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Some of our Demo Team Stars with
Team Managers Jan Seach (top left)
and Marjy Grosvenor (bottom right)

NEWSLETTER OF CROYDON AND DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB





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President's Report



Hi All,

Membership renewals have been flooding in over the last few weeks resulting in long waiting times at the office. The office staff has worked tirelessly to accommodate everyone but it is not always possible with the amount of people presenting renewals at this time of the year.

I would like to encourage everyone that has to renew their membership to make use of our online renewal section on our website. Mailing your completed renewal form to our postal address is also an option and would allow the office staff to concentrate on new members that need our help.

Also, I would like to take this opportunity to announce my retirement as your President and member of Committee from our coming Annual General Meeting scheduled for the 27th of May 2016.

The last twelve years of President have sometimes been challenging but mostly, very rewarding and I am very happy with the progress that we, as a Committee, have made for the benefit of Members, Instructors and Volunteers alike.

Current and past Committee Members have always played an important role in decision making and I would like to thank all of them for their support over the years.

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The following are the relevant dates for this year's AGM and elections:

AGM:	Friday 27th May 2016
Nominations close:	Friday 6th May 2016



I will continue to support the club by offering my help in the office on Sundays, something that I have enjoyed for many years now.

So it is time now for the committee members and general membership to take on the challenge of electing another President to lead the club into the future.

Thank you all,

Chris Krueger
CDODC President



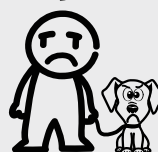
Please remember...

**Current
Membership
Card**



Training

**No
Membership
Card**



No Training



Hi everyone,

It's been wonderful to see the number of handlers who have been attending training each week since returning this year. New members continue to enrol each week and it's really inspiring to see so many people dedicated to becoming responsible dog owners and most importantly enjoying time with their dogs.

Did you know that CDODC is run purely by volunteers? This means that we have wonderful people who give up their time to ensure that we are able to fulfil our goal of helping owners to have a well behaved dog that is a pleasure to have around. We can't continue without your help. At this time of the year we are preparing to run our annual Instructor training course. Without enough instructors we can't continue to offer the services we do. Class numbers tend to be high and the waiting list gets longer and longer.

What type of person makes a great instructor? You don't have to be an expert dog handler, or have a perfect dog. In fact it's often the handlers who have a dog that makes them 'think outside the box' that we find they are natural instructors. Anything new we try our hand at can be confronting; but as a potential instructor we are with you every step of the way and give you all the resources you need to succeed.

Shift work holding you back? No problems. We can accommodate instructors who work some weekends with a class sharing system. Two instructors will be allocated a class, and work out their schedules so there is always an instructor available.

Don't feel confident enough? Many of our instructors felt this way initially. Most find that doing the training and having a passion for helping others boosts their self-esteem and they go on to become much more confident in many aspects of their lives.



Our training course includes theoretic aspects of dog behaviour, training and how to instruct a class. As well as the theory; our trainees do 'on the ground' training with at least two experienced instructors. This is done at Puppies and B1 levels. You get hands on experience and feedback from your mentor.

Once your training is complete you are allocated a class but don't worry, we are still there with you, an experienced instructor will be with you for as long as you and they deem necessary.

We will be holding an information session where you can ask questions and clarify what is required, on May 1st at 12.30 pm in the clubrooms. Our course will start May 15th so you can enjoy Mother's Day on the 8th.

If you don't feel instructing is for you, then there are still others ways you can help. The shop is run by volunteers. Even helping your instructor by carrying something in or helping to pack up some equipment is always appreciated.

Enjoy your dogs.

Barb

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.**

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.

Colleen Baker & Maddie

Yasmin Hamad & Archie

Paul Kilby & Coco

Cathy Latto & Mannie

Sarah Menegol & Charlie

Christine Mercer & Toya

Alex Niceski & Molly



Barry Papworth & Tedi

Marilyn Price & Baggins

Melinda Randazzo & Dexter

Liz Tacey Taylor & Clover

Jen Turner & Shawnee

Melissa Walton & Gus

John Watt & Zoey



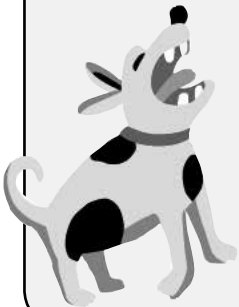
YELLOW BANDANNA?

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. 🐾



Grass Seeds

With Dr Richard Lawrence

With autumn now with us, it's time to talk about grass seeds.

These little devils, particularly the barley type lawns, can cause tremendous discomfort and inconvenience, working their way under the skin – or into any orifice – once they hook on to an animal's coat.

The arrow shaped seed can penetrate the body and tiny feathers prevent it coming back out. As the animal moves, the seed penetrates deeper.

The main places where we recover grass seeds are the ear canal, under the eyelids, in the feet and around the fold of the vulva.

Signs of trouble vary depending on the position of the seed. If it gets in the eye or down the ear canal there is immediate pain. In these instances the animal should be treated as soon as possible. 🐾

Did you know?

