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Changing of the Guard after 12 years...

Incoming President, Geoff Coleman (left) presents retiring President, Christian Krueger with a gift at the AGM.

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It's hard to believe we are already half way through the year, and the accompanying wet and cold days bring challenges to our training. Training continues during the winter regardless of the weather, your instructor may decide to cancel your class but they will inform all handlers. Mostly we find our instructors are only too happy to come to club and amend their lesson for day to keep you and your dog as comfortable as possible. Our grounds can get quite boggy and slippery so good footwear is essential. Remember, "There's no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing."

Some classes will notice a few 'extra' people in their classes without dogs. These are our current Trainee Instructors. As well as eight theory lessons, there is an essential practical component to their training, where they are closely mentored by experienced instructors. Please be patient and show these trainees every consideration, it can be hard the first few times to stand in front of class. Becoming an instructor is a huge task but very rewarding and I wish them all the very best during this time.

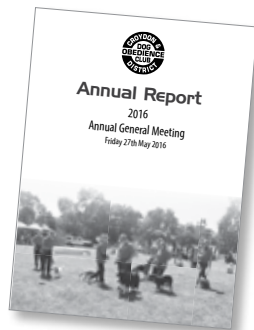
As caring pet owners we all strive to maintain the highest standards of health and hygiene for our dogs. It's essential that no dog suspected or diagnosed to be suffering a contagious disease such as Canine Cough, ringworm or diarrhea attend classes. We must always remain alert to any change in our dog's demeanour, and any new or unusual symptoms should always be checked by your vet. If your dog has been diagnosed with a contagious disease, please let your instructor or the club know.

Have you explored the various activities CDODC offers? Not only do we teach basic obedience but handlers and dogs who have passed their Basic Obedience certificate (B2) have other disciplines they can explore. Agility is popular with the younger, more active dogs; as is Flyball. Rally gives us a taste of obedience with



a twist, the Social class has a range of activities in which you can participate at the level you are happy with, this is a great class for the older dogs to join into as well as younger dogs. Our Intermediate class began this year, quickly filling to capacity. This class builds on the skills learned in B2 and adds in few new exercises as well. The Advanced Obedience class (put your name down after passing Basic 2) leads many to the Trial ring and we have experienced instructors who will help you with the skills needed to succeed in both these classes as well as overcoming those 'trial nerves'. If you are interested in exploring any of these disciplines, please feel to discuss any queries you may have with the instructors. You can also put your name down on the various lists on the table in the clubhouse.

Enjoy your dogs!
Barbara Schubert



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Top Training Tips

By Lauren McKellar

Reprinted from *Pets Magazine*

One major reason why pets are surrendered to adoption agencies or shelters is because of poor behaviour. So how can we ensure we have well behaved pups instead of naughty little pooches?

When it comes to training your pet pooch, sometimes it can be a bit of a struggle. There are many different schools of thought when it comes to reward, correction and method, so which one is right? And what's the most important thing that you as a 'puppy parent' must adhere to?

1. Be consistent

"The most important thing you can do, at the top of every list, is consistency," says Wesley Laird, qualified behaviour specialist and dog trainer extraordinaire. This makes sense – after all, if a dog is rewarded for good behaviour on day one but has it ignored on day two, how will it learn what it was being praised for?

Unlike humans, dogs cannot speak, so we need to make sure our consistent actions speak to them as loudly and clearly as if they were words. Consistency in command and reward from all members of the family will help your dog know that no matter who is telling it to sit, it has to listen – not just if the word comes from the master of the house.

2. Set boundaries

A common mistake many dog owners make is giving their pet too much freedom before they are ready for it. After all, your dog may sit, come, stay and roll over when in the privacy of your own home, but will it obey those commands when away?

"Most people take their dogs off lead too soon," Wes says, referring to owners who take their pets to off leash parks or beaches where such behaviour is allowed. Wes recommends gradually increasing the level of freedom offered to your

dog. He suggests you ensure the commands are met in the home, then in the yard, then on leash, and even suggests letting go of the leash in training so they will have the feeling you are attached, before you make that final off leash step.

3. Set them up to win

Your dog wants to perform the tasks asked of him to please you so it's important never to show physical disapproval of a dog's actions.

"No dog can understand physical punishment," Wes says. "Correct your dog and give it the chance to show they've learnt, but never use aggression."

It's also important to set your dog up to win. Don't let your pooch off leash in the park when it won't come back to you in the yard at home. Set up the situation so you know your dog will return to you, and then reward it for the win. This will help instill the positive behaviour and a sense of achievement for your pet.

4. Don't repeat

Do not repeat commands. You want your dog to sit the first time you say sit, not after the fifth or sixth time. By rewarding your pet for sitting on the fifth time, instead of the first, you teach your dog that it will please you by doing what you ask of it at some point in the future – whenever it's ready.

This gives the power in the relationship to the dog, which is not where you want the power to be.

