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President's Report



A very warm welcome back to our Volunteers and to our new members.

The first official day of enrolments proved to be running very smoothly thanks to the extensive preparation, planning and cooperation between the volunteers and new members.

Happy training.

Chris Krueger

CDODC President



Dog training classes are for owners, not dogs. Class is where owners receive instruction in how to train their dogs; The work of training takes place *between* classes, not *in* class.

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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



Buy a pup and your money will buy
Love unflicking that cannot lie.

— Rudyard Kipling



Chiefly Chatter

Welcome back to our existing members and a warm welcome to our new members who stood in line on 7th February to join our club and start their journey of dog training.

So far we have been relatively lucky with the weather. If we do strike a hot Sunday, your instructor may decide that it's too hot for your dogs to be working, and sit down under the trees and discuss the lesson with you. It is rare that we cancel training for any reason, but if we do, your instructor will be in touch with you to let you know.

Our new Intermediate class will commence in March. This class will be for those who have passed B2 and would like to 'do a bit more' or solidify certain exercises. Not only will we be working on basic obedience skills but there will also be a few fun exercises that will help you with Agility, Flyball, Rally and Advanced Obedience. Class size will be limited, so pop into the clubroom and register your interest on the list (on the table) as soon as possible.

This time of the year is the start of recruitment of instructors for the club. Our instructors are the backbone of CDODC, without them we would merely be a social club of dog enthusiasts. Yes, we are all time poor, but volunteering with CDODC especially as an instructor is extremely rewarding. Our instructor training is done 'in house', on Sunday afternoon, it's lots of fun, and we even supply lunch!

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.**



Not only are you given the skills to help others on their journey to bonding with their dog, you pick up a lot of extra skills in handling your own dog. It's win-win. If you think this is something you would like to do, please register your interest at cdodcinstructor@gmail.com or at the office, or come and speak to me, I'm only too happy to discuss how much fun we have as instructors.

**Enjoy your dogs!
Barbara Schubert**



Please remember...

**Current
Membership
Card**



Training

**No
Membership
Card**



No Training

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.

Bernadette Baker & Diego
Liam and Amy Cusack & Pepper
Elise Davine & Bella
Barry Gange & Sebastian
Cameron Gardiner & Roxy
Davina Halls & Redmond
Megan Hanel & Bella
Peter Holdaway & Jack
Carol Jones & Bella
Janine Kennedy & Monty



Susan MacMillan & Pip
Winston Marsh & Pollyanna
Fer-Lene Ooi & Pyrus
Elizabeth Owen & Gina
Frank Perrotta & Leo
Rachel Quagliani & Pablo
Tony Robinson & Ralph
Warren Smith & Kirby
Paul Swann & Bella
Catherine Wundele & Ash



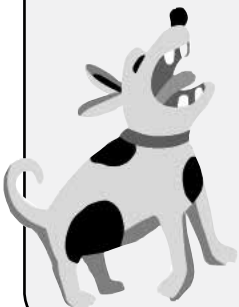
YELLOW BANDANNA?

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. 🐾



Instructor Training 2016

- **Do you love dogs?**
- **Are you interested in strengthening your training skills?**
- **Are you interested in helping others learn to train their dogs?**
- **Can you volunteer an hour or two each week?**
- **Would you like to make new friends with a common interest?**
- **If the answer is 'yes', then why not consider becoming an instructor?**

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!

We offer a comprehensive, fun and very hands-on short 12 week course. Instructors are trained 'in house' in the most current methods of force free, positive reinforcement training, and also the techniques on how to teach these

skills to fellow handlers. Included is a theory component and on the ground practical training. All the tools required to make you a success are provided.

Not only do you help the club and new handlers that started off just as you did, you will improve your own dog handling skills, becoming much more proficient as a dog handler.

You will gain a network of friendly and supportive colleagues.

But most of all you will find it extremely rewarding and fulfilling.