A dog's posture, facial expression and tail movements can communicate a number of different messages to other dogs and to humans. Check these out:

Friendly Dogs: relaxed ears in down position, flat tails with plenty of wagging and make eye contact without staring.

Submissive dogs: ears down, eyes averted and their tail between their legs. They may roll over on their backs or urinate while lying down.

Playful puppy: chest to the ground, rear and tail high in the air.

Dominating dogs: erect ears and tail, staring eyes and tend to put their paws on other dog's backs and may be pushy with their owner.

Truly aggressive dogs: stare and hold their tails motionless, growl and put their ears forward. 🐾



New Fees 2016

Please note as at the 1st January 2016 our membership and renewal fees have increased.

There is NO longer a \$2 fee for EFTpos transactions. New membership fees for 1 person and 1 dog is made up of the following:

Joining Fee	\$30.00
Membership	\$30.00 (per person)
Training Fee	\$30.00 (per dog)
Insurance Levy	\$7.50 (per NON VCA member)

**Total Fee for New member
(1 person & 1 dog) \$97.50**

RENEWAL

Membership	\$30.00 (per person)
Training Fee	\$30.00 (per dog)
Insurance Levy	\$7.50 (per NON VCA member)

**Total Fee for Renewing member
(1 person & 1 dog) \$67.50**

Reminder! Renewals are due by the 1st May 2016.

**After that date we are bound
by our constitution to charge
another joining fee.**

The financial year of the Club shall commence on the first day of April in each year, and terminate on the last day of March the following year. Membership fees must be paid on or before the 1st of May for continuity of membership.



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.

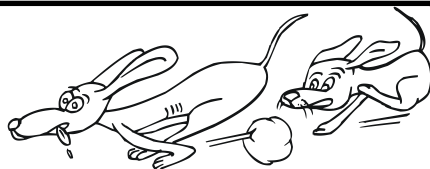
Whether you currently own a dog or not you can be a Foster Carer. Often people who foster are 'between' dogs are not currently in a position to commit to a dog long term.

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

Advantix \$60 – \$67

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



AGM Notice

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of members of the Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club Inc. will be held in the Clubrooms, Richard Silcock Reserve, William Rd, Croydon on Friday 27th May, 2016 at 7.30pm.

BUSINESS

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
3. Presentation of the Annual Reports
4. Appointment or reappointment of Auditor
5. Appointment of Returning Officer
6. Election of the Committee of Management
7. Presentation of Awards
8. General Business pertaining to the Annual General Meeting

CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB ANNUAL ELECTION 2016 – NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominatefor the position(s) of:

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Committee (6) | | |

	PRINTED NAME	SIGNATURE
NOMINATOR		
SECONDER		
I accept the above nomination(s)		

Nominations close with Secretary on Friday 6th May 2016.

The Elections for the Committee of Management of CDODC will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 27th May, 2016.

Executive members of Committee need to be members of the VCA.

Sarcoptic Mange



Written by Dr Michael Bell

Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag Feb 16

Scabies, or itch mites are small circular mites that burrow into the skin. They are not visible to the naked eye, but are visible under the microscope easily identifiable by the presence of triangular spines along their back.



There is often widespread hair loss, and a secondary skin infection often occurs.

The itchiness usually develops 10 days to eight weeks after contact and mainly presents over the thin skinned areas (belly, chest, ears and elbows), and normally not the back. Crusty flakey lesions are also often present.

What is their lifetime?

The female mites burrow into a dog's skin and form tunnels in which they lay 3-5 eggs per day. All up the females will lay 40-50 eggs over their lifetime. These eggs hatch in 3-5 days into 6 legged larvae, they either remain in the tunnels or wander over the skin. If they remain in the tunnels they molt through two nymphal stages, which in turn make new feed pockets. The complete development from laying of the eggs to development into adult mite takes 12-21 days. The females remain in the "molting pockets" until they are fertilized. At this stage they extend the molting pocket into a tunnel and lay eggs after 4-5 days.

The mites do not normally live very long off the host. They are mainly transmitted by intimate contact with other infected animals and have an incubation period of 2-6 weeks depending on the site of infestation and number of mites transmitted.

What signs do they cause?

When the female burrows deeply in the skin there is a hypersensitivity reaction against the mite faeces and excrement. This together with the nonchemical irritations caused by the mites causes a severe itchiness and hence scratching by the dog. This in turn presents as a severely infested skin. More chronic infestations result in crusts on the skin surface.

How are cases diagnosed?

The rapid onset of itchiness and distribution of lesions is often highly suggestive of scabies. Multiple skin scrapings taken from the edge of the lesion should be examined, but unfortunately even if 10-30 skin scrapings are looked at there is a high chance mites still may not be seen. Hence, sometimes a therapeutic diagnosis is required.

How are affected cases treated?

Luckily sarcoptic mange can normally be easily cured, but it should be remembered that all in contact dogs must be treated. Where hypodermis is present a course of antibiotics maybe required. 🐾



*To err is human,
to forgive, canine*

— unknown



Tribute to True Blue

True Blue

Kombinalong Super Sapphira, CD, RN

2.1.2009 to 26.2.2016 R.I.P.