5. Have fun

Dogs sense our moods, and if your pet knows you're not really interested in training and are just going through the motions, it will be able to sense it. Enjoy spending time with your dog and don't go into the session thinking it isn't going to work out.

The more fun you have the more you and your four legged friend will get out of the training session. This will result in a better training experience for all. 🐾

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.

Elaine Beyer & Rhaine
Leah Burnett & Toby
Elissa Burns & Stella
Lucas Burton & Ebony
Roger Cameron & Kelly
Emma Cash & Max
Philip Cassap & Belle Belle
Mark Chappell & Clover
Kylie Dummett & Chase



Michael Griffiths & Molly
Chris Hocking & Nigel
Sandra Mangham & Spencer
Stephanie Pitts & Archer
JJ Ring & Tanami
Andrew Samuel & Alfie
Julia Sarandopoulos & Bollinger
Bronwyn Simpson & Mac
Judi Thompson & Mishka



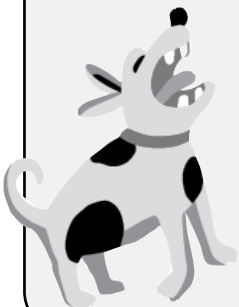
YELLOW BANDANNA?

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. 🐾



Dirty Dog Jobs

By Tim Falk

Reprinted from *Dog's life Mag*

They're the dirty jobs but someone has to do them. Tim Falk explains how to cope with the dirtiest, messiest and smelliest canine maintenance jobs.

For all the joy that dogs bring into our lives, they also bring with them a few unpleasant chores. From wiping gunk out of ears to cleaning up those backyard "deposits", the life of a dog owner is sometimes not for those with a weak stomach.

To help make your life a little more pleasant, we've put together a practical guide to dealing with some of the more unsavoury doggy tasks. Not only will you have to spend as little time as possible getting your hands dirty but you'll be able to keep your pooch in tip-top shape.

Dealing with dirty bottoms

Where better to start this guide than at the back end? One of the downfalls of owning a long-haired dog is the mess that can build up around their bottom.

According to Dr Sally-Ann Williams from the Auchenflower Vet Surgery in Brisbane, it's important to keep your pooch's rear end clean. The best vet's tip is to wear disposable gloves," she says. "Lather the dirty bottom in warm water and pet shampoo. Rinse well in clean, warm water".

"Hairy backsides need a regular trim to keep them clean and unmatted but make sure you use blunt-ended scissors to avoid accidental nicks and cuts."

We couldn't talk about cleaning bottoms without mentioning the dreaded anal glands. If you have a bottom scooting dog, there could well be problems with the anal glands. If left untreated, anal glands are painful. They can

enlarge to the size of a golf ball and turn into a pus filled, smelly abscess.

"An easy tip to avoid or reduce problems with anal glands starts with a once-a-day dose of Metamucil or Benefibre for life. So easy to do," Dr Williams explains.

"Squeezing anal glands is best left to the vet. If it's done wrong it won't just be a little painful for your dog; you also risk rupturing the anal gland's sac. That's when the pain gets really bad – it's like pain from a bad chemical burn."

Clipping toenails

While it's best to start clipping nails when your dog is a puppy, the same technique is used with older dogs. "First, you need to get your dog used to having its paws and toes handled with a doggy massage," Dr Williams says.

"While your dog is relaxed, gently massage the paws and in between the toes. Some dogs are actually ticklish, so go slow and be gentle. Once your dog feels comfortable with you touching his toes, then you can move onto nail clipping."

Trim the nails once a month and don't forget the dew claw – it's in the "thumb" position. You'll notice that the front toenails are longer than the back ones because the back ones wear down more. "Use good quality dog nail clippers," Dr Williams says. "Place the clippers around the nail and trim 1mm in front of the pink quick. But if you cannot see the quick, then trim 2mm from the end of the nail."

Overgrown nails should be left to your vet because they'll know how to handle any bleeding and discomfort that comes with neglected pedicures.

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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.

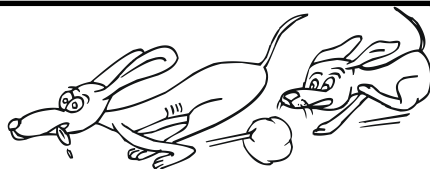
Whether you currently own a dog or not you can be a Foster Carer. Often people who foster are 'between' dogs are not currently in a position to commit to a dog long term.

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:
kpsawesomepawsrescueandrehomein@gmail.com
or phone Kim 0419910233.

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.

Some examples...

Sentinel Spectrum from \$75 – \$105

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Training Treats \$2.00 – \$2.50

Pigs Ears (each) \$1.50

Biscuits \$1.20

Non-spill bowls \$20

Toys at assorted prices

Ask us about buying in bulk.

Our treats are made in Australia.

We sell most items you may need for your dog.