Our next course is anticipated to start in May. Speak to your current instructor or drop in at the office to register your interest or email the Chief Instructor Barb at cdodcinstructor@gmail.com — Make that decision — don't delay, email today!



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.

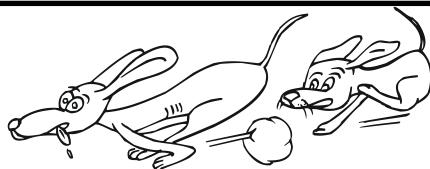
Whether you currently own a dog or not you can be a Foster Carer. Often people who foster are 'between' dogs are not currently in a position to commit to a dog long term.

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.

SPACE ETIQUETTE FOR DOGS

To: People with...
"Friendly Dogs", Off-Leash Dogs and Retractable Leash Dogs



NEWSFLASH: Running up to another dog and ignoring requests to go away is not "friendly"; it is rude.

Just like people, DOGS NEED PERSONAL SPACE. If a stranger came up and put his hand on your body, you'd be allowed to step back, yell, and push him away. Dogs have the same right to enforce their boundaries. Some dogs are called "reactive" because they are more sensitive than others. Reactive dogs are good dogs, they just need more distance and compassionate training. You can help them by honoring their need for personal space.

1. NEVER LET YOUR OFF-LEASH DOG GO UP TO AN ON-LEASH DOG.
2. LOCK RETRACTABLE LEASHES WHEN YOU SEE OTHER DOGS.
3. ASK BEFORE APPROACHING OR PETTING ANY DOG.
4. HAVE COMPASSION FOR PEOPLE WITH SHY OR REACTIVE DOGS.

Please do not chase us. Let us pass without interaction and keep your judgements to yourself.

inspired by: notesfromadogwalker.com functionalfrewards.com

CAN MY DOG
SAY HI?

SORRY, NO. I HAVE
A DOG THAT NEEDS
SPACE.
THANK YOU.

Lili
doggiedrawings.net



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. 🐾



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

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

Canine DNA tells a tale

Reprinted from the Herald Sun 21/10/15

Where did dogs first arrive on the scene? A US study of modern doggie DNA points to Central Asia, near Nepal. Dogs arose from wolves 15,000 years ago. Previous studies suggested China or Europe as the location. The new work by Cornell University researchers is based on dog DNA from 38 countries.

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.



CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
NEW MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION
(Membership expires 31st March next year)

Office Use Only	
CDODC Membership N°	
Linked Member	
Dogs Victoria M'ship N°	

NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL*** ☐ **EXISTING MEMBERSHIP N°** _____

**Renew online between 1st February and 30th April. Visit <https://www.cdodc.com.au/membership-renewal/>*

SURNAME _____ **GIVEN NAME** _____

ADDRESS _____

SUBURB _____ **POSTCODE** _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

MOBILE _____ **EMAIL** _____

AGE OF HANDLER (if under 18 years): _____ (Please complete and attach the Parental Agreement Form)

1st DOG: Name _____ Breed _____ D.O.B. _____ / _____ / _____

Vaccination Due _____ / _____ / _____ PPS ☐ Pups ☐ B1 ☐ B2 ☐ Other ☐

Instructor _____ Class date _____ / _____ / _____ Class Time _____

Does your dog react in a negative manner towards other people or dogs? YES ☐ NO ☐

Where did you acquire your dog? Pet Shop ☐ Breeder ☐ Rescue/Shelter ☐

2nd DOG: Name _____ Breed _____ D.O.B. _____ / _____ / _____

Vaccination Due _____ / _____ / _____ PPS ☐ Pups ☐ B1 ☐ B2 ☐ Other ☐

Instructor _____ / _____ Class date _____ / _____ Class Time _____

Does your dog react in a negative manner towards other people or dogs? YES ☐ NO ☐

Where did you acquire your dog? Pet Shop ☐ Breeder ☐ Rescue/Shelter ☐

For additional dogs attach another form.

