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Wendy Potter's Murray River Retriever, Bailee, Joint Winner – TRACKING DOG OF THE YEAR.

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NEWSLETTER OF CROYDON AND DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB





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Croydon & District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

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President's Report



Welcome back to CDODC for 2017 to all members, especially our volunteers and instructors after a very well deserved break, although it seems to have gone so quickly.

On the 5th February, our first day back, as in previous years there was a significant number of people queued up to enrol their dog/s for training. The outcome of this I understand to have been 101+ new members on the day. Thanks to all our volunteers that we had on the day and their efficiency – it went well without any problems (like a well oiled machine). With the great reputation of our club and continuous number of people wishing to enrol their dog/s for training we are advising them that currently there may be a 3-5 week waiting period before a class is available to begin. This has also been highlighted on our website home page. The one thing that we can't afford to do is lose our instructors due to high class numbers burning them out. We have lost a number of instructors this year for various but valid reasons, so if you believe you have the potential and interest in becoming an instructor please let us know. At present we have a number of our instructors taking double classes (9:30 & 11:00) and



without their additional commitment to the club we would be in a real 'pickle' as the old saying goes. However, this is not the solution and if it comes to it then we will simply have to turn people away until we are able to facilitate classes of a comfortable number, ie: 10 rather than 15+ which a large number of present classes have.

We are approaching the end of summer but still expect to have some more hot days so remember to 'slip, slop, slap', wear a cap and take the classes under the shade of the trees if at all possible. Mind you, the last two Sundays we have taken the 11:00 classes in the rain, but this is Melbourne weather as they say.

Geoff Coleman
CDODC President

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

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

AGM:	Friday 26th May 2017
Nominations close:	Friday 5th May 2017



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

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





Chiefly Chatter

Welcome back to our existing members and a warm welcome to our new members who stood in line on 5th February to join our club and start their journey of dog training. I hope you find your time with us rewarding but most of all fun and enjoyable for both yourself and your dog.

Melbourne weather can be challenging and we never quite know what we are going to get. 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. Similarly, if it's raining we try to accommodate you under the veranda or if you are lucky in the clubroom. 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 Intermediate class will resume in February. 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 you 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.

If you are finding a behaviour your dog is exhibiting is particularly challenging please speak to your instructor; even if they do not have the personal experience to help you with that particular problem, we have several experienced instructors who may be able assist you or can certainly steer you in the right direction to get the help you need if necessary.

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! 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 really is a 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 fulfilling and fun it is to be a CDODC instructor.

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.

Leanne Ball & Bella
Arthur Clover & Sage
Kayla Coad & Bear
Alison Goldsworthy & Maisie
Simone Hampton & Cami
Liz Heaton & Scamp
Katharina Hochgesand & Archie
Joanne Kakos & Du Bois
Kate Kraus & Meg
Jennifer Lewis & Gus



Chris Lim & Loki
Kirsty Macfarlane & Paris
Kym O'Shannassy & Titch
Molly Smith & Gracie
Melissa Stepancic & Milly
Talia Tritt & Zali
Jean Watson & Ragamuffin
Kim Wells & Jade
Pam Wilson & Milo

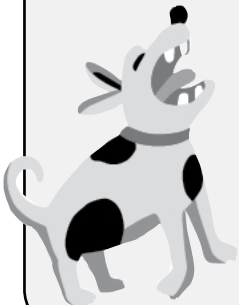
YELLOW BANDANNA?

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. 🐾



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 26th May, 2017 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 2017 – NOMINATION FORM

We wish to nominatefor 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 5th May 2017.

The Elections for the Committee of Management of CDODC will be conducted at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 26th May, 2017.

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 26th MAY 2017
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 26th May, 2017). 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 2016, is eligible to be nominated for the 2017 – 2018 Committee.

**NOMINATIONS must be lodged with the
Club Secretary by 5th May, 2017.**

LIFE MEMBERSHIP nominations need to be lodged with the Club Secretary for consideration by the review committee by **Sunday 23rd April 2017.**

Seniors & Rescue Dogs



Reprinted from Dogs Life Mag

It's sad but true – As a society, we're obsessed with "new". We buy new cars when our existing set of wheels is still running. We upgrade our mobile phones every few months because the latest model has more bells and whistles. We clear our wardrobes of garments that still have their tags attached because they're just 'so last season'. Old has very little appeal for some of us because we crave the thrill of seeing something new in its place.