Prices are subject to change.



Coffee and Snacks

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



Dirty Dog Jobs cont.

Weepy eyes

If your dog's eyes are weeping, get him checked out by a vet as this can be a sign of eye disease. "If your vet has confirmed that no eye disease is present, wipe over the eyelids and into the corners of the eyes each day with clean cotton makeup remover pads that have been soaked in warm water and then squeezed out. Use a fresh pad for each eye," Dr Williams says.

Dental duties

Dental hygiene is an often overlooked area of canine care but healthy teeth are just as important for our dogs as they are for us.

Periodontal (gum) disease is caused by plaque and leads to both local and systemic disease. Locally, you get gum inflammation and swelling (gingivitis), followed by destruction of the ligaments and bony sockets supporting the teeth.

Dr Christine Hawke, a vet who specialises in dentistry, says bad breath is the main sign of periodontal disease. "What most people don't realise is that bad breath is not normal for dogs. In fact, what your smelling is rotten egg gas and pus. This leads to loosening and loss of teeth and can even result in jaw fractures," she says.

If this isn't messy enough, you also get bacteria spreading into the bloodstream and travelling to other organs in the body, including the heart, liver and kidneys.

"Just as for humans, tooth brushing is the ideal way to remove the scum layer of plaque. This is best done daily to keep it under control," Dr Hawke says.

"Contrary to popular belief, many dogs will allow their teeth to be brushed, especially if trained when they are young. Start slowly,

using just a finger to massage the gums, let the dog get used to it, respect them if they want to stop, offer a treat or praise if they do well, and build up slowly to a toothbrush. Use a very soft brush and pet toothpaste," she says.

The ears have it

Regularly cleaning your dog's ears is a simple way to prevent infection. For general maintenance, gently wipe out the ears using a cotton makeup remover pad dampened with water, once a week.

If your dog reacts in pain or there is muck on the pad after cleaning, this means a trip to the vet. Look and sniff inside the earflap – if it's red or smelly, take your dog to the vet.

Matted hair

It's important to brush out knots and tangles in your dog's hair straight away. "A doggy conditioner can be helpful or else the knots and tangles can turn into matts," Dr Williams says.

Owners often keep brushing hair over the top of the matt, making it worse. "If a matt is found, it's best to clip underneath the matt, close to the skin, so that the matt is entirely removed. It's easier to keep the coat clean and tidy as the hair regrows," she says.

While there are plenty of doggy maintenance tasks you can do yourself at home, Dr Williams points out there are some jobs – such as anal gland expression, plucking hair from ears and clipping overgrown toenails – that should be left to your vet. "Invest in a session at your dog's vet to learn the ins and outs of routine doggy maintenance and to brush up on your techniques," she says.

If you follow these few simple steps, you can spend much less time getting your hands dirty and more time relaxing with your pooch.

Dirty Dog Jobs cont.

Handy Hints

Leah Grant, the proud owner of Portugese Water Dog pup, Pretzel, shares her tips for doggy maintenance.

"Pretzel hates having a bath, despite being a water dog. She freezes up, gets nervous and anxious, and tries to jump out of the laundry sink. To overcome this, I have taken to washing Pretzel in the shower with me," she says.

"She seems to be quite interested and curious when I have a shower, so I thought I would try to involve her, which has turned out to be quite easy. The process I take is that I get in the shower first and spend a few minutes in there with Pretzel watching from the sidelines, I then gently coax her in."

"As she is naturally curious and wants to be close to me at all times she can easily be led. I let her take the first few steps by herself then I pull her into the shower. From there it's pretty easy."

Kristyn Levis does most of the grooming of her dogs – Maltese crosses, Felix and Stitch – at home. "I charge my husband's head shaver and use that for the dogs. I lock myself in the bathroom and shave/trim their fur then dump them in the bathtub for a bath," she explains.

"They're not that active in the tub but they do try to get out. Most of the time, I get totally drenched. Those dirty bottoms are hard to do, though. With one of them (Felix), I lie him down on his back and rub his belly every now and then while cutting his bottom. With the other one I have to keep shushing him because he really doesn't like it." 🐾



Achilles Tendon



*Achilles Tendon Injury By Dr Michael Bell
Reprinted from Dog Vic Mag June 2016*

What is the Achilles tendon?

The achilles tendon is made up of three tendons, the gastrocnemius tendon, the calcaneal tendon (composed of the combined tendons of the graccillis, semitendinosus and bicep femoris) and the superficial digital flexor tendon.

The middle of the tendon has the poorest blood supply, whilst the insertion at the back of the hock has the greatest vascularity. However there are a few areas of fibro cartilaginous tissue located in the inestoral area which lack blood supply.

Why do Achilles tendons rupture?

A lot of cases involve avulsion of the gastrocnemius tendon and occur after heavy activity in mature sporting and working breeds, in particular Labrador Retrievers and Dobermanns.