I have read and agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions of Membership of the Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ / _____ / _____

RENEWALS ONLY: The Club will accept renewals via post. Please post your completed renewal form to:

CDODC Inc., PO Box 465, Croydon, 3136. Please enclose copies of:

- Valid photo ID of person applying for membership
- Secondary proof of address i.e. Utility bill
- Stamped self-addressed envelope
- Dog(s) current vaccination certificate
- Cheque or money order (NO CASH)
- Dogs Victoria membership (if applicable)

All photocopies will be returned to you with your new membership card.

Office Use Only

Joining fee (\$30.00 – New members only)	\$
Membership (\$30.00 per year)	\$
Training Fee (\$30.00 per dog, per year)	\$
Insurance Levy (\$7.50 Non Dogs Victoria member)	\$
TOTAL	\$

<input type="checkbox"/>	VACCINATION CERT.
<input type="checkbox"/>	PHOTO I.D.
<input type="checkbox"/>	EVIDENCE OF ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/>	CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER
<input type="checkbox"/>	DOGS VICTORIA MEMBERSHIP
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Heatstroke in dogs

With Summer well and truly in full swing - some tips on avoiding and dealing with heatstroke in your dog.

Reprinted from Pets Mag By Dr Katrina Warren

With summer upon us, the sweltering temperatures can be deadly for dogs. It is important to never leave your pet in the car during the summer months as they can suffer heatstroke or die. Even with the windows down, the temperature in a car still rises to dangerous levels very quickly. It can take less than 10 minutes for a dog to die inside a car if the temperature rises.

Heatstroke is a very serious condition caused by a marked elevation in body temperature. It usually occurs on hot or humid days, especially if a dog has been confined to a hot place, such as a car. Dogs can also overheat after too much exercise and over exertion.

What causes heatstroke?

Unlike us, dogs do not sweat and instead control their body temperature by increasing their rate of breathing and panting. If a dog's breathing is compromised, this increases the risk of heatstroke. Breeds with squashed noses, such as Bulldogs, Pugs and Staffies, have short airways and can develop heatstroke more easily. Special care must be taken to avoid these dogs overheating during summer.

Signs

- Elevated body temperature – one that is greater than 39.5°C
- Panting persistently and quickly
- Looking stressed

- Vomiting and diarrhoea
- Weakness and muscle tremors
- Collapsing and having a seizure

What should I do?

If you suspect that your dog has suffered heatstroke and has an elevated temperature, try to cool it down and take it to your veterinarian.

- Offer it cool water
- Wet its coat with cool shower water
- Place a cool wet towel over it for transport

- Turn on your car's air conditioning to maximum

You should also take this approach if your dog has collapsed, is convulsing or non responsive.

How to prevent heatstroke

- Don't leave your dog unattended in the car
- Make sure your pet has shade at all times, keeping in

mind that the sun will move throughout the day. On very hot days, dogs can still over heat in the shade so it is best to keep your dog indoors.

- Make sure there is cool water available at all times during the day. Water bowls need to be kept in the shade or the water temperature can become very hot. Make sure the bowls can't be tipped over – ceramic or terracotta bowls are great. I recommend leaving two water bowls out.
- Exercise in morning or evening avoid exercising your dog during the heat of the day when the sun is beating down. Be aware that the pavements can also get extremely hot and burn your pet's feet. 🐾



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. 🐾

BEWARE THE FLYING PET

Reprinted from Royal Auto

Pets can be a flying missile in a crash incident, so buckle up!

RACV says pets travelling in a vehicle should wear a restraint, for their safety and yours, as it protects the driver or passengers of a vehicle from being hit by their beloved pet in a crash. Also, pet restraints reduce the risk of pets distracting the driver or escaping from the vehicle.

By law, dogs must be restrained in any moving vehicles or trailer, the maximum fine for breaching the law is \$500.