To say that True Blue made an impact on our lives would be an understatement. She was a cheeky, diminutive, rascal of an Australian Cattle Dog. Unfortunately life for her was difficult from the word go.

Alarm bells should have rung loud and clear in my ears when the breeder, after telling me I would have to wait for the next litter, rang and told me one of her sales had fallen through as the purchaser had changed their mind and she was now available to me. Needless to say I was so excited, we bought her and she was flown down to Melbourne. Shortly after her arrival we noticed she had conjunctivitis and had to take her to the vet. I now know that conjunctivitis is often an indication of something more sinister going on. My more experienced doggy friends remarked on how small she was.



To cut a long story short, her health went from bad to worse and she developed a number of auto-immune conditions. Enormous amounts of money were spent on bloods, medications, etc. It seemed that every minute of the day was spent watching to see how she was and it was wearing us down. No conclusive diagnosis was made. Then in July 2010 she suffered aspirated pneumonia and after X-rays done by the wonderful people at the Animal Emergency Centre in Mt Waverley, we had our answer – Megaesophagus. She was a very sick little dog and was not expected to survive. However, our amazing little girl came through it all.

Some of you would have seen her “Bailey Chair” that she sat upright in at meal times and remained there for 20 minutes 3 times a day. This routine became part of our lives.

My thanks go to the Megaesophagus Upright Canine Brigade that I found online for details of the chair that, I believe, gave her seven years of life.



Once we found out how to manage this condition life improved for her drastically and we had some great times together. We even got her CD and RN titles with some lovely scores.

She was a feisty, very intelligent little dog who managed to manipulate Mike and I very easily! Because of her illness we spoilt her rotten.

I clicker trained her and used this to my advantage when she became reactive to other dogs. She ended up nose touching other dogs for a reward rather than lunging at them. Again, life became easier for us all.

We did realise that she was living on borrowed time and that one day she would not recover. She had two more episodes of AP but amazingly came back fighting on both occasions.

Six months ago she developed cataracts in both eyes and we were told she would be totally blind within the year.

I won't go into details but she aspirated again on Friday morning and we had to make the heart wrenching decision to let our baby go.

She has taken a large piece of our hearts with her and she will never be forgotten. Even with Zoe and Rhythm here, the house is now so very quiet – she always made her presence felt!

Run free my little wild child, we will love you forever.

Anne and Mike



For information on Megaesophagus visit:

[http://vetneuromuscular.ucsd.edu/
publications/Megaesophagus%20
Brochure-1.pdf](http://vetneuromuscular.ucsd.edu/publications/Megaesophagus%20Brochure-1.pdf)

<http://caninemegaesophagusinfo.com>

Facebook: Upright Canine Brigade -
Megaesophagus Awareness and Support

The Committee of Management hereby announce the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

**7.30PM FRIDAY 27th May 2016
SILCOCK RESERVE CLUB HOUSE**

AGENDA

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

GENERAL BUSINESS

ELECTION OF ALL OFFICE BEARERS

PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

TO AVOID DELAYS PLEASE BRING YOUR
MEMBERSHIP CARD WITH YOU TO THE AGM

ALL MEMBERS AND OTHER INTERESTED
PERSONS WELCOME

Each Family: Please bring a plate

Would you like to become involved in the management of your Club?

The Club is run by a Committee, and all positions will be declared vacant at the AGM (Friday 27th May, 2016). Don't wait to be asked – if you feel that you would like to know more about the Committee, please call into the office on a Sunday morning, or alternatively call any committee member. Any person who is a financial member of CDODC at the AGM, and who have been a member since at least 31st December 2015, is eligible to be nominated for the 2016 – 2017 Committee.

**NOMINATIONS must be lodged with the Club
Secretary by 6th May, 2016.**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP nominations need
to be lodged with the Club Secretary for
consideration by the review committee
by Sunday 10th April 2016.



Membership Renewals (When must they be paid?)

The Club's financial year finishes on 31st March, 2016, and all memberships are due for renewal on that date. If you are not wearing a YELLOW membership card, please ensure that you renew your membership by the end of April. If your membership renewal has not been received by 1st May you will be ineligible to vote at the Club's 2016 Annual General Meeting, and you will be ineligible to run for a place on the Committee.

If you expect to be away from Club during April, please remember to pay your membership renewal BEFORE you go. We will not accept renewals past the 1st May; after that date we are bound by the Club rules to charge a new joining fee (that's an extra \$30.00 in addition to the renewal fees).

You will find a renewal form on our Web site (cdodc.com.au) and you can lodge your renewal online, please remember to attach copies of your dog/s current vaccination certificate/s and a copy of your Dogs Victoria membership card if you are claiming exemption from the Insurance Levy. Please allow 2 weeks for your new membership card to be ready for collection from the office on a Sunday morning. Also spare copies of renewal forms can be collected from the Office. Please note that we will not be sending renewal forms through the post. Although we will accept renewals via post, send your completed form and a photocopy of your dogs current vaccination certificate along with a cheque or money order made payable to CDODC Inc to P O Box 465, Croydon 3136 please include a stamped self addressed envelope. You may also renew your membership at Club any Sunday, between 9.15 am and 10.30am. You will need to bring with you:

- Your dog's current vaccination certificate, ie. With a next vacc's due date of ?/5/16 to the end of 2016 or early 2017.