The definite cause is unknown, but an underlying degenerative form is suspected. Most of the ruptures tend to occur in the region of the fibro cartilaginous areas near the insertion at the back of the hock, and this is thought to be due to increased stress loading in this area. Administration of certain drugs (e.g corticosteroid or fluoroquinolones), and certain decco processes such as diabetes have been implicated in some cases.

What signs do affected dogs show?

With acute ruptures avulsions at the insertion onto the back of the hock affected dogs can range from non-weight bearing to toe touching lame, and have notable swelling at the back of the hock. Chronic injuries present with a flattening of the lower leg (including the foot) from hock downwards. The toes may also be flexed as a result of increased stress being placed on the intact superficial flexor tendon.

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Vet's Notes – Canine Cough

'Canine Cough' is a term applied to a highly contagious disease affecting the respiratory system of dogs. It is usually produced by a combination of bacterial and viral agents, and is influenced by various environmental factors.

Supplying your dog's veterinarian with an accurate history (vaccination status, recent stress and especially recent activities) is essential in the diagnosis of canine cough, says Doctor Brendan McKiernan of the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine, who specialises in internal medicine. He notes that canine cough occurs often following exposure to a congregation of other dogs, such as at a kennel, show, pound, or even a veterinarian's clinic.

"It is important not to blame canine cough just on kennels," says Dr McKiernan. Not only can dogs pick up the disease from any place where there are many dogs, but they can also get it from exposure to a single infected animal.

The major signs of canine cough is a spontaneous, dry, hacking cough that is easily induced. For example, simply walking the dog on a leash may cause a sudden fit of coughing. Owners may suspect that the dog has something caught in his throat, or that it is trying to vomit, but Dr McKiernan advises them to observe the dog carefully and only report to their veterinarian what they actually see the dog doing.

Most cases of canine cough will spontaneously resolve in 10 days to 3 weeks, but owners can make themselves and their dogs more comfortable by minimising the coughing with a cough suppressant obtained from their veterinarian. The dog should definitely be seen by the veterinarian if the disease persists longer than 3 weeks or the animal begins to show systemic signs, that is, acts depressed, has a fever, has lost its appetite, is not drinking as

much water as normal, or is just plain "acting sick".

Generally, 7 to 10 days is required after exposure to an infected animal before a dog develops the characteristic cough. Antibiotics may be prescribed if the disease is systemic, but their usefulness is questionable.

Dr McKiernan strongly recommends the routine use of vaccines to help prevent this disease rather than trying to deal with it once the animal has it. Viral causes of canine cough (such as distemper, adenoviruses and parainfluenza virus) are covered by the normal vaccination that all dogs should receive annually. The major bacterial agent associated with the disease, *Bordetella bronchiseptica*, may be vaccinated against as well. He also advises giving the animal a booster against *Bordetella* 7 to 10 days prior to a possible exposure, and annual boosters for high exposure animals. Any dog that is suspected of having canine cough should be isolated from other dogs so that it cannot transmit the disease to healthy animals. However, since an infected dog will not begin coughing for approximately 7 days after it has picked up the disease, any dogs that come into contact with it during that time may already have picked up the disease and should be observed carefully.

If you suspect your dog has canine cough, often referred to by the uninformed as "kennel" cough (I never hear a kennel cough), try not to take it into the veterinarian's facility. First see if you can get a diagnosis in the parking lot. If your dog has the disease you certainly don't want to expose all the other patients to this highly contagious disease.

Remember, the most likely place to expose your dog to the disease is at the vets. That's where the coughing canines go. 🐾

Charmaine Lee Oodles of Spoodles



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Trophies and Awards presented by Pr



Induction of our Club Patron, Hon. David Hodgett MP with President Christian Krueger



Anne Mann receives CDODC Life Membership



Marj and Russ Grosvenor receive their 10 Year Service Awards



Jan Seach receives her 10 Year Service Award



Michelle Grummisch (left) retires from Committee and receives flowers from Ingrid Krueger



Ingrid Krueger retires from Committee after a period in excess of 15 years

President Christian Krueger at the AGM



**Rebecca McGroarty ~ Cunningham Trophy for highest score in Croydon trials.
K Smith Trophy for highest scoring UD, shared with Bobbee Terrill
(absent on the night)**



Anne Mann ~ 50th Anniversary Trophy for highest scoring CCD, 25th Anniversary Trophy for highest scoring CDX, George Todd Trophy for highest Scoring UDX and Tracking Champion



Gaye Penny ~ R.M. Legge Trophy for highest scoring CD



Liz Sharp ~ Conformation Champion



Ron Sciberras ~ Rally Advanced Excellent Trophy



Georgina Ricardo ~ Excellent Agility Dog of the Year



AGM Trophies and Awards continued



Dianne Bell ~ Tracking Champion



Melissa Ryan ~ Novice Rally Trophy



Stephen Bullas ~ Tyson Award (Flyball)



