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Hi everyone,

This time of the year it seems our classes are constantly interrupted with long weekends; as nice as it is to have a break from work remember training our dogs is an ongoing effort. It's impossible to effectively train your dog in a one-hour class a week or one hurried session on Saturday afternoon.

Training does not need to be labour intensive or inconvenient. Be flexible and fit it in whenever you can. I'm sure your dogs love working in anticipation of a reward no matter what time. Spend a few minutes before feeding your dog or even during the commercials on tv. Even on a busy weekend, taking a short break with our dogs can be a great stress buster.

This is the time of year when we also put out a call for willing candidates to undertake our "in house" instructor training. As you are aware CDODC is totally volunteer run. Our instructors are the backbone of the club! Without them we couldn't continue to enrol new members, so they can start their journey of bonding with their dog and ending up with a dog who is a pleasure to interact with. During the past few years the demand for our classes has well outstripped what we can offer.

Our instructor course consists of both theory and practical aspects, including not only basic training techniques, dog behaviour and how to instruct a class of handlers. We realise that not many people have experience in this and we mentor you through until you feel confident in taking your own class. Much of the training is actual on the ground experience with an experienced instructor, just like when you first learned to drive it was the actual getting out there and practicing that taught you how to navigate the roads competently. Most of our instructors start with a feeling of trepidation

towards that first class but it's wonderful to watch them grow in confidence and skill with each class they instruct.

Being an exemplary dog handler or having a perfectly behaved dog is NOT a requirement to undergo our instructor training. Although this can be an advantage, so is having a dog that is a bit challenging or struggling to keep up with the class. Often these attributes lead to exceptional instructors who can relate and empathise with handlers. Just as in dog training, perseverance and persistence is a virtue, but most important is a desire to help others succeed with their dogs just as you have.

If you are interested in discussing becoming an instructor please let your instructor know so they can pass your name on to me, enquire at the office or email me at cdodcinstructor@gmail.com Alternately you can look for me at club any Sunday morning to have a chat.

As the weather starts to become a little less enjoyable please remember we will be here on Sunday mornings, rain, hail or shine. Wear sensible footwear as the ground can get quite soggy at times, make sure you have rain gear on hand but avoid coats that flap around that may distract your dog.

**Enjoy your dogs,
Barb**



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.

Kieren Ambrose & Ruby
Samantha Collis & Brodie
Katrina Dell & Evie
Rachelle Flynn & Alfie
Joel Huseby & Harry
Vicki Jacob & Tilly



Beryl McCarthy & Penny
Gaye Penny & Archie
Merinda Reid & Roxy
Jeanette Walters & Ribbon
Kira Witnish & Indi
Bryce Young & Ziva



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

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

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

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

AGM:	Friday 25th May 2018
Nominations close:	Friday 4th May 2018

Do you want a trophy?



All handlers whose dogs have gained a title since April 2018 are entitled to a trophy which will be presented at our A.G.M. Please give Ingrid Krueger a copy of your title Certificate. All pass/title information must be provided by no later than 31st March.

If you wish to be considered for one of our Perpetual Trophies, please make sure that you have listed all the passes you have received since last April and any qualifying scores you have earned in the Trials Results Book.

Remember the Committee does not have E.S.P.

How your dog really recognises itself



Reprinted from Readers Digest Feb 2018

By Lauren Rearick

Animals have more self awareness than first thought.

We can all admit to placing our dog in front of a mirror with the hopes that Fido might recognise himself. But despite the many unbelievable actions our pooches can perform recognising themselves in the mirror isn't one of them.

Instead, researchers are finding that a dog's keen sense of smell is how they know who they are. According to research published in the journal Behavioural Processes, dogs use their sense of smell for self-recognition. This new research supports previous studies debunking the idea that dogs can recognise themselves by looking at their reflection.

For the study, researchers used the 'sniff test' of self recognition on 36 domestic dogs. The rest was previously proven successful by Roberto Cazzolla Gatti, a researcher at the Biological Institute of Tomsk State University in Russia. In their original testing, Gatti and his team found that "dogs distinguish between the olfactory 'image' of themselves when it has been modified." They'll sniff for much longer when

their scent is doctored with another odour.

"Such behaviour implies a recognition of the odour as being of or from 'themselves'," Science Daily explains.

The researchers in the current study say the results offer compelling evidence of self-awareness in dogs. "They believe their findings can show"...that this capacity is not a specific feature of only great apes, humans and a few other animals, but it depends on the way in which researchers try to verify it. 🐾

Reminder

Renewals are due by the 1st May 2018 after that date we are bound by the club rules 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.