- Your ORANGE membership card (we'll swap it for a nice YELLOW one).
- Your renewal fee (we accept cash, cheque or card)
- If you're a member of the VCA, your current VCA membership ticket.

The renewal fees are \$30.00 per person (membership fee), \$30.00 per dog (training fee) and Insurance levy \$7.50 per person for all NON VCA members.

Volunteers Wanted

If you would like to join our band of happy helpers, please tick the appropriate box under the section headed "Volunteers Wanted" on your renewal form. We will use this information to compile a list of names of people we can call upon to help in particular, in the following areas.

- We need people to help in the Equipment Shop.
- We need people to help in the Kiosk.
- We need people to help on the BBQ.
- We need people to help set up the Agility Equipment.
- We always need help on Fun Days and Trial Days (in May, June, Sept & Dec).
- From time to time we need the help of various tradespeople, and we would like to know if there are any plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc, among our members who would be willing to help out.

Children at Club

It is lovely to see families come down to Club with children and dogs in tow, but parents please remember that we have many dogs at Club at various stages of training and socialisation. We would hate to see a child knocked over or (heaven forbid) bitten by a dog,



so please ensure you keep a close eye on your little ones. Sunday mornings at Club provides you with a good opportunity to remind your children NEVER to pat a dog which is unknown to them, without checking with the dog's owner first. On the other side of the coin, all members must make sure that their dogs are not tied up near doorways so that other handlers can go past without having to squeeze past a dog. Ask someone to mind your dog if you have to pop into the Clubhouse for a minute. If you are going to take longer, tether your dog under some shade with its fixed collar. 🐾



Now that I've arrived at your place...
everything is strange and I do not feel good.
Do not feel impatient if I don't sleep in my new
bed... yesterday I slept on a stone floor.
Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food...
yesterday I had to do it to survive.
Do not get angry if I pee in the house...
yesterday it did not matter.
Do not be sad if I am afraid of your loving
hand... yesterday I did not have one.
Have patience with me. It's your world, but
not yet mine.
If I trust you I can give you the greatest gift I
can give... my heart.
Please never forget I was a rescue dog.
All I need is a bit of time to adjust. 🐾

This is for those of us with dogs that don't quite excel in the obedience ring just yet.

AD	Attention Deficit
ARB	Ace Refrigerator Bandit
BW	Butt Wagger
BWX	Butt Wagger Excellent
CC	Cat – Courser
CCX	Cat – Courser Excellent
CP	Couch Potato
CPX	Couch Potato Excellent
GFIY	Go Fetch It Yourself
HHP	House Hold Pet
ILF	I Like Food
ILLF	I Like Lots Of Food
LD	Lap Dog
LDX	Lap Dog Excellent
TBF	Thick But Friendly
TGS	Terribly Good Snorer
TSIM	That Seat Is Mine
TTIM	That Toy Is Mine
UCDX	Under the Cover Dog Excellent
WM	Who Me?
CSX	Counter Surfer Extraordinaire
IDDI	I Didn't Do It
IWFF	I Work For Food
OWTH	Oh, What The Heck
TGAN	Terribly Good At Nothing
UCD	Under The Covers Dog

Easy homemade dog loo

Take one plastic garden pot with good drainage holes. Put droppings into this, sprinkling each layer generously with garden lime. Keep the pot in an out of the way place in the garden, but not out of the weather. If there is no rain, dampen occasionally. The lime quickly eliminates odours and breaks the droppings down into fertiliser which can be spread on the garden, (preferably not around acid loving plants such as camellias).



Trigger's Big Trek

Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag Mar/April 2016

A young veteran is taking his four legged best mate for a very, very long walk – and it's all for a good cause, writes Laura Greaves.

At first, Royce Hardman thought he was simply “going through an adjustment period”. After all, he had been an infantry soldier in the Australian army for more than four years, and completed a five month tour of Afghanistan in 2009, aged just 20. He figured that returning to life in his hometown of Perth would take some getting used to.

But when he couldn't get a decent night's sleep due to insomnia, found he was on constant alert for danger and began to abuse alcohol, Royce knew he was “going downhill fast”. Finally, in early 2010, he was diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a result of the terrible things he had seen and constant risk he lived with as a combat soldier in the Middle East.

“Initially I was in denial, then when things got really bad I was happy to accept help and get better. (Being diagnosed with PTSD) was fine as it explained what was happening,” says Royce, now 27. “Only some army guys ‘got it’. Family and friends didn't really understand.”

One companion that does understand however, is Royce's beloved dog, Trigger, a two year old American Staffordshire Bull Terrier. And together, Royce and Trigger are undertaking an epic journey aimed at raising awareness and funds for PTSD sufferers and their families.

Making a difference

Trigger has been by Royce's side since September 2013, when months of research finally led the young veteran to a handsome seven week old blue puppy.

“I decided I wanted a dog because I had no friends and thought a dog would be good. I

searched Amstaff breeders for months until I found Trigger,” he says. “I've raised him to be a gentle giant. I have seen Trigger with six kids climbing all over him, pulling his ears, and he is chilled.”

