to dogs, was recorded by Paul McCartney for his Shetland sheepdog.
- Contrary to popular belief, dogs do not sweat by salivating. They sweat through the pads of their feet.
- Developed in Egypt about 5,000 years ago, the greyhound breed was known before the ninth century in England, where it was bred by aristocrats to hunt such small game as hares.
- Every known dog except the chow has a pink tongue - the chow's tongue is jet black.
- Dogs have far fewer taste buds than people — probably fewer than 2,000. It is the smell that initially attracts them to a particular food.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2016

Sept	Tues 20	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
Oct	Tues 18	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 30	NO TRAINING – Cup Weekend
Nov	Tues 15	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 27	FUN DAY – last training day for year
Dec	Sun 4	Obedience & Rally Trial

Unless otherwise stated the following activities are conducted each week:

Wednesday 6:30pm & 7:30pm Puppy Pre-School  
Sunday 9.00am – 12:00pm  
Obedience Training – Puppies, Basic, Advanced  
Trial Classes · Flyball Training · Agility Training

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