Pam Scott receives her 5 Year Service Award



Shelley Large receives her 5 Year Service Award



Fiona McGregor receives her 3 Year Service Award

AGM Perpetual Trophies and Title Awards



Obedience Perpetual Trophies	
CUNNINGHAM TROPHY (highest score in Croydon trials)	
Rebecca McGroarty	Adderslot Midnight Charmer
50th ANNIVERSARY TROPHY (highest scoring CCD)	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
R.M. LEGGE TROPHY (highest scoring CD)	
Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
25th ANNIVERSARY TROPHY (highest scoring CDX)	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
K. SMITH TROPHY (highest scoring UD)	
Rebecca McGroarty	Hevnsent Sweet Babyblu
Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
GEORGE TODD TROPHY (highest scoring UDX)	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
Tracking Champions	
Anne Mann	Zoe
Wendy Potter	Wasserbailee
Dianne Bell	Waiwilta Mickey
Track and Search Champion	
Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
Conformation Champions	
Ian Woollard	Killara Aella
Liz Sharp	Graebrook Merlot
Agility Perpetual Trophies	
AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR	
Carmel Green	Adensley Angel Heart
JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR	
Carmel Green	Adensley Angel Heart
GAMES DOG OF THE YEAR	
Tina Chesworth	Kayladene Take It Easy
NOVICE AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR	
Georgina Ricardo	Bordarita It Can Only Be Me
EXCELLENT AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR	
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OPEN AGILITY DOG OF THE YEAR	
Carmel Green	Adensley Angel Heart
NOVICE JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR	
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OPEN JUMPING DOG OF THE YEAR	
Tina Chesworth	Kayladene Take It Easy
TRILLIAN DEBUT TROPHY	
Dianne Bell	Waiwilta Mickey
Rally Perpetual Trophies	
RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT TROPHY	
Ron Sciberras	Spritzee Inflight
RALLY O PERPETUAL TROPHY (highest aggregate score for their Novice title)	
Anne Woods	Bordarita Dare to Dream
Flyball Perpetual Trophies	
NOVICE FLYBALL TROPHY	
Melissa Ryan	Selkie
TYSON AWARD	
Stephen Bullas	Buddy
Obedience Titles	
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)	
Anne Woods	Elzscot Reach for the Stars
Marjy Grosvenor	Killara Miss Fisher
COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)/ COMPANION DOG (CD)	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
COMPANION DOG (CD)	
Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
Nicole Savanah	Boon
COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT (CDX)	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
Rebecca McGroarty	Adderslot Midnight Charmer
Ron Sciberras	Spritzee Stealing Moments
Ian Woollard	Killara Aella
UTILITY DOG	
Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
Endurance	
Eamonn O'Coileain	Nordenstamm Zaron
Dancing with Dogs HTM.A	
Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
Dancing with Dogs FS.A	
Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
Deb Harvey	Dymatan Denim N Diamonds

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Title Awards continued

Tracking Titles	
TRACKING DOG	
Marjy Grosvenor	Killara Miss Fisher
TRACKING DOG / TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT	
Wendy Potter	Wasserbailee
Leonie Keilour	Bonnielee
Deb Smith	Gunzal
Ian Woollard	Killara Winter Saturn
TRACK AND SEARCH	
Dodo Kelly	Killara First Seeker
TRACK AND SEARCH/TRACK & SEARCH EXCELLENT	
Jacinta Burke	Kardibroke Lilac Belle
Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
TRACK & SEARCH EXCELLENT	
Dodo Kelly	Fernfall Gallant Trooper
Agility Titles	
AGILITY DOG EXCELLENT	
Deb Harvey	Dymatan Denim N Diamonds
AGILITY DOG OPEN	
Carmel Green	Adensley Angel Heart
AGILITY DOG	
Georgina Ricardo	Bordarita It Can Only Be Me
JUMPING DOG EXCELLENT	
Belinda Tebbet	Ekleba Shakelton
Deb Harvey	Dymatan Denim N Diamonds
JUMPING DOG	
Anne Woods	Elscot Reach for the Stars
Dianne Bell	Waiwilta Mickey
GAMES (SD)	
Tina Chesworth	Kayladene Take It Easy
Georgina Ricardo	Bordarita Are Ya Looking at Me
Rally Obedience Titles	
RALLY NOVICE	
Anne Woods	Bordarita Dare to Dream
Phillip Chesworth	Alclutha Kilts a Flying
Marjy Grosvenor	Killara Miss Fisher
Susan Mahoney	Nala Mahoney
Deb Harvey	Dymatan Denim N Diamonds
Anne Woods	Elzscot Reach for the Stars
Anne Woods	Bordarita Dreamtimechaser
Julia Bennett	Elspan Nightfyre