Sadly, the distaste we feel for old stuff seems to extend to living things, too. Elderly people often seen as archaic and irrelevant, unable to keep pace with modern life or contribute anything meaningful to our brave new world. And senior dogs are all too often sent to the pound – or worse – when we are no longer willing or able to meet their changing needs, or when a new baby, a new puppy or a new opportunity arrives.

It's a tragedy because we've forgotten how much we can learn from "old". We forget that grey hairs, slower steps, aches and pains are all signs of a life lived to the full. We forget that a careworn face is every bit as beautiful as the first flush of youth. We forget that an ancient, half-chewed tennis ball can hold as much meaning as a diamond ring. We forget that curling up in a patch of sun on a sagging sofa can be as blissful as a week at a five star resort.

We forget that a long life spent loving, protecting and simply being is every bit as valuable as a life spent earning, achieving and doing. We forget that achieving old age is a badge of honour, a reason for celebration.

These are things that senior dogs know, and that owners of beloved elderly pooches know too.

These are the things we all could – and should – learn if we'd only pay attention. Let's embrace old. 🐾





The Law and You - Dogs and Moving Vehicles

Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag Dec 16

When travelling with dogs it is the owner or custodian's duty to ensure the animal is transported appropriately and provided with its essential needs, including food, water, protection from heat or cold and a safe position on the vehicle.

What are the legal obligations of travelling with dogs in cars?

It is illegal to put dogs in the boot of a sedan type car. Dogs can travel in the cabin of the car or behind a cargo barrier in the back of wagon/SUV type vehicles. If on the back of a ute or trailer they must be appropriately tethered or caged.

When travelling, dogs must be provided with adequate ventilation. Containers must have multiple ventilation holes on at least three sides of the container.

Can dogs suffer from heat stress?

Yes, dogs in vehicles and on the back of vehicles can suffer from heat stress and exhaustion during the warmer months of the year. Dogs can dehydrate or even die from heat stress. The interior of vehicles can heat up quickly causing heat stress and potential death to dogs. Dogs must not be left in cars even on warm days due to the risk of heat stress. Even on cooler days a window should be kept down so the dog can have fresh air.

Dogs on utes need extra care in the hot weather. If using a metal cage to transport dogs, ensure it has a roof to provide shade, and that the sides are well ventilated (e.g meshed rather than solid material). It is also advisable to cover metal floors of cages (and if tethering, the tray floor) with a surface such as rubber, as metal can heat up quickly and burn dogs' paws. In addition, ensure the cage is the right size to prevent cramping and overcrowding.

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And of course, when stationary, the vehicle should be parked in the shade and the dog should be left with water.

Travelling with dogs on the back of vehicles

The law in Victoria requires that dogs on utes are restrained either via a tether or cage, so that the dog cannot fall off or be injured when the vehicle moves. The only exception is for dogs that are actively working livestock.

What are the dangers of travelling with dogs on utes?

Many dogs nationwide are killed or injured from travelling on the back of open and moving vehicles each year.

Common causes of injury are:

- Dogs falling off the back of the vehicle whilst it is moving.
- Dogs being struck by oncoming or passing vehicles.
- Dogs being dragged alongside moving vehicles.
- Dogs attempting to jump from moving vehicles.

How can these dangers be prevented?

If a lead or chain is used to secure a dog, it must be long enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down but short enough to ensure the dog can not reach the side of the vehicle, get onto the cabin or harass passers-by when the vehicle is parked. Long tethers can be more dangerous than none at all; if the dog does fall off the vehicle it may be dragged or strangled.

It is also important to use swivels to attach the tether to both the vehicle and the dog's collar to prevent chain from tangling. Never use twine, thin rope or similar materials as these



can cause injuries if the dog becomes tangled in the tether.

If using a cage, maximise the dog's safety and comfort by ensuring the cage is the right size to prevent cramping and overcrowding, well covered to provide shelter from sun, wind and rain and placed directly behind the cabin to minimise exposure to dust and wind.