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.





Your Dog's Wagging Tail

How your dog's wagging tail can reveal it's 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." 🐾



Sarcoptic Mange



*Written by Dr Michael Bell
Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag*

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.

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 in to 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 non chemical 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.



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.

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



Membership Renewals (When must they be paid?)

The Club's financial year finishes on 31st March, 2018, and all memberships are due for renewal on that date. If you are not wearing a PINK 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 2018 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 dog(s) 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 ?/5/18 to the end of 2018 or early 2019.
- Your BLUE membership card (we'll swap it for a nice PINK 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 \$8.00 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 you dog under some shade with its fixed collar. 🐾

Notice to All Members



The Club enjoys a reasonable relationship with the people who live in the houses next to the grounds. We need to ensure, for the neighbours' sake, and especially for the Club's sake that no-one does anything to destroy the good relationship. There are three problem areas that all members must ensure that they do not infringe on our neighbours.

BARKING

In recent weeks some of the houses adjoining the Clubrooms have been disturbed by barking dogs on the grounds. Please ensure that you are aware of your dog's behaviour, and do not tolerate any barking by your dog. Barking not only disturbs our neighbours it also disrupts the classes and other activities around the Club.

PARKING

Another problem is members parking partially across the driveways of the houses, making it difficult, and in some cases impossible, for the owners to get their cars in and out of their homes. At present we have one neighbour who is getting very irate at some people who are parking partially across drives. He has threatened to take a baseball bat to any car he finds blocking his driveway, and he has collected signatures for a petition from the other

neighbours to council about the problem. To try and alleviate any conflicts and damage we have asked for a By-Laws Officer from Maroondah Council to check the streets around Silcock Reserve on Sundays. Your class runs for an hour and if you have to park further away it is better for the Club that you do rather than upset the neighbours. There are three advantages: one, our neighbours are not upset, the second is that you will not get booked, and thirdly the extra distance you have to walk to class will help to settle your dog down before you start in class. It is much better for all concerned if you are a little late than having our neighbours complain to us and the Council.

POOPING

The third problem we have is members allowing their dogs to relieve themselves on the neighbours' nature strips and it not being cleaned up. Under the Companion Animals Act it is an offence to leave dog's droppings on the street and you can be fined if you do. Always bring a plastic bag with you to clean up when you are outside the grounds, and then put the bag in one of the bins around the ground. Also please remember to clean up on the grounds. There are three bins and pooper scoopers put out each Sunday for this purpose. 🐾

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.





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 25th May, 2018 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 2018 – NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominate.....for the position(s) of:

- | | | |
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| <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 4th May 2018.

The Elections for the Committee of Management of CDODC will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 25th May, 2018

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

**The Committee of Management
hereby announce the
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the
CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE
DOG CLUB INC
7.30PM FRIDAY 25th MAY 2018
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

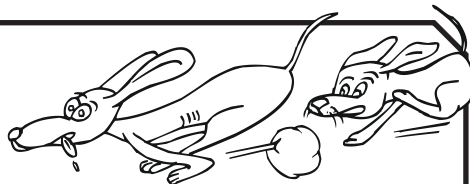
Each Family – Please bring a plate

**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 25th May, 2018). 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 has been a member since at least 31st December 2017, is eligible to be nominated for the 2018–2019 Committee.

NOMINATIONS must be lodged with the Club Secretary by 4th May, 2018.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP nominations need to be lodged with the Club Secretary for consideration by the review committee by **Sunday 8th April 2018.**



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.

We sell...

- 🐾 Sentinel
- 🐾 Training treats
- 🐾 Australian pigs ears
- 🐾 Biscuits
- 🐾 Toys and much more



Come and have a look at our products and our prices.

We can source most products so ask us if you can't see it.



Kiosk

Coffee/Tea/Hot Choc is available in the Kiosk every Sunday during training hours.

We also stock soft drinks, juices and water. Sausages are also on sale.



Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag Feb 2018

Written by Terri Macdonald

What does the “Puppy Farm Bill” mean for Dogs Victoria members?

Dogs Victoria members will be aware that the Domestic Animals Amendment (Puppy Farm and Pet Shops) Bill 2016 (the Bill was passed by the Victorian Parliament on 15th December 2017). This article gives a brief summary of the changes, how they came about, and what it means for Dogs Victoria breeders now.