Carriers for small pets are available from RACV shops. Other pet restraints, including car harnesses, nets or cage barriers for station wagons, can either be bought from the RSPCA by calling 1300 300 662 or at major pet stores. 🐾





GREGORY TULLOCH

13th April 1930—16 November 2015

Greg became involved in the "Obedience World" in 1958 with a German Shepherd Dog, later on with his preferred breed Labrador Retrievers. He was successful in obtaining Obedience titles with the German Shepherds and his beloved Labradors. Greg and Betty had two German Shepherd Dogs "Hale" and "Sunny". When Labradors arrived there was "Koppa", "Rusty", "Opal", "Pearl" and "Lily".

Greg became a member of the Kennel Control Council of Victoria (later to become the Victorian Canine Association Inc.) in 1958 to be able to Show his German Shepherd Dog. He joined the Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club in 1959 because it was felt that the puppy needed some Obedience training. This began a long association with CDODC. Greg was soon involved with the CDODC committee, being Treasurer in 1963, instructing the Trial class in 1966 and President in 1967/68 and 1968/69.

Greg was actively involved in many clubs, in the training, instructing and administration. Apart from Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club, Greg was involved with the Victorian Obedience Dog Club, Southern Obedience Dog Club and a member of the Labrador Retriever Club of Victoria. Greg and Betty joined the Alexander Dog Obedience Club in 1992 and are Patrons of that Club. He was also the first President of the Association of Dog Training clubs of Victoria. Greg was also Chair of the Richard Silcock Reserve committee of management (CDODC ground).

When Greg's work commitments as a Civil Engineer/Surveyor and his dog activities allowed, he loved nothing more than spending time on Lake Eildon with their Cabin Cruiser and Speedboat for Water Skiing. Greg and Betty later bought a House at Lake Eildon.

Greg commenced his Obedience judging career in 1964 and was actively involved in the Obedience judging world until 2007. He held licences to judge all Obedience classes, Agility/Jumping classes, Tracking tests and Endurance tests. Greg was a VCA accredited Instructor and a member of the Obedience Judges/Instructors testing panel being an accredited tester of trainee judges.

Greg served on OTEC (as it is now known) for some 17 years.

Greg also served on various KCC (Dogs Victoria) committees including Judges Appeal Tribunal, Disciplinary Appeals committee, By-Laws committee. He was also a VCA Representative for all disciplines.

During his judging career, Greg travelled widely throughout Australia including Victoria, New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory, South Australia and Tasmania. The highlights of his judging career were judging at the 1973

Interesting facts on dogs

Reprinted from Guide Dog Victoria newsletter

Gestation length for Labradors is between 60 and 63 days (or approximately 9 weeks).

Pups' eyes open at 8-10 days of age and their ears between 13-17 days of age. Before this they find 'mum' using her scent and warmth.

Dogs have been in close association with humans for at least 9,000 years, possibly up to 14,000 years.

All modern dog breeds trace their ancestry to wolves: this is reflected in their current classification of *Canis lupus familiaris*, a sub-species of the Grey Wolf. The dingo is also a sub-species: *Canis lupus dingo*.

Genetically speaking scientists estimate that dogs and wolves have been separated for around 100,000 years however the majority of our modern dog breeds have been in existence for less than 300 years.

Dingos were brought to Australia by aboriginal people between two and three thousand years ago. By comparison, Indigenous Australians have been present on the Australian continent for around 70,000 years. 🐾

Pal International Dog Show in Sydney, the 1974 Royal Melbourne Show, the Tasmanian 1988 National Show in Launceston and several National Trials and State Trials here in Melbourne.

In 1975, Greg was appointed to the RASV Stewards Panel for the Dog Section of the Royal Melbourne Show and has officiated in that capacity at every Royal Melbourne Show until recent years.

Greg was a Life Member of the Croydon and District Obedience Dog Club Inc., the Victorian Obedience Dog Club Inc., The Victorian Canine Association Inc. (formerly the Kennel Control Council of Victoria), and the Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria.