Travelling safely with dogs inside vehicles

For best practice, it is recommended that dogs travel in the cabin of the vehicle and are kept either on the backseat in a restraining device or in the open cargo area of a wagon type vehicle behind a cargo carrier.

Dogs need to be adequately restrained when travelling inside a vehicle for the safety of both the dog and human passengers. Unrestricted dogs can cause accidents and should never be allowed in the vicinity of the driver. In the case of an accident, an unrestrained dog may become a projectile and can damage itself and/or the occupants of the vehicle.

Dogs should not be allowed to travel with their head out of the car window; particles of dirt can enter a dog's eyes, ears and nose, causing injury or infection.

If going on a long trip carry dog food, water and a leash and stop regularly to allow the dog some exercise and a toilet break.

Remember, if you love your dog look after it and restrain it when travelling.

This information was sourced from the Domestic Animal Unit website. 🐾



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**



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.





BAILEE – A TRAILBLAZER FROM ASSOCIATE TO SPORTING REGISTER

By Wendy Potter

Because I wanted to enter Bailee into competitions she had to be registered with Dogs Victoria so she was placed in the Associate Register. This is for dogs which are of mixed breed or breeds, like the Murray River Retriever, which are not recognised by the Victorian Canine Association (Dogs Vic) or ANKC. Her identity as a MRR would effectively be hidden from view.

When the MRR was finally accepted as a recognised breed and placed into the Sporting Register, I decided to transfer Bailee. This would allow her to be entered in trial catalogues as a MRR to help promote the breed. I assumed that both her name and titles would be maintained. But, neither her name nor the titles were carried over.

Horrified at this development I made many trips to Dogs Victoria, sent numerous emails and made many phone calls in an attempt to correct this unfair situation. In the process of changing Bailee to the sporting register Dogs Victoria created a new identity for her. Even though the microchip number was the same the office staff were convinced that Bailee was two different dogs!

It took many more trips to Dogs Victoria to finally convince them that she was “only one dog!” However I was told her titles could not be taken with her new identity. Entering her in trials with a different name and no titles became a challenge.

With the help of the MRR Registrar, Ken, we sorted out Bailee’s name on the MRR Certificate. This was then submitted to DV. After many more weeks Bailee was eventually placed in the Sporting Register with all her titles.

Bailee is a Trail Blazer – she is the first dog with titles on the Associate Register to be transferred to the Sporting Register – a long, frustrating journey with a great ending!

TS.CH. T.CH. Davidson Wasserbailee CD. RE.

To me she is just my best friend BAILEE.



**Track and Search Champion, Tracking Champion
Davidson Wasserbailee Companion Dog, Rally
Excellent.,**

Last night at Bendigo Bailee passed her Test 8 to become a Track & Search Champion.

It was an Urban night track of 1000 metres, although Bailee added a lot more to it. There was a 2 minute halt in the middle and the track was between 4 & 5 hours old. (Bailee was bred by Sue Davidson.) Well done Bailee.

In November 2016 the Tracking Club of Victoria held it’s AGM and presentation evening. Bailee was joint winner of the Track and Search Dog of the Year. A great achievement and a great achievement for the Murray River Retriever.

I am so very proud of her. 🐾



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 or handlers, please 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 (\$7.85 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED ENVELOPE



Membership Renewals (When must they be paid?)

The Club's financial year finishes on 31st March, 2017, and all memberships are due for renewal on that date. If you are not wearing a LIGHT BLUE 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 2017 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's constitution 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 spare copies 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, evidence of address 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 ?/5/17 to the end of 2017 or early 2018.
- Your evidence of current address (ie a bill no more than 6 months old)
- Your Orange membership card (we'll swap it for a nice LIGHT BLUE 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 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. 🐾


Charmaine Lee Oodles of Spoodles




DOG GROOMING

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- Tidy (Spa Bath, Pads, Nails, Face)
- Carding and Hand Stripping

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www.oodlesofspoodles.com.au



*With Dr Patricia Stewart
Reprinted from the
Herald Sun*

The patient is resting quietly in his bed as the nurse checks his vital signs and fluid lines. He is looking much better. His

temperature is within the normal range and his heart rate and pulse are all good.

The doctor in charge calls the patient's family to reassure them the worst is over.