RALLY NOVICE/RALLY ADVANCED	
Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
Sharen McLeod	Montage the Patriot
RALLY ADVANCED	
Susan Mahoney	Rozate Ruby Jewel
Deb Smith	Gunzai
Ron Scibberas	Spritzee Stealingmoments
RALLY EXCELLENT	
Pam Scott	Mercedes Meg
Leonie Keilour	Bonnielee
RALLY ADVANCED EXCELLENT	
Ron Scibberas	Spritzee Inflight
Flyball Titles	
FLYBALL DOG EXCELLENT/FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION	
Jolien van der Kroop	Tess
Melissa Ryan	Selkie
Melanie Morris	Lucy
FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION/ AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPION	
Stephen Bullas	Buddy
Frances Campbell	Tigger
AUSTRALIAN FLYBALL CHAMPION	
Debra Moody	Sasha
FLYBALL DOG MASTER CHAMPION	
Rachael Campbell	Candy

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CDODC Tracking passes



Kennel & 'call' name	Owner	Date	Venue	Grade
Dual Ch (T), Track & Search CH Rosarott Basko's Pride (Basko) UD, RE, HSA(s)	Bobbee Terrill	23.04.2016	TCV	TS T 9 Very Good
T Ch Kardibroke Lilac Belle (Bella) CDX, RAE, TSDX	Jacinta Burke	23.04.2016	TCV	TS T 7 Very good
T CH Wasserbaillee (Bailee) CD, RE	Wendy Potter	23.04.2016	TCV	TS T 2 Very Good
Track & Search GR CH, Dual CH (T) Rosarott Basko's Pride (Basko) UD, RE, HSA(s)	Bobbee Terrill	23.04.2016	TCV	TS T 10 <i>With a 'Very Good' & a 'Track on' to Track and Search Grand Champion</i>
T.CH Whisper , CDX, RE	Lina Morgante	22.04.2016	TCV	TS T 1 Pass
T.CH Whisper , CDX, RE	Linda Morgante	29.4.2016	Bendigo	TS T2 Very Good
T CH Wasserbaillee (Bailee) CD, RE	Wendy Potter	31.04.2016	Bendigo ODC	TS 3 Good Track & Search Dog title
Tullacrest Modern Milly (Milly) UD, RAE, TDX, ET	Lorraine Holland	14.05.2016	Working Dog Club Dromana	T 6 Pass – Tracking Dog Excellent title
T Ch BonnieLee (Bonnie) RE ET	Leonie Keilour	07.05.2016	Knox ODC	Tracking Champion
T Ch, TS CH Kardibroke Lilac Belle (Bella) CDX, RAE	Jacinta Burke	28.05.2016	Wodonga T&S	Test 8 Very Good TS Champion
T CH Wasserbaillee (Bailee) CD, RE, TSD	Wendy Potter	28.05.2016	Wodonga T&S	TS 4 Very Good
T CH Wasserbaillee (Bailee) CD, RE, TSD	Wendy Potter	28.05.2016	Wodonga T&S	TS 5 A 'track on' with Very Good.
Tullacrest Celtic Drift (Drift)	Lorraine Holland	20.06.2016	Eastern Suburbs Coldstream	T 1 Good <i>Just starting out</i>



Far left:
Wendy Potter's Bailee
with pass cards from
Wodonga Track and
Search Trial

Left:
Lorraine Holland and
Milly with her Tracking
Dog Excellent medal



Own a Pet – Feel Good

Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag May/June 16

Owning a pet gives you a natural high that cannot be compared – just ask the people from Petbarn, whose recent research state that pet owners are more likely to laugh out loud about once a day or more (74%) compared to non-pet owners (64%).

It's not just a case of the giggles that helps you feel good. In this study of it's customers, Petbarn discovered that dog owners will meet an average of 2.3 people a month. Not only that, but 40% of Aussie pet owners report they've become more active since introducing a new pet into their lives.

"It's pretty simple – you are much more likely to be active with a pet in your life," says Scott Charters, chief operating officer from Petbarn. Of course, this research comes as no surprise. It's also important to note how good pets are for morale, especially for those who live alone – they don't call them "man's best friend" for nothing.

If you really want to feel good about yourself, however, adopting a pet and saving it's life is hard to beat. "Through our 90 Petbarn Adoption centres across the country, we have helped save over 13,200 pet lives since our program began – and we like to think that we have also helped improve the lives of all the pet parents and families that have welcomed these pets into their homes," Scott says.

If you are considering getting a new member of the family...

Dogs Life recommends

- Doing your research. Different dogs have different demands, find the right dog to suit your lifestyle.
- Choosing to take home an animal when you have time. Easter can be a good period for this as many people have a few days or weeks off to help settle the new pet and get it used to its new home.
- Taking into consideration the needs of any existing pets you may have and conduct all introductions slowly and with care. 🐾



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:

CROYDON ODC INC 24/4/16

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG RING (CCD)

Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice (Chester) 1st Place, Score 93, Title.