Now the pair is putting the canine human bond to the ultimate test. On September 27, Royce and Trigger set off on a two year, unsupported walk around Australia. They will walk for up to 12 hours a day, mainly following Highway 1, ultimately covering some 17,000km in a bid to raise \$250,000 for Soldier On, an Australian charity that supports returned servicemen and women who were physically or psychologically wounded in war.

Royce says he was inspired to mount Trigger's Big Trek after losing several army friends to suicide. “I wondered why no-one was doing anything (about PTSD), and then realized that I wasn't doing anything,” he explains. “I've also had bad experiences trying to get help, and even at the point of suicide myself I couldn't get help. I think there is room for improvement with regards to support and how people (with PTSD) are handled, so I decided to do everything I can.”

Life on the road

What that means in real terms is an arduous trek through blistering heat and bone chilling cold, across some of the harshest, most desolate terrain on the planet. But rather than focus on how hard his journey will surely be, Royce chooses instead to think about how tough some of his fellow PTSD sufferers are doing it.

“I needed something to get people's attention, and something that lasts to keep raising awareness. Walking around Australia is a good comparison to living with PTSD, they are both huge,” he says. “Doing it with no support crew makes it harder, but life with PTSD is hard.”

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Charmaine Lee Oodles of Spoodles



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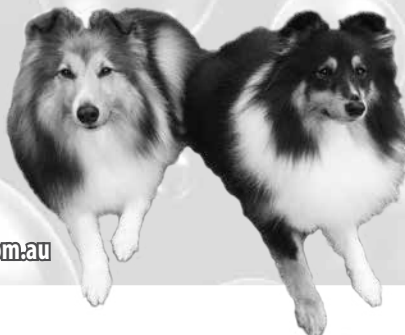
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Trigger's Big Trek continued

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Making the trip even more challenging is the fact that Royce is pushing a custom built cart full of his and Trigger's gear all the way. It even has a comfortable compartment for Trigger, should the intrepid canine need some time out en route. Trigger also has special boots to protect his paws from the rough roads.

He admits he's not looking forward to "being alone, missing family, and cold, wet days of walking" and says the summer heat will be a concern for Trigger, too. "But if it was easy no one would care, and no awareness would come from it. This is about making a difference. I want to start a national discussion to help our veterans and their families," says Royce.

As to how he and Trigger will cope on the tough days, Royce is philosophical; "Harden up," he laughs. "I will walk as long as I can – a minimum of 20km a day to start, and build up from there. Trigger will be with me 24/7 and can walk as much as he wants or sleep as much as he wants. He'll love it.

While he may not have an official support crew, Royce has plenty of support. In the first month of his trek, he and Trigger were inundated with offers of assistance, including overnight accommodation, dog food and home cooked meals. His Facebook page has more than

38,000 fans and at the time of writing, Royce had already raised more than \$42,000.

People still tell him he's crazy to attempt such a mammoth task, of course. But Royce is philosophical about this, too. "I just tell them living with PTSD is a mammoth task," he says.

What is PTSD?

PTSD, or post traumatic stress disorder is a set of reactions that can occur after someone has been through a traumatic event. Most people will experience at least one traumatic event in their lives. According to Phoenix Australia – centre for Post traumatic mental health, about five to ten per cent of Australians will suffer from PTSD at some point in their lives.

Any event that involves experiencing or witnessing actual or threatened death, serious injury, or sexual violence has the potential to be traumatic. For example, being involved in a serious accident, being physically assaulted, being involved in war, either as a civilian or as part of military operations.

Almost everyone who experiences trauma will be emotionally affected, and most people will recover quite quickly with the help of family and friends. When the effects are long lasting, however, this is known as PTSD. 🐾

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.





How your dog's wagging tail can reveal its emotions

Reprinted from Telegraph on line

By Richard Gray

Dog owners have long assumed that when their pet's tail is wagging, it is usually a sign of contentment and happiness. Scientists have discovered, however, that dogs communicate far more information about their emotions to each other with their tails than was previously believed. A new study has shown that dogs tend to move their tails more to the right or to the left depending on how happy or sad they feel. This emotional signal can also be recognised by other dogs, affecting how the animals respond to each other.

Research, conducted by neuroscientists at the University of Trento, Italy, showed that the animals' tails tend to move slightly more to the right if they are happy. If they are experiencing negative emotions, such as feeling threatened, then their tail will move slightly to the left. While subtle bias in movement can be difficult for humans to detect, when video footage of the behaviour slowed down it becomes more obvious. Dogs, however, seem to be able to pick up on these signals.

The researchers found that dogs' heart rates increased and they showed signs of anxiety when they saw a strange dog with its tail wagging slightly to the left. If the dog met a strange dog whose tail wagged slightly to the right, then the animals remained calm and showed a relaxed heart rate.

Professor Giorgio Vallortigara, who led the research at the Centre for Brain Sciences at the University of Trento, said "We know from neurological studies in humans that the left and right hemispheres in the brain produce different emotional responses. In dogs, single organs like the tongue or tail is controlled by both sides of the brain. There can be competition and dominance between these two sides". "When

they move their tail, it is more bias to the left or to the right depending on which side of the brain is more dominant at the time. It seems dogs pick up on this when they meet other dogs and it forms a type of communication between them".