In fact, the hospital is an emergency veterinary hospital and the patient is 'Snowy', a male dog with a long black coat owned by the Jon family. Snowy had arrived earlier that evening, having collapsed after a long walk at the end of a blisteringly hot day. He suffered acute heat stroke as his body was unable to help itself cool down.

Humans get heat stroke and we also have sweat glands all over our bodies, enabling us to cool down effectively. We also have very little hair compared to cats and dogs. But dogs and cats are particularly prone to this condition because they can't cool themselves down as easily on hot days.

Long haired and black pets like Snowy are even more vulnerable to overheating because black absorbs heat and a long hairy coat traps heat next to the body. Dogs mainly cool down by panting to evaporate moisture off the lining of their nose, mouth, airways and lungs. This method of cooling is far less efficient than sweating. The only sweat glands dogs have are on their paws and these don't help cooling much at all.

Snowy also has a little, squished up nose. Dogs and cats with short noses are also more prone to heat stress as they cannot breathe and evaporate to cool off as efficiently as those with longer noses.

Snowy would have to be considered at high risk of heat stroke, especially as he is getting a little

older and everything in his body is stiffening up and slowing down.

The following day Mrs Jon and the kids come to pick Snowy up from the hospital.

It is a joyful reunion and he is a lucky dog to have pulled through what was a potentially fatal crisis. The veterinarian on duty gives them some good tips to help Snowy stay cool on hot summer days.

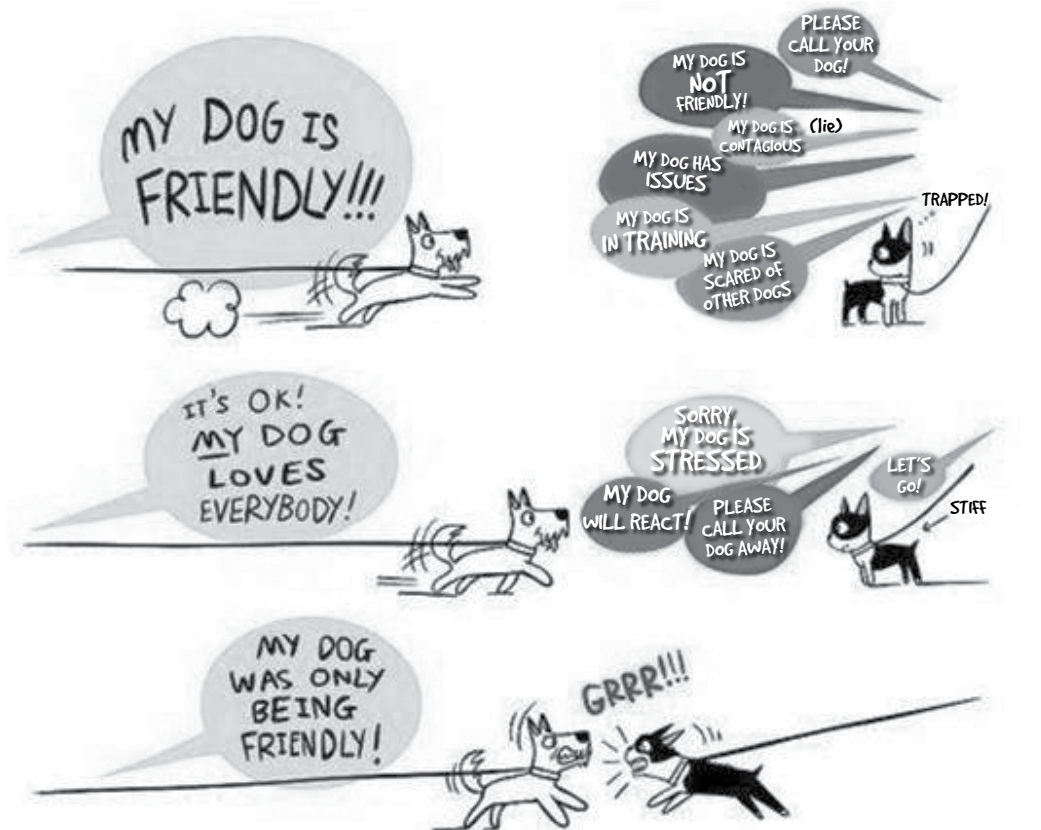
- **Have a regular haircut to keep his coat short.**
- **Don't walk him on hot days, and on warm day's walk only in the early morning or late evening when it is cooler.**
- **Don't leave him in a parked car with the windows shut on warm days because sealed cars can heat up very quickly.**
- **Make sure there is plenty of fresh cool water to drink and put his water in the shade. You could add ice blocks to the water too.**
- **Keep him inside in air conditioning (if you have it) on hot days or wet him with cool tap water from a garden hose or bath and keep him near a fan.**
- **Provide frozen treats during hot days, such as frozen meat stock, frozen bones, frozen meat or veggies.**
- **Watch for signs of heat stress including panting, lying still on cool surfaces, very red gums, lack of energy and seeking shade. If this progresses, seek veterinary help immediately.**
- **Hose him with tap water or put him in the pool to cool him down for the trip to the vet.**