LABRADOR RETRIEVER CLUB OF VIC 15/5/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Rebecca McGroarty and Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX (Char) 1st Place, Score 184 and Highest Scoring in trial.

BERWICK ODC 15/5/16

NOVICE RING (CD)

Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice (Chester) 1st Place, Score 192.

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

Anna Morgan and Iamgoldn Moon Shadow, 4th Place, Score 88.

WORKING DOG CLUB OF VIC 29/5/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Rebecca McGroarty and Hevnsent Sweet Babyblu, UD, 1st Place, Score 195, Highest Score in Trial.

NOVICE RING (CD)

Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice (Chester) am trial: 2nd Place, Score 187, pm trial: 1st Place, Score 179, Title.

EAST GIPPSLAND ODC 12/6/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Dodo Kelly and T.CH. Killara First Seeker RA. ORA. TSD. NRD. CD. (Zita) 1st Place, Score 175.

GIPPSLAND OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC 13/6/16

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG RING (CCD)

Lorraine Holland and Tullacrest Celtic Drift (AI), 1st Place, Score 96.



Yvonne Ross, (left) Open Judge at Labrador Retriever Club Trial presenting Rebecca McGroarty and Char with Highest Score in Trial sash.



Lorraine Holland and her young Border Collie, Drift



Rally Obedience Report

Since the April Capers Report Croydon conducted its own Rally Obedience Trial on the 24th April. We had a very successful trial and this was in no small part due to the wonderful help we had from members from all areas of the club.

Well done to all the Croydon members who entered. Not all succeeded but that is typical of trials. Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs:

RALLY NOVICE

Robyn Anderson with Glenmave Bollywood in Red (Lucy), 98, 1st in ring. (Robyn's first Rally O Trial.)

Elise Davine with Acedavine (Ace), 97, 2nd in ring. (Elise's first Rally O Trial.)

Karen Soo with Ausfx Hunting High n Low (Hunter), 95, 6th in ring.

Russ Grosvenor with (his 7 month old pup!!)

Killara Spectrum (Maverick), 80, 13th in ring.

RALLY ADVANCED A

Phillip Chesworth with Alclutha Kilts a Flyin, 98, 1st in ring.

RALLY EXCELLENT A

Sharen McLeod with Montage the Patriot (Jamie), 93, 2nd in ring.

RALLY MASTER

Bobbie Terrill with Cabulla River Aorbourn, 92, 5th in ring.

GERMAN SHEPHERD DCV – 30TH APRIL

Helena Walter with Nelke gained their first pass in RALLY EXCELLENT A, 87.

BERWICK ODC – 15TH MAY

RALLY NOVICE

Russ Grosvenor with Killara Spectrum (Maverick) scored 93 and third place.

RALLY MASTER

Bobby Terrill with Cabulla River Aorbourn (Morgan), 97 and second place.

MORNINGTON ODC – 22ND MAY

RALLY NOVICE

* Russ Grosvenor with Killara Spectrum (Maverick), 78 (4th place) TITLE!

RALLY MASTERS

Bobby Terrill with Cabulla River Aorbourn (Morgan), 87 and second place.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND TRIALS

IN GIPPSLAND – Saturday 11TH June at BAIRNSDALE, Sunday 12th June at SALE and Monday 13th June at MORWELL. Three handlers had great weekends and sent in the following details:-

RALLY OBEDIENCE CHAMPION

Bobbie Terrill with Cabulla River Aorbourn (Morgan) Saturday 91 and 98; Sunday 99 and 100; Monday 99 and 98.

Bec McGroarty's sensational scores are repeated below in her own words:-

"Jet (Hevnsent Sweet Babyblue) gained RALLY NOVICE scores of 100, 100 and 100 for Bairnsdale and 87 and 97 for Sale – TITLE.

Char (Adderslot Midnight Charmer) gained 89, 94, 97 in RALLY ADVANCED A at Bairnsdale – I got better each go and then topped it off with 100 at Sale – TITLE.

I made a couple of silly handler errors over the weekend but as we went on felt better each time."

RALLY ADVANCED at MORWELL

Phillip Chesworth with Alclutha Kilts a Flyin (Rikki), 87, TITLE, Congratulations.

RALLY NOVICE at MORWELL

Phillip Chesworth with Yackawil Yesterdays Dream (Missy), 82.

HASTINGS DODC – 18TH JUNE

MORNING TRIAL

RALLY NOVICE - Elise Davine with Ace - 96 & 2nd place. (Elise's second participation in a trial.)

RALLY EXCELLENT A - Sue Mahoney & Rozate



Ruby Jewel - 94 & 1st place.

RALLY MASTER - Bobbee Terrill & Cabulla River Aorbarn - 94.

AFTERNOON TRIAL

RALLY NOVICE - Elise Davine with Ace - 100 & 1st place - TITLE. Congratulations Elise.