This legislation makes it illegal for pet shops to source and sell puppies and kittens, unless they are from an approved shelter, rescue or pound. It also makes large scale commercial breeding of dogs and cats impossible and increases powers for statutory authorities and police that are investigating animal cruelty and welfare cases.

Members will no doubt recall that when the legislation was first introduced in 2016 it virtually made it impossible for Dogs Victoria breeders to continue to breed, and indeed, it stripped Dogs Victoria of its Applicable Organisation status and its self regulatory role. If passed, registered Dogs Victoria breeders would have been required to become Domestic Animal Businesses, follow a commercially based Code of Operation (which required dogs to be kept in concrete kennels, be monitored by councils (who also could decide to not grant DAB's in the first place) and all breeders be capped at 10 fertile females. Any breeders who had more than 10 fertile females needed to reduce by a set date, approximately 19 months from when the legislation was supposed to have passed.

For Dogs Victoria and its members, there was no way we could accept these extreme restrictions. Following our well executed and popular Puppies

Belong in the Home campaign that forced a parliamentary review of the legislation, it was clear to the government that if they wanted to keep their promise to ban puppy farms in Victoria they needed to rethink the legislation, and consult with stake holders, including Dogs Victoria.

Just over a year later, a vastly amended Bill passed in the Victorian Parliament. Much of the pre-existing rules were kept - although Dogs Victoria members are now able to keep up to 10 fertile females without being required to become a DABs and adhere to the commercial Code (before it was nine fertile females). Importantly, Dogs Victoria keeps its AO status and self regulatory role. However, there are changes, the most noticeable of which for Dogs Victoria members will be the establishment of a state run registry (known as the Pet Exchange Register) that will require anyone who is advertising for sale or to give away a puppy, kitten, dog or cat to apply for a source number. Dogs Victoria members will be known as “recreational breeders” under the registry, and will be on the registry for a period of 12 months (after which another application needs to be made). This registry doesn't come into effect until July 2019, after which all advertising must include a breeder's source number along with microchip numbers and your Dogs Victoria number (which have been required for some time now).

There are new rules for breeders with 11 or more fertile females, they need to be registered as Domestic Animal Businesses with their local council (as they were required to before the

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changes) but must also apply to be commercial breeders with the state government, and are capped at 50 fertile females. DABs with more than 50 fertile females have until April 2020 to reduce their numbers.

Further information on the changes for Dogs Victoria breeders can be found at the Departmental website (see <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/puppy-farm-legislation>).

Dogs Victoria has also created a FAQ page on the website (see <http://www.dogsvictoria.org.au/victorian-legislation/government-legislation/>) and members with further questions can email the Dogs Victoria legislation email at: legislation@dogsvictoria.org.au

Timeline

18th December 2017

The Puppy Farm Bill passes parliament and shortly after becomes law, amending the Domestic Animal Act.

10th April 2018

Unless specified otherwise (see below) the changes to the Puppy Farm Bill comes into effect.

1st July 2018

Pet shops will no longer be able to sell puppies and kittens sourced from breeders. They may sell puppies and kittens that come from foster/shelter/pounds.

1st July 2019

All advertisements for dogs and cats must include the animal's microchip number and the unique source number generated by the Pet Exchange Register.

10th April 2020

Existing dog breeding business must have reduced their fertile female dog numbers to 50 or less by not replacing retiring dogs. 🐾

Understanding Canine Epilepsy

Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag Mar/April

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. 🐾



Down Boy!

Reprinted from Pets Mag Feb/Mar 2018

You can stop your dog from jumping all over you when you arrive home and make separation anxiety less of an issue at the same time. Danielle Chenery chats to the experts to find out how.

There's no doubt about it: your dog is good for your ego. He's your number one fan and he's not shy about showing it. But as cute as it is to have your puppy jump all over you and your guests when you walk in the door, it's not what you want in the long term. And it's a behaviour that you need to nip in the bud from the get go.

Melanie Griffiths, pet expert at Mad Paws, Australia's largest pet sharing network, says dogs jumping up to greet you is a common problem for most dog owners. "It may be cute to you but, if ignored, your dog will exhibit the same jumping behaviour when she excitedly greets a child, elderly person or someone nervous around dogs.

Melanie says that while starting a positive greeting routine from puppyhood is the best way to establish good habits, it's never too late to start. "The golden rule is simply ignore the bad, reward the good. You may feel the need to

tell your dog 'no' when they jump to greet you but even that is a reward. To your dog, any sort of attention is great so even though you are politely explaining that you don't like it when he jumps up, all your pooch understands is, 'I jump up, she talks to me! This is great! I'll jump up all the time!'"