When Greg retired he remained a member of various VCA Committees. Also stayed very involved in the Obedience and administration within the several Clubs to which he belonged.

*Memories build a special bridge
when loved ones have to part*

*And bring us peace of mind to
soothe a grieving heart.*

Clive Makepeace

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.



*A new trick to
teach your dog.....*



The Ten Worst Things to Feed Your Dog

In the twelve years that I have been practicing veterinary medicine I have noticed that there is a repeated trend in the type of foreign bodies that I have had to remove from the bowels of our canine friends.

You might find it useful to know what the ten worst offenders are, so that you can take steps to avoid them. Some of the items are often fed to dogs in the common belief that they are harmless, others the dogs themselves have found and ingest without their owners knowledge.

Here are my ten worst offenders:

1. Cooked bones (chop bones, ham bones etc)
2. Stones and rocks (gravel)
3. Corn Cobs
4. Fish hooks
5. Mango seeds & Avocado seeds
6. Super Balls

7. Macadamia nuts
8. Rubber bits - sink plugs, caps off shock absorbers etc
9. Plastic bags
10. String (baling twine, wool & fishing line etc)

Things that I have not personally had to remove, but which many of my associates have had to remove include:

1. Hardware such as screws and nails.
2. Cloth (One of my colleagues removed an entire shirt out of the stomach of a dog!)
3. Wine corks

Take care with all of the above items and help prevent major abdominal surgery for your beloved pets! If your dog loves to chew, make sure you give him or her something that's purpose designed to be good for your dog such as Nylabone or Kong. 🐾

CDODC Tracking passes

Kennel & 'call' name	Owner	Date	Venue	Grade
Dual Ch (T), Track & Search CH Rosarott Basko's Pride (Basko) CDX, RE, HSA(s)	Bobbee Terrill	23.10.2015	German Shepherd Dog Club Vic Inc	TSD T 8 Good Track & Search Champion title
T Ch Kardibroke Lilac Belle (Bella) CDX, RAE, TSDX	Jacinta Burke	24.10.2015	German Shepherd Dog Club Vic Inc	TSD T 6 Very Good TSDX title



Do you want a trophy?

All handlers whose dogs have gained a title since 1st April 2015 are entitled to a trophy which will be presented at our AGM. Simply give Ingrid Krueger a copy of your Title Certificate.

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

Obedience Triallers' Report



Our December trial went really well with warm weather but plenty of cloud cover keeping the temperature down. Some lovely performances and of course the usual disappointments, but that's trialling.

Our entries were down due to Dogs Victoria holding their 'Summer Spectacular' on the same day, which was disappointing. Nevertheless we still had good attendance.

Huge thanks to all the triallers and club members who support us at every trial to set up, set down, steward, run the shop and kitchen, supply food for the judges and helpers... The trial wouldn't happen without you.

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

NORTHCOTE ODC 15/11/2015

OPEN RING (CDX)

Gaye Holly and Abtei Great Expectations CD FSA HTMA 1st place, Score 197, Highest Score in Trial.

CROYDON & DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC 6/12/15

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG RING (CCD)

Anne Woods and Elzscot Reach For The Stars RN JD CCD (Chilli) 1st Place, Score 99. Title and highest scoring Croydon CCD member.



Anne Woods and her Australian Shepherd Elzscot Reach For The Stars RN JD CCD (Chilli)

OPEN RING (CDX)

Rebecca McGroarty and Adderslot Midnight Charmer CDX, (Char) 1st place, Score 185 + Highest Scoring Croydon Member.

BEGA VALLEY KENNEL AND OBEDIENCE CLUB NSW 6/2/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Anne Mann and Ellagant Great Rhythm CD, RA, (Rhythm) 1st Place, Score 198 + Highest Score in Trial.

Rebecca McGroarty and Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX, (Char) 3rd Place, Score 187.