Do not apply ice or freezing water because this can cause shock to the system. Do not apply wet towels, which can heat up and trap heat to the body.

The Jon family is now aware of the importance of keeping Snowy cool on hot days. Hopefully this story will remind you to keep your pet safe from heat stress in summer as well. 🐾

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.

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CAN MY DOG
SAY HI?

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

Lili
doggiedrawings.net

Interested in obedience trialling your dog?

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

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

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



A dog is for life
and not just for
Christmas.



Do you want a trophy?

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

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



Obedience Triallers' Report



There is always a festive feel to the last Obedience and Rally trials of the year held at Croydon which both ran smoothly as usual. The predicted hot weather didn't really eventuate, with a top temperature recorded around midday of 27°C. The condition of the grounds was perfect. The team of regular volunteers made organisation look easy as everyone knew what to do and went about their tasks efficiently and without fuss. However, if it wasn't for the persistence of our President, Geoff Coleman, things may have been very different...

When setting up the clubrooms and marking the grounds on the previous Friday, Russ Grosvenor's dog Phryne came running in to say hello and we all recoiled as she stunk! We thought she had been rolling, but she had just been running around the trial area where Council groundsmen had been dressing the grass with fertiliser. Just imagine the UD and UDX dogs trying to a find their seek back articles! Phone calls were made and Geoff finally hunted down someone and convinced them that the ground had to be saturated or the trial may have to be cancelled. To be able to track someone down at council and get them to spray the ground on a Saturday

was no mean feat. Thank you Geoff for saving the day.

The high number of entries for the CCD ring, judged by Mr Gordon Parsons, was very encouraging and augers well for the future of our sport.

We were delighted when Croydon member **Rebecca McGroarty** and her lovely black Labrador **Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX (Char)** scored 195, coming **1st place** in the **Open Ring** taking out **Highest Score in trial and Highest Scoring Croydon Member**. Judge Mrs Kim Houlden.

Another highlight was **Sue Timperley**, also a long standing Croydon member, with her Shetland Sheep Dog **Inneslake Simply Resistible, CD, RN (Elsa)** who came in **1st place** in the **Novice Ring**, scoring **194** and gaining her **Novice Title**. Judge Mrs Lynn Klecka. What a way to end the trialling year!

We were thrilled to see **Lesley Camilleri** and her Golden Retriever **Scanandamble Lady of Luxemburg (Macey)** get their first **CCD pass on a score of 86, 7th Place**. It was a pleasure to see the joy on Lesley's face after the stays! 🐾



Rebecca McGroarty and her Labrador, Adderslot Midnight Charmer, CDX, RA, (Char)



Sue Timperley's Shetland Sheep Dog, Inneslake Simply Irresistible CD, RN, (Elsa)



Lesley Camilleri's Golden Retriever Scanandamble Lady of Luxemburg (Macey)



Rally Obedience Report

SOUTHERN OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB

12.11.16

AM Trial – Rally Advanced A

Elise Davine with Ace, 96 and 1st in ring - a great effort for their first trial off-lead.

PM Trial – Rally Advanced A

Sue Timperley with Elsa, 98 and 3rd in ring. This is Sue and Elsa's second Advanced A qualifying score and another consistently high result. Congratulations Sue, one more and you move on to Excellent!

Elise Davine with Ace, 99 and 2nd in ring. According to Elise, *"Ace had an amazing day – super stoked with his efforts for our first off-lead comp."* Congratulations Elise, one more qualifying score in Advanced and you move on to Excellent!