So what can you do to solve this pesky problem! "Although it may sound mean, the best way to train your pooch to stop jumping while greeting is to completely ignore him while he's jumping up," Melanie says. "Say nothing, cross your arms and turn your back until he calms down. Wait for all four paws to be on the floor and then go crazy with praise and pats. Consistency is critical; if some family members are following the rules and others are turning a blind eye to the jumping and rewarding it with attention, it can be a very confusing and unsettling for your dog."

Integrative vet, Dr Matthew Muir, of All Natural Vet Care in Sydney, agrees it is always best to reward desirable behaviours, including when pets are relaxing. "While difficult, it is recommended to wait for pets to calm down before giving them attention when you arrive home," he says. "If your pet jumps up on you, it is likely wanting your attention. You need to educate it that this is not a good way to ask for cuddles. It is much better for your pets to realise that if they sit and wait in a relaxed manner; they will get your attention faster."

Separation anxiety is a slightly different beast, however, and it can cause your pooch to behave in less than desirable ways when you're leaving the house. Nathan Williams dog behaviour specialist, says, "If the dog has access to the owner on the dog's terms constantly, then that becomes the dog's normality. The only thing the dog knows as normal is attachment. Separation anxiety is a result of unhealthy attachment.



Charmaine Lee Oodles of Spoodles



DOG GROOMING

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Down Boy! Cont.

And how can you tell if your dog is suffering from this condition? "If you don't have the ability to leave the room without your dog remaining relaxed, you definitely won't have the ability to leave your house without the dog getting anxious," Nathan says. "Saying hello and goodbye is irrelevant as the dog will obviously not understand. What is relevant, however, is the way you feel when you're arriving and leaving. Stress and excitement go hand in hand for dogs, so a major key is to interact in a calm, relaxed manner." Nathan recommends saying goodbye as you give a calming massage and to do the same thing when you arrive back home, but only once your dog is on his bed and has calmed down.

Rachael Romeo from Native Instinct Dog Training adds if your dog is already showing signs of nervousness on your departure or return home, it's time to be mindful of the cues you are giving her leading up to you leaving. "Cues could be putting your shoes on, turning off lights, picking up your keys, unlocking the front door or gate," she points out. She recommends putting in place a conditioning strategy to decrease your dog's anxiety associated with certain cues.

"Always give yourself extra time to leave or enter the home in a peaceful way to relay calmness to your dog. Don't make a big fuss about leaving or returning home," Rachael advises. "Quietly and calmly leave or enter like it's no big deal. The more you make leaving and returning home a big event associated with heightened physical and mental responses, the more your dog will mirror this behaviour and overreact. Gain insight and help from a qualified canine trainer for your individual circumstance and environment."

Rachael also recommends providing your dog with entertainment she can interact with while you are absent. "Examples may be stuffed/frozen Kongs, treasure hunt games, tug

springers, raw meaty bones, doggy ice block, treat release toys, dog TV or doggy swimming pools. These tools can be used so your dog can enjoy a fun activity while you leave your home, negating the onset of anxiety or replace the anxious feelings with happier ones. If time is not on your side, other methods that can help are employing a dog walker or taking your dog to doggy day care while you are out."

Rachael adds that exercise before leaving for longer periods of time and when you return is another helpful strategy. "Once your dog has had a workout, it will feel calmer and more relaxed. Remember, dogs wake up like a fully charged battery and as responsible guardians, it's our job to help them expend that energy, leading to a calm and happy companion. If your dog can expect (via a structured daily routine) when they will be able to release their energy in an appropriate way, they are less likely to pattern attention seeking or compulsive neediness towards their guardian," she explains.

Looking at your home environment can also be telling. "It's important to provide comfortable ergonomic bedding and a peaceful environment for your dog to enjoy in the home. A dog that lives in a calm, structured, relaxed and quiet household will relay that positive energy to their daily interactions and behaviour," Rachael says.

Of course, if you're still concerned, it's a good idea to seek help from qualified and ethical animal care professionals about your pet's behaviour. "Punishing treatment to achieve behaviour changes is not acceptable. These methods will only instill further anxiety and fear in your dog," Rachael says. "Getting your dog adequately examined by a veterinarian to rule out any underlying health issues that may contribute to their behaviour is also very important. 🐾"

These photos are NOT cute. They're dangerous!



It's estimated that children make up 60% to 70% of dog bites in the US each year.