BEGA VALLEY KENNEL AND OBEDIENCE CLUB NSW 7/2/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Anne Mann and Ellagant Great Rhythm CD, RA, (Rhythm) 2nd Place, Score 190.

BEGA VALLEY KENNEL AND OBEDIENCE CLUB NSW 8/2/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Rebecca McGroarty and Hevnsent Sweet Babyblu, UD (Jet) 3rd Place, Score 192.

OPEN RING (CDX)

Rebecca McGroarty and Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX, (Char) 1st Place, Score 194 + Highest Score in Trial.

SAPPHIRE COAST KENNEL & OBEDIENCE CLUB NSW 13/2/16

OPEN RING (CDX)

Anne Mann and Ellagant Great Rhythm CDX, RA, (Rhythm) 1st Place, Score 194, Title.

Rebecca McGroarty and Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX, (Char) 2nd Place, Score 190.



Rally Obedience Report

The following results have been reported to me, one via SMS which I overlooked last October – sorry Leonie!

* At the **NSW STATE TRIALS** on 4/10/15 **Leonie Keilour** and **Bonnie** gained 3rd place in Excellent with a score of 86 – well done.

* **Gippsland Obedience Dog Club** held a double Rally O Trial at Morwell on Sunday 8th November. Congratulations to **Philip Chesworth** and **Rikki** who entered both trials and achieved the following results:-

AM Trial Novice - score 88, 4th place.

PM Trial Novice - score 86, 3rd place.

* **SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB** held Obedience and Rally O trials on 14/11/15. Well done to the following Croydon handlers who achieved Rally O success with some placings in the ring and an Excellent Title.

AM Trial 1

ADVANCED A: Anne Mann with Ellagant Great Rhythm CD RN – 96, 1st place.

PM Trial 2

EXCELLENT A: Leonie Keilour with Bonnielee RA TDX ET – 93, Title. 4th place;

ADVANCED A: Deborah Smith with Gunzal RN TDX – 78.

* More good news the following day at

Northcote ODC, 15/11/15

RALLY O NOVICE

Marjy Grosvenor with Killara Miss Fisher CCD. TD – 98, 3rd place.

Pia Butcher with Pawsitive Secret Attraction – 75

RALLY O ADVANCED A

Anne Mann with Ellagant Great Rhythm CD RN – 86

RALLY O EXCELLENT A

Leonie Keilour with BONNIELEE RA TDX ET – 82

* **THE CAVALIER KING CHARLES SPANIEL**

CLUB held a Rally trial at KCC Park on 22/11/15.

There was a big contingent from Croydon but as happens occasionally (and usually the fault

of the handler!) only two managed to gain a qualifying score. Well done to:

RALLY ADVANCED A

Deb Smith and Gunzal RN TDX – 91, 3rd place
Phillip Chesworth and Alclutha Kilts A Flyin RN ADM JDX SG SPDX ADO SD – 83

OTEC/F00 twilight Trial KCC Park under lights on 24/11/15.

RALLY O NOVICE

Marjy Grosvenor with Killara Miss Fisher CCD TD – 100, Novice Title. 1st Place and Highest Score In Trial. Great job Marjy, we haven't seen a perfect score for a while!

Jenn Taylor with Lacote Red River Rebellion (AI) – 77

RALLY O ADVANCED A

Anne Mann with Ellagant Great Rhythm CD RA – 84, Title. 1st place. Anne and Rhythm are a consistent team.

Deb Smith with Gunzal RN TDX – 72, Title. 4th place.

* In the final trial for the year, our **CDODC home trial** ten Croydon members achieved success. Congratulations to:

RALLY NOVICE

Rebecca McGroarty with Adderslot Midnight Charmer CDX, 98, 1st place and Highest Scoring Competitor in Trial;

Susan Mahoney with Nala, 95, 2nd place and Title;

Celeste Acfield with Astro, 94, 3rd place;

Allison Bramble with Finn, 94, 4th place (only 1 second separated Allison and Celeste for 3rd place.)