DOGS VIC/OTEC + FRIENDS OF OBEDIENCE 29.11.16

Sue Timperley tells the story in her own words:

*"Thrilled to report Elsa's final pass in **Rally Advanced A** at DOGS Vic Rally Trial at KCC Park last night – Inneslake Simply Irresistible (Elsa) Score 98 and 1st place, Judge Ross Carlson, which gives us our **Rally Advanced A Title!**"*

Well done Sue and Elsa, fantastic result and a Title too!

Sharen McLeod reported: *"Excellent A with score of 94 and 3rd place at the FOOs trial. Ross Carlson was our Judge. The weather was perfect for us. One more to go."*

Congratulations Sharen, it's been a while coming but all the more pleasing for the delay.

CDODC conducted a very successful Open Rally O Trial on 4.12.16.

Unfortunately the forecast temperature of 34 degrees for Melbourne lead to about a quarter of entrants scratching before the event and a

further number withdrawing as their dogs wilted in the heat.

However Croydon had 5 entrants who persisted and achieved success. Congratulations to:

RALLY NOVICE

Lorraine Holland with Drift scored 85, seventh in ring and **Rally Novice Title**.

Gaye Penny with Abtei Great Expectations scored 97, 1st in ring in her first attempt in the Rally arena.

RALLY ADVANCED

Emily Skoda with Coal scored 97, 1st in ring.

Elise Davine with Ace also scored 97 to come 2nd in ring piped by Emily and Coal's time which was only 3 seconds quicker!

Both Coal and Ace are large black dogs which performed brilliantly in the heat handled very well by their owners. Judge Yvonne Ross was most impressed with their skill and determination in the conditions.

RALLY MASTER

Bobbie Terrill with Basko scored 94, 4th in ring.