Previously researchers have shown that dogs can convey their emotions through their facial expressions. However, little research has been done to examine whether they may also be reflected in the way they wag their tails. They also used a silhouette of a dog to remove any other physical signals. They measured the animals' heart rates and monitored their physical responses to look for signs of how they were feeling.

When the video showed the dogs tail wagging slightly more to the right, the animals waiting remained relaxed, with their ears hanging down, lips loose and eyes slowly blinking. When the dogs tail wagged to the left, however, the animals heart rate increased and their hair stood on end, they looked away, lifted their paws and showed other signs of stress.

However, Professor Vallortigara does not think that the animals are consciously communicating their emotions, but rather that it is a consequence of the way their brains are wired up. He said, "I think there is some sort of communication, but I don't think it is in anyway intentional. We don't exactly know if the receiver is consciously picking up the signal, but I think it is more likely not to be. Instead it is likely to be because the movement is activating either the right or left hemisphere of the brain by attracting their attention to the left or right side of their vision." 🐾



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.



Understanding Canine Epilepsy

Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag Mar/April 2016

Most dog owners are unaware that dogs can have epilepsy until they experience their dog having a seizure (or fit), which occurs when there is a burst of excessive electrical activity in the brain. Epilepsy in dogs is generally first diagnosed when the dog is between one and six years of age, and is more common in Labradors, Golden Retrievers, Beagles, Border Collies and German Shepherds, although any breed can be affected.

Most dogs that are diagnosed with epilepsy have primary epilepsy, where no underlying cause for the seizures is found. These dogs will be healthy and completely normal in all other respects.

Unfortunately, there is no single test that can determine if your dog has primary epilepsy. Instead, your vet will run a series of tests to rule out other causes of seizures.

The good news is that there are effective treatments available to manage seizures. Some older medications are associated with side effects such as sedation and increased appetite and thirst, and also require regular blood tests to monitor whether they are working. However, newer medications work in a more targeted way, which results in fewer side effects and less monitoring.

If your dog has a seizure, make sure you book a check up with your vet who will discuss the best course of action for you and your furry friend. 🐾

Obedience Trialers' Report



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

OTEC Easter Trial 26/11/16

am Trial:

OPEN RING (CDX)

Ian Woollard and Killara Aella CD TDX

(Nyssah) 1st Place, Score 196, Title

UTILITY RING (UD)

Bobbee Terrill and Dual Ch (T) TS Ch Rosarott

Basko's Pride UD, RE, HSA(s) (Basko) 1st place, Score 173 UD Title

pm Trial:

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG RING (CCD)

Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice

(Chester) 2nd Place, score 98

OPEN RING (CDX)

Ian Woollard and Killara Aella CDX TDX

(Nyssah) 1st Place, Score 197 + Highest scoring Dog in Trial.

BORDER COLLIE CLUB OF VIC 2/4/16

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG RING (CCD)

Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice

(Chester) 1st Place, score 92, Class Winner.



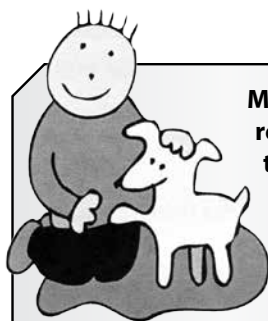
**Pauline Williams and her Border Collie
Adensley Fire N Ice (Chester)**

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.



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

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



Rally Obedience Report

The Obedience Tracking and Endurance

Committee of Dogs Victoria held its annual Trials over the Easter weekend – Rally O on the Sunday. The weather was absolutely perfect for trialling, not too hot, not too cold. Two Croydon entrants competed in both the AM and PM trials with the following results:

Congratulations to:

AM Rally Excellent – Sharen McLeod with Jamie, score of 86, 3rd place in ring.

PM Rally Excellent – Sharen McLeod with Jamie, score of 89, 2nd place in ring.

So two down and three to go for Sharen and Jamie to gain the Excellent Title. Under the new rules this year you need 5 passing scores of 80 or more in the Excellent class to gain the Excellent Title.

The second Croydon competitor was **Helen Pascoe with Bella who competed in Rally Novice**. The story reads best in Helen's own words:-

"Bella participated too and passed the morning test. She was very nervous and reluctant to work but finally completed the course in slow-mo. To my surprise she passed with a score of 80....."

Unfortunately in the afternoon in the middle of a terrific performance she did a wee in the ring!!!!

So there you go. It just goes to prove that trialling with your dog keeps you humble. We live to fight another day!!"

Well done Helen, Bella is certainly not the first to "perform" that little trick but with drastic results – a disqualification!! Ouch.

Ballarat Rally Trial Saturday 9th April

Rally Masters – Bobbee Terrill and Morgan gained their first Rally Masters pass in the morning trial, score 94, 4th place.

AM Rally Novice – Helen Pascoe with Bella, 79 and RALLY NOVICE TITLE – well done Helen.

PM Rally Novice – Helen Pascoe with Bella, 94.