Children are also more likely than adults to receive medical attention for dog bites.



Dogs are living creatures and each has its limits. Just because he usually tolerates it fine, doesn't mean he won't get fed up and rightfully defend himself some day.



Dogs should not have to tolerate uncomfortable treatment. Children should be taught to respect other creatures and learn that they have feelings too.



Expecting a dog to "deal with it" because he is the family dog is not fair and not realistic. Animals have emotions and will react accordingly.



Prevent Bites!

- Learn dog body language
- Teach children to respect animals
- Supervise children and dogs 100%
- Prevent and manage properly so kids and dogs are never alone together for any period of time. It only takes a second for something to happen.

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Natural Rearing

By Heather Simpson

We are what we eat, not only goes for humans but also for our dogs. Natural Rearing is exactly what it means, feeding and rearing your dogs as close to their natural wild state as possible.

The dog is a meat eater with strong jawbones, very muscular stomach, short intestines and very powerful digestive juices. In the wild, dogs rip open their prey, firstly eating the stomach, then the offal, leaving the muscle meat to last and often burying the meat. Meat is highly concentrated in vitamins and minerals, and should always be fed raw. Domestic dogs who are fed large lumps of raw meat, on or off the bone, and some offal in their diets, are exercising to the full capacity both the muscular stomach and utilisation of the digestive juices.

But raw meat alone does not make a healthy dog. As far as the canine diet goes, to receive a balance of minerals and vitamins in addition to their meat meal, you should be adding fresh and raw vegetables and fruit. Dogs will often eat fruit that has fallen on the ground. Some dogs even stand on their hind legs and shake fruit trees until the fruit falls down. Wild dogs will always eat various herbs and grasses for different reasons.

There are many herbs that can be grown in the backyard for your dogs to browse on – pet grass, comfrey, lemon balm, garlic, borage, parsley, sweet basil, horehound, sweet woodruff and various mints - these are but a few herbs that dogs will eat and can be easily grown. Tropical fruits of all kinds are very beneficial for your dog and most will love the new taste. Many breeders know the benefit of garlic daily in the meal, it can be either crushed raw or given in tablet form or granulated form. Seaweed or kelp tablets are also very rich in minerals as is Spirulina. Root vegetables are high in sulphur, magnesium, zinc and other trace elements, all

very essential for a healthy animal. Most dogs will eat fruit and vegetables whole, because they love the crunchy sounds and taste. When adding to the meat meal, blend various fruits and vegetables together and mix in with the meat in a puree form.

To give our domestic dogs the roughage that they would naturally eat from their prey's stomach, a breakfast mixture of the following is suggested. In a large bin or bucket, mix together – rolled white rice flakes, rolled brown rice flakes, rolled oats, rolled barley, rolled rye, wheat germ, bran, crushed nuts, sesame seeds, corn meal, and bone meal (pure and natural if you can get it). Take one small handful of this mixture and leave to soak in a bowl with a large spoonful of pure natural honey and water to cover the mixture. The water from your cooked vegetables could be added as well, or you may wish to add any of the herbal teas which need to be brewed and strained. This breakfast mixture should only be given five days a week. Each week let your adult dogs fast for one day. Making sure they have plenty of fresh water available at all times. Never let algae form in their water bowls. Fasting the dog one day a week, gives the stomach a chance to rest. Sometimes, in the wild, dogs go many days without food, so don't feel guilty about fasting your dog.

Preparing your dog's dinner will take more time and maybe extra money, but your veterinary bills will be far less. Garlic is nature's antibiotic as it contains natural sulphur to cleanse the blood and purify the system. Fruits contain high amounts of vitamin C and potassium. YES dogs do need vitamin C. Healthy dogs do not need a great deal of food, if food is given as suggested the body will utilise every bit. Bones such as marrow bones, lamb or pork shanks can be given once or twice a week - RAW.

Do NOT cook bones as this makes them brittle



and can easily splinter in the dogs throat or stomach. If it is possible, whole rabbits with the fur ON can be given.

During the winter months give your dogs cod liver oil, (it helps to warm the blood) one teaspoonful a few times each week. During the summer months, add cold pressed oil to the meat meal. Oil such as - olive oil, corn oil, maize oil, one teaspoonful should be given a few times each week. Three times a week add an egg to the dinner. White cottage cheese can be given occasionally. Fish is also another thing to vary the diet, e.g. a small can of sardines in oil can be added once or twice a week. Extremely beneficial to the dog would also be a weekly dose of acidophilus, natural bacteria for the stomach.