Phillip Chesworth with Yackawil Yesterdays Dream, 87, 7th place;

Lorraine Holland with Drift, 79, 8th place;

Julia Bennett with Elspan Nightfyre, 74, 9th place.

RALLY ADVANCED A

Marjy Grosvenor with Killara Miss Fisher, 95, 1st place.

Phillip Chesworth with **Alclutha Kilts a Flyin**,
79, 3rd place.

RALLY EXCELLENT A

Susan Mahoney with **Rotate Ruby Jewel**, 92.
1st place.

You'll agree, a great set of results to round out
the year.

Gary McArthur – Rally O Coordinator.

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.



They told this little boy his dog was going to be put down. His Response STUNNED them.

Ron, his wife Lisa, and especially their little boy Shane were all very attached to their Irish Wolfhound named Belker, who later at 10-years old was found to have cancer.

When the doctor examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer, he told the family he couldn't do anything to help, and offered to perform euthanasia for the old dog in their home. Ron and Lisa told him they thought it would be good for 6-y/o Shane to be there during the procedure, they felt Shane might learn something from the experience.

On Belker's last day, Shane seemed calm, petting the old dog as if he understood that he was saying a last "goodbye". Within minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. Shane seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion.

They all sat together after Belker's death, wondering aloud how sad it is that animals lives are shorter than humans. Shane, who had been listening quietly, spoke "I know why. . . People are born so that they can learn how to live a good life, like loving everybody all the time and being nice, right?" The 6-y/o continued, "Well, dogs already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."🐾



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By Katie Cincotta

If dog is man's best friend, who exactly is a dog's?

There is plenty of footage of prominent dog trainers walking with many dogs, none of them on leads, all of them huddled together as a well behaved pack. It's a fact – dogs can be great in a group.

After all, they're pack animals, wired to survive by relying on each other for food, shelter and safety. But what happens when we adopt one into our human families as a pet? Do they get lonely? Do they need canine friends for love, fun and adventure, just like we need human company?

Animal behaviourist Joanne Righetti, who helps people solve pet problems, says dogs definitely need friendship – but it doesn't necessarily have to be with another dog. "Dogs are definitely a social species so need companionship. This can be other canines or humans. Both are acceptable, so long as the dog has been well socialized when young," says the pet psychologist.

Joanne says socialization – learning to get along – is the single most important thing you can do for your pet, to guarantee they can enjoy bonds with both humans and other animals. That means puppy classes, lots of trips to the park around other dogs, and plenty of experience around people, noise and daily life while your puppy is growing up.

Dogs that haven't been socialized are the ones you'll see cowering in the corner, or getting their fur hackles up when they see another dog – all signs that they've been alone, and haven't learned the social skills to make friends.

Of course, you don't need two dogs in a household for a dog to be social. Joanne says

doggy day care, a dog walk or outings to the local park – especially one that's off leash – can stimulate your dog's desire to meet and greet, and have some adventure with his own kind.

Bum sniffing is the start of the conversation – where dogs communicate where they've been, so while it looks strange, don't admonish your dog for doing it. It's like having a cup of coffee in the dog world.

Animal communicator Simone Lee, who shares pet's thoughts with their owners, says dogs who think they're the boss are usually stressed and anxious with so much responsibility on them. "It's similar to being around small children. We need to create routine, rules and connection with them to give them a base to start learning what the pack/family dynamics are and how they fit in," Simone says, like children, dogs definitely benefit from play dates.

"Doggie play dates are amazing for both dogs and owners. Whether it's a play date with just two of you or friends (canine and human) it creates connection and interaction."

Joanne says that if you have a dog suffering from separation anxiety when it's owners leave the house for work or school, regular play dates can be the answer if you can't commit to having two dogs. "There is some evidence that, as far as separation anxiety is concerned, these may work better than getting another dog."