Helen now moves to entering Rally Advanced trials, the first one being the CDODC one on 24th April.

DO YOU WISH TO 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.

Paddy the Terrier



*This fearless canine won friends by defying death
Reprinted from the Herald Sun Anzac Liftout
By Patrick Carlyon*

He was a friend to generals and a source of play for untold Anzacs, Paddy the Australian terrier, a veteran of Gallipoli alongside his owner Colonel Joseph Beeston, was always winning friends because he was always defying death.

If not the army bureaucrats, it was the Egyptians. If not the Turks, it was Paddy himself. He chanced his life everyday.

He was all charm and little care. As Beeston wrote, not without evident pride: "Paddy was very nearly human."

He shouldn't have been at Gallipoli at all. His military journey began as contraband in a haversack while boarding the HMAS Berrima, though his adventures started earlier. Paddy had turned up as a stray at the Broadmeadows training camp. Did the owner pick the dog or was it the other way around? It's hard to say, according to Beeston's granddaughter, Deb Benson, who drew on 1915 diary entries for her book, Gallipoli Dog.

In the Suez Canal, Beeston, a Newcastle surgeon who commanded the 4th Field Ambulance, was invited to inspect a submarine that lay alongside his ship. He left the dog on the submarine deck while he went below.

On re-emerging, Beeston discovered Paddy had fallen overboard, been fished out, and was running up and down the deck with Colonel (later General) John Monash, who feared that the dog would catch a cold.

When Beeston's ship anchored at Port Said, Paddy caught a mail boat to shore, unbeknown to his owner. Beeston "tramped through slums and all sorts of places" to find him. Finally, at the Custom House, Beeston discovered a written notation corresponding to Paddy's identity disc.

The dog had been sent to the abattoir, Paddy was saved, one surmises, from the butcher. He returned to the ship to "vociferous cheers".

Paddy never liked the sound of guns. He barked at the racket. He wasn't alone. Other animals crossed the world to be part of the Anzac story. How many made it to the Turkish peninsula is unclear.

Writing home from Egypt in January, 1915, Bert Smythe, of Sydney, spoke of "queer pets". "A chap in my tent has a dog and a white rat who wage eternal war," Smythe wrote. "The rat is obliged to lie low all day, but its over everything at night when the dog is curled up in bed with its master." "Another chap had a pet snake but he was made to get rid of it."

The 9th and 10th battalions had kangaroos as regimental mascots. Pets resided at Gallipoli – why else would the provost marshal, "a terror for red tape" as Beeston wrote, order that "dogs" be destroyed.

Beeston got permission from General Birdwood, the Anzac commander, to keep Paddy. The dog celebrated his reprieve by racing down to the provost marshal's dugout to bark at him.

Like many men, from General Birdwood down, Beeston (and Paddy) swam in the Aegan Sea. The water was deep and clear and a relief from the heat and bugs. Some Anzacs waded in and did not wade out.

It was during a swim in June when Beachy Bill, a Turkish gun, opened up. Beeston sheltered behind biscuit boxes, wearing only his boots. Paddy dashed out, as usual, to greet the whine of each shell with disapproving barks.

His yelp of mortal injury was so sad yet, perhaps, so inevitable.

Paddy received a soldier's burial. 🐾



10 Grooming Myths: Busted!

Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag by Eve Adamson

What you don't know could be hurting your dog

It doesn't involve fire, explosions, ammunition, or high-speed vehicles, so the cast of Mythbusters probably wouldn't be interested in busting myths about dog grooming (although we'd love to see that episode). But there are things many people believe about grooming their dogs that just aren't true. Fortunately, we've got the lowdown for you right here.

Myth #1 Bathing causes dry skin

You've probably heard it, and you may have even experienced what you thought was a dry skin reaction on your dog after a bath. The truth is, cleanliness is next to dogginess and bathing should feel good to your dog's skin, not bad. The real reason why some dogs have post bath irritation is that either the shampoo is irritating (human shampoo and shampoo with detergents can be too harsh for dogs), or they weren't rinsed completely.

Myth #2 More lather means a better clean

Lather looks like it's doing something, but it's really just a big show. That thick, foamy, soapiness isn't doing the actual cleaning. It's a by product of shampoo reacting with particles of dirt and oil. In fact, the best shampoos don't actually contain soap, which would leave a film on your dog's coat. Instead, they contain surfactants that help fully wet the coat so dirt and oil can be lifted and rinsed away. If a shampoo removed all the oil, however, the coat would be too dry, so a gentle soap free, detergent free, moisturising shampoo will do the best job of lifting away dirt while retaining some essential coat oil, even if it doesn't make much lather.

Myth #3 You should clip down thick coats in summer

This myth is easy to swallow because a big, heavy, thick dog coat just looks so hot. But unlike that fleece or down jacket you wear in winter, a dog's coat is more like a temperature regulator than a heat insulator. It not only keeps your dog warmer in winter, but also keeps him cooler in summer. Of course, if you aren't willing to keep up with good grooming, go ahead and shave your dog down. A clipped coat is better than an unkempt, matted long coat, in any weather.