Basically what I am saying, your dog needs a well balanced diet of raw meat, raw vegetables, raw fruit and raw cereals to bring it back to nature. Yes canned and dry food are much easier, but your dog could be healthier, thus not suffering from as many allergies and cancers. The animal will recover faster from any sickness or operations.

If your dog has had a major operation or is seriously ill, nature will work better at healing if the dog is fasted for a day or two. Making sure that you give plenty of water with pure honey added and also a few drops of pure garlic juice (maybe bought at health food stores). If the dog has lost a lot of blood in an operation, give any of the berry family - raspberry, blueberry, mulberry, loganberry, these fruits will help build up the red blood cells again in the dogs system.

Do you know what chemicals and additives are in the cans and dry food that you feed your animals?

Many breeders who feed their animals dry food are finding many things going wrong with their breeding stock, particularly if many generations

of animals have been fed this way. Different forms of cancers are very much a part of the canine world these days. Bitches don't come in season, males have low sperm counts, puppies who are born with defects (stomachs or brains outside the body, no legs, no sex organs, and other deformities). We are only now finding out about what a high build up of chemicals do to humans and also our pets. Apart from what preservatives and chemicals are in a can of dog food or the packet of dry food, the dog does not exercise its jaw or stomach muscles. You have only to see what comes out the other end to judge if it can be doing your dog any good.

Now there is another part to a healthy dog, exercise and housing. Dogs are by nature hunters, thus they love to run for long stretches, not just going for a walk. Most dogs, if given the chance, also love to swim and it is the best exercise a dog can have. In today's cities, it is very hard to find some place that you can let your dog off lead, so try at weekends to take your dogs out into the country to somewhere that you can let them off or go for a swim. Encourage young dogs to be social with older ones and visa versa, dogs generally like to have companions to play with. Kennels and pens should have a mixture of grass and concrete in them. All dogs like to eat grass and most will also eat dirt. It is a very sad fact that many dogs live in a kennel day in, day out. I'm sure it is the equivalent to a long term prison sentence for us humans.

Fleas are another problem that many people let their dogs and cats suffer from. There is no reason whatsoever for our pets to have fleas. If your animals have fleas, start a major clean up. Wash thoroughly ALL bedding, adding eucalyptus oil to the final rinse water. Spray ALL the kennel area, especially all cracks with a long acting surface spray, or a mixture of eucalyptus oil and water, Thursday Plantation

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Natural Rearing cont.

Tea Tree oil or pennyroyal oil may also be used, these all kill fleas instantly. This may have to be done at monthly intervals until all the eggs of the fleas have hatched (which may take up to nine months). Wash your dogs regularly with a coconut oil based shampoo with nature's own flea repellent added to the shampoo PENNYROYAL OIL. Pennyroyal oil can be bought from health food stores in 25ml bottles, add this to shampoo and shake well. This will not only kill off the fleas that are on your dog, but also leave the animals smelling like peppermint. Thursday Plantation Tea tree oil or eucalyptus oil can be used in the same manner, but take care when first using it, as some dogs may have sensitive skins if too much is used. Do not use eucalyptus oil straight on the skin and never give by mouth – it is poisonous and can burn the skin.

There are many natural products that can be used on dogs. Whenever your dog has an open cut or wound, Pure Thursday Plantation Tea Tree Oil can be poured straight on the wound. Aloe Vera gel is very good for rashes. Freshly squeezed lemon juice works wonders on dermatitis and eczema. Comfrey cream on sprains and bruises. Pure natural yoghurt should be given to puppies whom you suspect of "Fading Puppy Syndrome". Pure yoghurt can also be given to dogs on very hot days to help cool them down. Dogs suffering from arthritis have responded very well to tablets called "New Zealand Green Lipped Mussel Extract". This usually takes about three weeks to work but by then the dog is generally up and running around like a young pup. Vitamin E capsules help wounds heal faster. White dogs that have a yellow tinge to their coats generally need a diet high in sulphur e.g. - turnips, parsnips, cabbage, rockmelon, watermelon, bananas. A teaspoon of Apple Cider Vinegar should be given with the meat meal daily. After about six weeks the coats usually return to a pristine white.

Coloured dogs who have a reddish tinge to a coat that should be black, are generally lacking in copper and magnesium in their diet, but don't over do the amounts of minerals that you give.