Gary McArthur
Rally O Coordinator



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

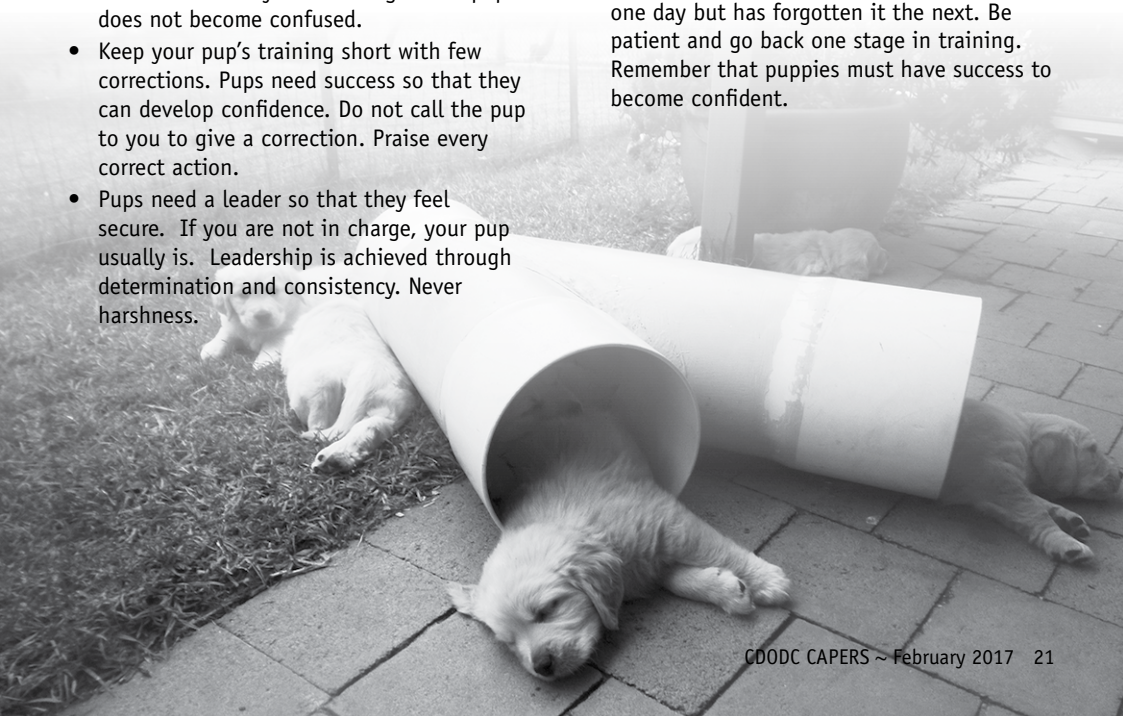
Tips with your New Puppy



- **Never** hit a young puppy.
- Praise every correct action.
- Socialise your pup with other people and other animals.
- Expose your pup to many and varied situations, noises, surfaces, sights, etc. treating each in a very matter of fact way.
- Praise exuberantly.
- Do not over protect your puppy or commiserate with your puppy if he is timid. Rather tell him how wonderful he is. Praise happily when the pup begins to show more confidence.
- Don't allow biting at any time. Keep the hands or leg very still and yelp. Praise when the pup stops.
- Praise every correct action.
- Never correct a pup after the fact. Correction must be given as the pup is misbehaving. Train your pup every day to establish routines, stretch his mental capacities, and make him a joy to be with. Be consistent in your handling so the pup does not become confused.
- Keep your pup's training short with few corrections. Pups need success so that they can develop confidence. Do not call the pup to you to give a correction. Praise every correct action.
- Pups need a leader so that they feel secure. If you are not in charge, your pup usually is. Leadership is achieved through determination and consistency. Never harshness.

Don't worry if...

- Your puppy doesn't seem to get the idea of going to the back door when he needs out. Many pups don't develop this behaviour until 5 months.
- Your puppy is still urinating at night. Again some pups do not develop full bladder control until 5 months. (However it is a good idea to have a urine check earlier if the pup has many accidents to make sure the pup does not have a bladder infection).
- Your puppy has hiccups. This is quite normal and they will usually outgrow it.
- Your puppy does not understand when you are giving verbal praise. You must begin by using verbal praise together with stroking, petting, etc. It may be some time before the puppy understands and appreciates verbal praise on its own.
- Your puppy makes movements and noises whilst sleeping.
- Your puppy appears to know something one day but has forgotten it the next. Be patient and go back one stage in training. Remember that puppies must have success to become confident.





Dog Park Etiquette

Reprinted from Pets Mag Sept 16

The dog park is often the scene of canine chaos, but your dog needn't join in the fray. Kristie Bradfield explains that if you want your park play time to be safe and fun, pay attention to dog park etiquette.

There are very few experiences that can give some dogs such unparalleled joy as the dog park. Not only can dogs burn off a little excess energy but it's a great place to meet and hang out with new furry friends. For other dogs, though, the park can be a place of fear and uncertainty that could put dog and handler in potentially dangerous situations.

So that everyone's trip to the park is fun and positive, it's important to know a little dog park etiquette.

Visiting the dog park for the first time

Socialisation is a significant stage in your dog's life. Usually socialisation shifts into high gear after your puppy's final vaccinations and often culminates in their first visit to the local dog park. "Social exposure should commence from eight weeks of age," says qualified veterinary behaviourist Dr Kate Lindsey. "The vaccination regimen needs to be taken into consideration, as some vaccine regimens are not complete until 12 weeks of age. There are now some newer vaccines that finish at eight weeks of age. These are preferable as they allow essential early exposure without the risk of infection."

Dr Kate says that while social school (puppy preschool or obedience classes, for example) need to begin as early as possible, it's also very important to be picky about who your dog socialises with. Brief social interactions, like safe play at the local park, are ideal at this point because they are more likely to end in a positive outcome.

The need for the first experience to be positive cannot be overstated. "Dogs have a sensitive period for learning between three and twelve weeks of age," says Dr Kate. "During this time their brain is sponge like in its ability to take in information about the environment in which the dog finds itself". While this period is one of intense learning, it is also one that engenders great fear. Any negative experiences – for example, an altercation with a bigger aggressive dog – can affect the puppy's behaviour.

Important skills to have before your visit to the dog park

When you visit the local dog park, be prepared for your dog to be distracted. There she will come face to face with new friends, sights and smells, so it's natural for her to be a little frenetic. Before you set foot in a dog park, you need to be confident that your dog will listen to you and obey your commands.

Dr Kate says that the two most important cues your dog should know before letting him loose at the dog park are his name and the ability to recall. Both of these commands require your dog to disengage from having fun with his new friends and return to your side.