Of course, dog buddies can be a beautiful relationship, especially if you get the personalities and gender right.

Behaviourists agree that, generally, opposite genders have the best chance of getting along but two boys and two girls can also become great mates. Joanne says sometimes an older dog and a younger dog can also work really well, especially to bring joy and vitality to a senior. "The closer in age, stage and gender



Traders leashed



Reprinted from Herald Sun 15/1/16

By Jordan Marshall

dogs are, the more competition there is likely to be. Gradual, positive introductions give a relationship the best chance of success."

In my own dog family, we have found two females bond really well when there's a few year's age gap. When our old Cavalier King Charles died, our five year old Staffy was heartbroken and stressed. When we brought home a boisterous eight week old Beaglier, she took to her like her own puppy and quickly showed her how to play, where to go to the toilet, and how much fun was to be had running at the park.

Occasionally, they have a small power struggle over the tennis ball, but most brothers and sisters fight – especially over their toys – so we're not so different from the animal world.

The important thing is that they enjoy each other's company, snuggle up together to sleep in the same bed, and love to chase and wrestle – which is exactly what they'd be doing as part of a pack in the wild.

The running and chasing they do at the park with each other, and other dogs, not only keeps them fit and at a healthy weight, but all that activity stimulates their brains with new scents and experiences. It's like a boost your mood, a feeling of belonging of being a valued member of a tribe. It's what you want out of a social life – time out to have fun, to trade secrets, and get your body moving in the fresh air. Humans need that contact and our dogs do too. 🐾

The practices of pet shops and pet breeders in Victoria are to be transformed by new laws. Agriculture Minister Jaala Pulford said the legislation, to go before state Parliament when it resumes next month, would limit pet shops to selling only dogs and cats that had been supplied by registered animal shelters or pounds.

And by 2020, dog breeders would be limited to a maximum of 10 bitches, she said. "We're encouraging the public to adopt pets looking for new homes and meet breeders to gain an understanding of where their animal came from," Ms Pulford said.

The inspectorate manager of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Allie Jalbert, said it had made recommendations during drafting of the Bill.

"The RSPCA does not support the sale of animals from pet shops in the current model," Ms Jalbert said. "Customers who do purchase from pet shops or online may unknowingly be supporting the cruel and illegal operations of intensive breeding."

Animal welfare group Oscar's Law was also involved during the drafting, and founder Debra Tranter said "The new legislation would effectively turn every pet store into an adoption centre. It is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the needs of rescue animals."

The RSPCA confirmed an inspector recently visited the @Pets Melbourne Central shop, but would not comment. Yi Luo, owner of the franchise, denied any wrongdoing. "We are always happy for the RSPCA to come in as they can help us do things better. I always want to make sure the animals are well cared for as that is best for us, the pets, and the customers," Mr Luo said. 🐾

CDODC OFFICE HOURS

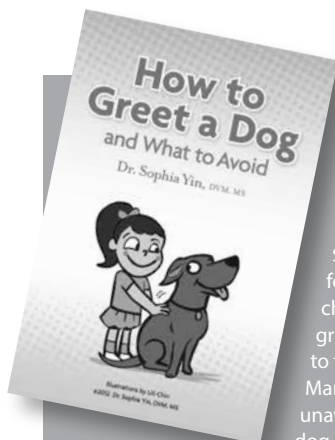
PLEASE NOTE:

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

Certificates **ONLY** will be available from

10.30am – 11.00am

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



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

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

Visit www.cdodc.com.au



Feb	Tues 16	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
Mar	Tues 15	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 14	NO TRAINING Labour Day Weekend
	Sun 27	Easter Sunday
Apr	Tues 19	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 24	NO TRAINING Obedience Trial
May	Fri 6	Nominations for Committee close
	Fri 27	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Fri 27	Annual General 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

Obedience Training – Puppies, Basic, Advanced

Trial Classes · Flyball Training · Agility Training