Well the list could go on and on. There are many books on herbs and natural rearing products for humans, as for pets, these books I can strongly recommend are "The Complete Herbal Handbook for Dogs and Cats" by Juliette de Bairacli Levy, an Australian book "Natural Pet Care" by Pat Coleby and "Give Your Dog a Bone" by Dr. Ian Billinghurst and a more recent book which give the scientific reasons where different foods are functional for dogs is "Canine Nutrigenomics" by Dr. Jean Dodds and Diana Laverdure. There are many new books on the market that give in-depth accounts of natural diets for your canine. These books go into great detail on how Mother Nature is still the best medicine.

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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).

Obedience Trialers' Report



Every February a contingent of Croydon obedience triallers enjoys a lovely holiday combined with six obedience trials held over two weekends in the coastal town of **Bermagui, NSW**. Rally trials are also held mid week. We were thrilled when **Russ Grosvenor (pictured top right)** and **Killara Miss Fisher CD TD RA, (Phryne)** gained their Novice title. On the first night they placed 1st on a score of 197, judged by Vickie Harris. They got their title the following night, again placing 1st on a score of 189, Judged by Lynn Elliott. Congratulations Russ and Phryne.



Kerry Salomon (pictured right) had an great day with her young Aussie Shepherd **Ellagant Work It At Ausranch (Cooper)** on a hot day at **Southern Trial** held on 15th March. In CCD they scored 92 placing 2nd in the morning under Mrs N Meaney and then 94 and 1st place in the afternoon Judged by Ms Merrae Balaam.



CDODC had a good contingent at the **OTEC Easter Trials** last week. Four of our team had great success. In the **Utility Dog Class**, **Rebecca McGroarty** and **Adderslot Midnight Charmer CDX RE (Char) (pictured bottom left)** placed 1st on a score of 189 judged by Mr Charlie Giles.

In **Utility Ring 2**, **Lorraine Holland** and **T.Ch Tullacrest Celtic Drift (AI) CDX RN (Drift) (pictured below centre)** got 2nd place, score 183, judged by Mr Graham Eades.

In the **Open Ring**, **Anne Rogers** and **Tiakina Thats All Jazz CD RE (Jazz)** placed 2nd, scoring 186, judged by Mr Barry Cotton.

In the Novice Ring, **Richard Stewart** and **Oakridge Regatta CCD RE (Jack) (pictured bottom right)** placed 4th, scoring 183. Judged by Mr Ross Carlson.

Congratulations team! To those of us that didn't quite make it on the day – there is always another trial and remember to take home a positive.





Rally O Trial Results

For many years **Bega Valley Kennel & Obedience Club** and the **Sapphire Coast Kennel & Obedience Club** based in Bermagui, NSW have combined to conduct a series of dog shows, Obedience trials and Rally O trials over the second week of February. Because of the usual warmer weather in that area at this time of year most of the trials are held in the evening beginning at 6:00 or 7:00pm. Both weekend and mid-week sessions are held. A contingent of CDODC members travel north each year to camp, caravan or hire a holiday house for the week. The whole town supports the event and becomes a very dog-friendly location encouraging participants from far and wide to travel to this idyllic setting.

This year two CDODC members entered one or both of the two Rally O trials:

Russ Grosvenor and his GS dog **Phryne** in Rally Advanced scored 99, first place, on Wednesday 14th and a further Rally Advanced score of 99, first place, on Thursday 15th. Fantastic work Russ and Phryne.

Bobbee Terrill with Rottweiler **Lola** also achieved a first place in Rally Advanced B with a score of 92 on Thursday 15th.

(Thank you to Anne Mann for reporting the scores from up north.)

A very excited **Kerry Salomon** reported on her fantastic day at **Southern Obedience Dog Club** trials on 17th March, 2018.

Here is Kerry's report: An amazing day with our young Aussie Shepherd "Cooper" – Ellagant Work It At Ausranch – 4 passes from 4 entries, on a very hot day at Southern Trial.

In Rally Novice – 88 and 3rd in the ring under Mrs J Morrison this morning and then 99 and 3rd in the ring this afternoon under Gordon Parsons. This gives him his Rally Novice Title.

So proud of how he worked in the very hot windy conditions today and thanks to the great contingent of Croydon triallers for support.

Well done Kerry. Absolutely horrible conditions for trialling yet the team of Kerrie and Cooper excelled. No wonder you are excited!!

The Obedience, Tracking and Endurance Committee of Dogs Victoria conducts (two Obedience Trials on the Saturday of Easter and) two Rally O Trials on the Sunday of Easter, all trials held at KCC Park. A number of CDODC members entered the Rally O Trials today. The weather was kind and the results below a credit to the handlers and their dogs.