RALLY ADVANCED A - Sue Mahoney & Nala - 86.

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.

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On ultrasound partial stress can be detected and ultrasound can also be used to monitor healing.

How are achilles tendon injuries treated?

Surgical correction is recommended for achilles tendon avulsions with the use of a bone tunnel through the calcaneus (i.e back of the hock where the achilles attaches) and a specialised suture patter to reattach the tendon to the calcaneus. 🐾



The one absolutely unselfish friend that man can have in this selfish world, the one that never deserts him, the one that never proves ungrateful or treacherous, is the dog.

— George A. Vest



What is R.A.T.G. ?

Retrieving **A**bility **T**est for **G**undogs has been around, under several different names, for years but for the first time under the 2011 ANKC rules a dog can now gain a title:

NRA (Novice Retrieving Ability) and ORA (Open Retrieving Ability).

Three passes must be attained by receiving 50% points for each exercise and at least 75% of the overall score from at least two different judges.

To date there are at least six RATG judges drawn from the Retrieving and Obedience fraternities.

The exercises are straightforward and set to allow a gundog to display, in an enthusiastic and enjoyable way, what it was bred for.

The basic heeling and recall exercises are done with *no lead or any type of collar* on the dog, to show the judge the dog is under control before proceeding to the retrieving test. As with Retrieving, judging begins on all exercises as soon as the lead is removed from the dog.

For the Novice test there will be 50 metre followed by a 70 metre retrieve. When dog and handler eventually progress to the Open there are a few extra retrieving tests to overcome.

Before all the handlers observe the run, the competing dogs are placed in 'the hide'. This is an out of sight area designated by the judge. Not only is it unfair for the dogs running later in the day to see the dummies repeatedly land but it is detrimental to these dogs to see the run at the incorrect angle.



The handlers may join 'the gallery' until it is time to return to the hide and prepare their dog for the run. The gallery is the observation area for all spectators. Please, when in the gallery, refrain from wearing light colours – leave that for the handlers running their dog. Do not move past this area e.g. to take photographs, without permission from the judge.

To set up for the retrieve the handler will have the dog beside him, between the pegs, facing the area where the dummy or bird (game) will land. When the game leaves 'the thrower' the dog is required to 'mark' where it landed.

The thrower is a manned mechanical machine to project the game to simulate flying. The dogs need to be taught to watch straight ahead and mark the spot after the game lands --- like they were taking a photo.

Now this is when patience is required. The dog must remain beside the handler until there is a command to fetch. The judge is looking for



What is R.A.T.G.? cont.

the dog to run directly to the game, pick it up gently and return it directly to the handler. This is referred to as 'the hand over'.

Walking away from the pegs, after a successful run, is very satisfying for the dog and handler.

RATG trials do not require the huge paddocks necessary for Retrieving trials so could be held with Obedience trials, Conformation, Endurance Tests, etc.

It is necessary to have space for two retrieves that are not over the same ground, and the grass should not be cut less than (say) 100mm.

RATG trials have been held at KCC Park, Gippsland, Melton, Mt Duneed, Retrieving Trials, Obedience clubs and areas around the State.

All gundogs and Associate gundogs are eligible to enter RATG.

The Associate dogs are recognised as pure breed gundogs that are either desexed or without papers. They are required to apply to the RAFT committee for the issue of an approval certificate to compete.

If Retrieving Ability Test for Gundogs is of any interest to you, please contact any RAFT committee member listed in the Dogs Vic magazine.



RATG rules are on the ANKC website <http://www.ankc.org.au>

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Important Notice to All Members

Your MEMBERSHIP card must be worn at all times and must be visible when attending classes. If your instructor gives you another card with your name and dog's name on it, please do not place it over the membership card, come to the office and get an additional badge holder.

This year in particular, we had a lot of people complaining that they didn't know that memberships were due for renewal on 31st March, even though the renewal date is on your membership badge.

The club is run by a committee, instructors and volunteers who all are unpaid. Without their dedication we would not have a club, or you would be paying considerably higher fees with paid Administrators and Instructors. Therefore we do not issue reminder notices with approx 1,100 members this would be a big task.



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Membership
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No Training

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.



This booklet is available from the Club shop for only \$2.50. It is ideal for primary-aged children and a great book to read to the younger ones. Many children are unaware of how a dog interprets their actions. This booklet,

by internationally respected veterinarian-behaviourist Dr Sophia Yin, takes each situation in which a child and dog might find themselves and challenges the child as to how he or she would feel if a stranger did the same thing to him or her. For example, rushing up to the dog, staring at the dog, invading the dog's personal space and so on. It is illustrated with colourful cartoon type characters and shows incorrect and correct behaviour. Have a look at the booklet on display at the shop – it might be a good gift for your child or grandchild.



2016

July	Tues 19	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
Aug	Tues 16	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
Sept	Tues 20	7.30 pm Committee Meeting

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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