Teaching a dog its name is one of the easiest skills to master. Get started by finding a quiet space to practice and get the full attention of your dog. Say her name, mark the moment (with a clicker or by saying "yes", for example) and reward the behaviour immediately with a treat. Repeat several times so that your dog makes the connection between her name and the reward. Once you're confident in the association, wait your dog glances away before saying her name. If she looks immediately, mark and reward her.

Recall training takes time and patience to accomplish, but once it is learned it will serve you and your dog well. The first step involves picking a recall word that you'll use to call your dog to you. This can be any word, but the most



common are “come” or “here”. In order for recall to work, your dog must again develop a positive association with the recall word. The best way to do this for a food motivated dog is by offering a high value treat (something that your dog really loves but doesn’t get often). Get your dog to focus on you as you say your recall word and immediately feed the treat. Repeat this behaviour 10 to 12 times to create the positive association.

Continue recall training by putting your dog on a short leash. Turn your body away from her and say her name. As she looks at you, walk away and say your recall cue. When your dog follows, mark the moment, reward and praise. Some experts suggest feeding your high value rewards for 20 - 30 seconds, one after the other, so that the connection between behaviour and reward is made. As you become more comfortable, increase the line length until you are ready to try the skill off leash.

Potential dog park problems

Taking your dog on a trip to the park means dealing with situations that are out of your control. While you are responsible for the behaviour of your dog, you also have to be conscious of what is happening around you. “Be careful to keep a close eye on your dog at all times,” Dr Kate says. “As adults, dogs’ intelligence matches that of a two and a half year old to three year old child. They are essentially a little toddlers for life. They need a wiser human to keep them safe.” Select playmates carefully and watch for body language that indicates your dog may be feeling unsafe. Don’t let social interaction go on for too long, as tired dogs can make behavioural errors.

For the next time you head to a dog park, here are five things to remember.

1. Before you enter the park, take a few moments to see who is present. Note the different dogs and their owners: are they playing in a safe way? Are you sure of your

dog’s ability to interact with the other dogs present? Can you see potential problems? If in doubt return at another time.

2. Ensure that your dog is confident and well controlled.
3. Learn the basics of dog body language. Our dogs can’t tell us what they’re thinking but they can, and do, show us. Learn about anxious and aggressive behaviour and find out what to do if you end up in an unsafe situation.
4. Be present. Your dog needs 100 per cent of your attention when you’re out in public. That means always knowing where your dog is, carefully monitoring his behaviour and interacting with him in a fun way.
5. Dog parks are not the place to work on behaviour issues. Leave this kind of training for the backyard or another designated safe space.

A dog park can be a great place to spend quality time with your dog. Proper etiquette goes a long way to making sure that your local park is a safe and enjoyable space for dogs and their humans.

Make your own dog park kit.

Leave your dog park kit in a small bag in your car so you always have it handy. They include

- Plastic bags
- Water and collapsible (or reusable) bowl
- Leash
- Treats
- First aid kit

Want to find your local dog park?

Information about dog friendly on and off leash parks can be found by visiting your local council website. If you can’t find what you’re looking for, log on to doggo.com.au and search through more than 1000 dog friendly parks across Australia. 🐾

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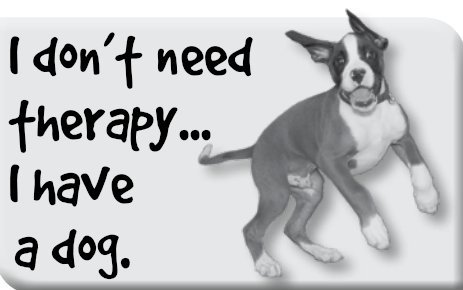
PLEASE NOTE:

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.



2017

March	Sun 13	NO TRAINING - Labour Day
	Tue 21	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
April	Sun 16	NO TRAINING - EASTER SUNDAY
	Tue 18	7.30 pm Committee Meeting
	Sun 23	NO TRAINING Obedience & Rally O Trial
May	Fri 5	Nominations for Committee Close
	Tue 16	7.30pm Committee Meeting
	Fri 26	7.30pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Unless otherwise stated the following activities are conducted each week:

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

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