Pauline Williams sent in the following report:

Pleased to report two Croydon members that I know of got novice passes today. In Rally Novice Chester and I got 99 (first place) in the morning and 98 (third place) in the afternoon.

Nicole Savannah and her dog **Boon** got 97 in the morning and ta-da!! 100 in the afternoon and highest scoring dog in trial!

Well done ladies, fantastic scores in your first Rally O trials.

Kerry Salomon also competed in this trial and explains:

Cooper and I had our first outing into Rally Advanced today and received a nice pass of 94 points under judge Mark Klecka this morning. This score was 7th place in the ring. He worked nicely, other than having to "kiss" the 2 Easter Bunnies in the Figure 8 with distractions.

This afternoon he was less accurate in his performance and after 2 retriees, I let him down by requesting a 3rd re-try. Having not needed to use retriees very often, I had not remembered that 2 is the limit per course, so despite finishing the course successfully, we were NQ'd. I won't be making that mistake again.

Well done Kerry in your first go at Rally Advanced off-lead.

Gary McArthur
Rally Obedience Coordinator

Flyball Report



We had a fantastic end to 2017. We hosted a Flyball competition at the Lilydale Show in November 2017, which was a great success, after some early trepidation and a slow start. It was a steep learning curve, but we are all the better for having been through it. Who knew there was so much paperwork to file, procedures to follow, rules, regulations, judges to organise, etc. Luckily, we had a great team who all chipped in.

Apart from minor hiccups and somewhat lack of sponsorship because we started late, the team really pulled together and put on a great event. The day was glorious, the raffle was fantastic (thanks Deb and Tiarne), prizes looked exceptional (thanks Rachael), the set up was as expected, and the only thing that went a bit wrong on the day was there was no PA system we were advised would be there. Jenny Millar from Hastings Dog Club came to the rescue with her own unit that she had brought with her as emergency and saved the day.

We had 15 teams there, and everyone and their dog had fun. It was loud, it was fun, and definitely a crowd pleaser, everything that is expected at a flyball competition.

Many thanks to the CDODC Committee for their support and the Croydon Rockets team for pulling together and making it great!

Also special thanks to Eastside Flyers Flyball team for lending us the jumps for the competition (thanks Anne C!!), Andrew Metha, Nathan Moody and Geoff for helping out with marking out the ring, and Jenny Millar for the loan of the PA. Thanks to the Lilydale Show Committee and organisers for giving Croydon the opportunity and support to show-off Flyball competitions again. Thanks also to our sponsors without whom our raffle wouldn't have shined.

Flyball is truly a team sport, a community. There is competition, yet, there is so much camaraderie, and an extremely fun thing to do with your dog. You just have to hear us at training to know what the dogs think of the sport.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at CDODC who have supported and helped me over the last 6 years as Flyball Coordinator, and welcome Debra Moody as the new Flyball Coordinator. Debra has been instrumental in keeping the team organised, so it was just natural that she expanded herself in an official capacity. We look forward to many good things with Deb at the helm.

We had a great start to 2018, but I'll let Deb update you on that in the next edition. Congratulations Deb!!

Florence Chiu

Sponsors of the Croydon Rockets team at the Lilydale Show 2017



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.

Essentials that all children should know...

- **NEVER** approach a strange dog unless the owner is present.
- **ALWAYS** ask the owner before you pat or play with their dog.
- **TAKE** care not to get dogs over-excited when you play with them – don't scream or wave your arms. Don't grab or cuddle a dog around the neck, as this can frighten it.
- **LEAVE** dogs alone when they are eating or are near their food.
- **DON'T** surprise a sleeping dog.



"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They might be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

Bonnie Wilcox



2018

April	Tues 17	7.30 Committee Meeting
	Sun 22	NO TRAINING - Obedience & Rally Trial
May	Fri 4	Nominations for Committee Close
	Tues 15	7.30 Committee Meeting
	Fri 25	Annual General Meeting
June	Sun 10	NO TRAINING - QUEENS B'DAY
June	Tues 19	7.30pm Committee Meeting

Unless otherwise stated the following activities are conducted each week:

Wednesday 6:30pm and 7:30pm Puppy Pre-School
Sunday 9.00am – 12:00pm:

Obedience Training – Puppies, Basic, Advanced.

Tuition in: Obedience Trialling · Rally O

· Flyball Training · Agility Training

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