Myth #4 You should let long hair grow out, ungroomed, in the winter

Some pet owners actually believe that it's OK to let mats form all winter long, thinking it insulates the dog better. Not true! Air needs to get to your dog's skin, or bacteria and moisture could get trapped, leading to uncomfortable and even infected hot spots and other skin irritation.

Myth #5 Your dog is born with a certain coat and you can't change it

Although coat quality is genetic to a large extent, lifestyle can drastically affect the nature of your dog's coat. A dry, sparse, or dull coat might be one of the first signs of a health problem in your dog. To maximise your dog's coat quality, try fish oil supplements (check with your vet first), and keep him on a high quality, balanced diet.

Myth #6 Longhaired dogs shed more than shorthaired dogs, and some dogs don't shed at all

All dogs shed, but different coats shed in different ways. Undercoat hairs might get stuck in the long guard hairs of a dog's overcoat, so you don't see hair around the house, but the coat is still shedding. Some longhaired dogs drop hair like humans and you might even notice it. Some "blow coat" a few times a year releasing big tufts into the air. Shorthaired dogs can be the



worst shedders of all, blanketing your clothes and furniture with a fine covering. What about “hypoallergenic”? The real source of allergens is skin dander. Since all dogs have skin, no dog is guaranteed hypoallergenic, although some allergic people may react more or less to dander from certain breeds.

Myth #7 Cutting the nail quick can kill your dog

Don't panic! If you cut the quick – vein that extends down your dog's nail – while trimming your dog's nails and it starts to bleed, there's no need to rush to the emergency vet clinic. The bleeding will stop long before your dog has lost enough blood to cause harm (and you can use a styptic pencil to help stop the blood flow). Of course, clipping the quick does hurt, which is reason enough to learn correct nail clipping technique.

Myth #8 If your dog doesn't like nail clipping or bathing, you should do it less often

Au contraire! Dogs thrive on routines, and if your dog hates nail clipping or bathing, that probably means you aren't doing it enough. When grooming chores become a frequent part of a regular routine, your dog will learn to accept them, and will be much less likely to object.

Myth #9 Brushing your dog's teeth doesn't really help

Interested in saving thousands on dental bills? Break out the brush. You can head off tartar formation and the resulting expensive vet bills by regular, daily brushing.

Myth #10 Dog breath is normal

Nope. Your dog's breath shouldn't stink. If it does, your dog may have dental decay, intestinal issues, or some other health problem. Talk to your vet for a check up. 🐾

Reprinted from Vet's All Natural

By Dr Bruce Syme

According to the National Summit to End Pet Overpopulation, approximately 200,000 healthy companion animals are euthanased each year. Up to 96 percent of stray and surrendered cats and kittens and 60 percent of stray and surrendered dogs are killed in some pounds and shelters around Australia.

By adopting a pound or refuge animal rather than purchasing your pet, you will save a life. But don't take the decision to bring a companion animal into your home lightly. As the old cliché goes, a pet is for life, not just for Christmas.

Here are some tips to consider when you're deciding on a new pet:

1. If you're adopting a dog choose one whose energy levels are in synch with yours. The amount of exercise required by a dog can be determined by its breed, size and age so pick a pet whose exercise requirements meet your passion for pavement pounding.
2. Consider consulting an animal expert when choosing your new pet. Animals confined to cages in animal shelters may take on atypical personality traits because they're cooped up so their energy levels and behaviours might not represent a true picture of the pet.
3. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions. It's not just a numbers game for the staff at animal shelters, they're looking to place pets in ideal homes. You can't tell our feline and canine friends by their furry covers so take some time to assess their personalities for yourself, asking how they get on with the staff, other animals at the shelter and their mealtime and toilet behaviour. The answers to these questions will help paint a picture of what the pet will be like to live with.

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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.

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4. If you're adopting a dog, take it for a 'test drive' (AKA a walk)! This will give you an idea of how he responds to one-on-one interaction and will allow you to dispel some of the frustration and anxiety of being cooped up in a cage.
5. Leave your emotions in the car. For the animal's sake as well as your own, try not to let the shelter environment sway your decision. You want to choose the right pet for your home, not simply the one you feel most sorry for.

If you're considering pet ownership, why not look into pet adoption? Check out your local RSPCA Australia, The Lost Dogs' Home, Pet Rescue or, if you're looking for a specific breed speak to the breeders club in your State to see if they have any pets looking to be re-homed. 🐾

Mortal man cannot conceive of the delicate shades of sentiment expressible by a dog's tail, unless he has studied the subject—the wag, the waggle, the cock, the droop, the slope, the wriggle.

—Robert Michael Ballantyne

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2016

Apr	Tues 19	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 24	NO TRAINING Obedience Trial
May	Fri 6	Nominations for Committee close
	Tues 17	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Fri 27	Annual General Meeting
June	Sun 12	NO TRAINING - Queen's Birthday w/end
	Tues 21	7.30 Committee Meeting

Unless otherwise stated the following activities are conducted each week:

Wednesday 6:30pm & 7:30pm Puppy Pre-School

Wednesday 6:00pm – 9.00pm Trial Training

Sunday 9.00am – 12:00pm

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