

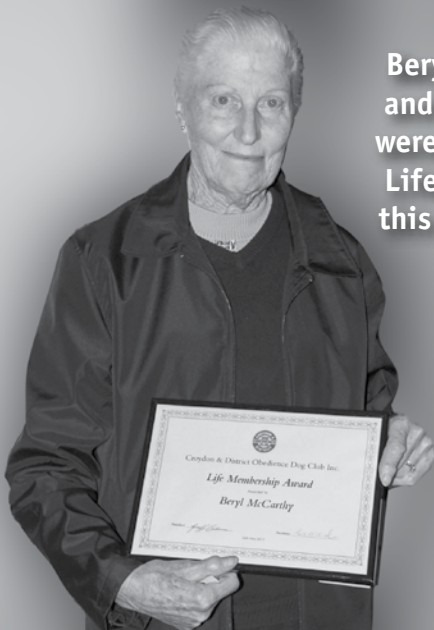
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Beryl McCarthy (left)
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Have you ever thought about how much conversation you engage in each day? Primates verbalise and repeat sounds innately. Think of monkeys and “oooh, oooh, ooohh”. Dogs on the other hand are relatively silent and vocalise at times when necessary.

How often do we give our dog a cue, and because the dog didn't respond immediately we repeat it? I'm sure in class you have heard yourself or other handlers repeat “sit, sit, Sit, SIT”. It is believed that in many early weeks of beginner dog training classes around the world, the ratio of cues to compliance is approximately 5:1. We nag our dogs!

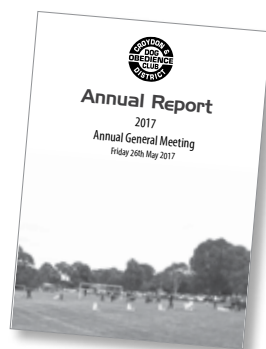
Unfortunately, our dogs are not hearing the word, but rather are inundated with sounds, and are actively trying to pick out some sound that is familiar to them. It's quite surprising they find anything familiar in there with all the babble going on around them. Dogs tune into our body language and physical cues. Deaf dogs are just as trainable as dogs with normal hearing. Good hand signals and body language are key in training our dogs. Think of how we teach “come”, we stand straight and take our arms out wide making ourselves very visible, we don't just stand there and call. I have a senior dog who is now deaf due to degenerative disease. We were lucky to have good solid hand signals and correct body language to fall back on. He can still sit, drop and stay and come on cue.

To test this theory, stand with your back to your dog and give him a single cue. Don't call his name or move a muscle yourself, don't be tempted to look around. Did your dog comply instantly? I doubt it. Now, ask the same cue with a hand signal. How did that go, better?

When dogs do not comply to the first cue, many owners presume their dog is ignoring them, or plain stubborn but, what is happening is we are reinforcing a behaviour. If the dog knows 'sit' and doesn't instantly comply we don't try to figure out why, but repeat the cue. Dog doesn't comply again, and we get a little frustrated, our voice changes, and out comes that SIT! Oh, it worked the dog sat, so we presume the dog was in fact ignoring us. That's a lot of human cognition attribution to the canine mind. Do they really choose to ignore us for no reason other than being difficult?

But, hang on, let's look at it in another way. There are a multitude of reasons why the dog may not have sat on the first cue. Did we have his attention in the first place? A dog's sense of smell and hearing is much more acute than

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Chiefly Chatter cont.

ours; he may be smelling or hearing something that has his interest. Of course, you argue, he did finally sit on that last louder maybe angrier sit, so that backs up your theory the dog simply was being stubborn, doesn't it? No, not really. Dogs learn very quickly that sitting is a default behaviour that is good way to appease their owner if their owner is frustrated or angry.

What happens when we repeat a cue to our dog? We are telling our dog we really aren't too sure of our training skills – if we aren't sure, how can our dog be? People who haven't practiced their training skills and aren't too sure of what they are doing often don't teach their dogs many behaviours. Actually, they do teach their dogs some things but inadvertently and not purposefully. They do teach their dog

lots of things by accident. Many dogs who haven't learned a lot of alternate behaviours often default to sitting when they are unsure or intimidated. Pet dogs very rarely are chastised for sitting!

Dogs learn from conditioning, which is basically repetition and association. We also tend to learn in the same way, if we repeat "sit, sit, sit, sit" and the dog finally does sit we have been rewarded with the dog complying with us, and are more likely to continue to repeat this (bad) habit. Once we realise this, we can use one clear and consistent cue without a lot of babble in there.

If I see you in class nagging your dog, I will nag you to stop!

Enjoy your dogs.

Barb

Basic Obedience Passes

CONGRATULATIONS to the following club members who have recently passed the Basic Obedience Test.

If you have ordered your certificate and not received it please call into the office on any Sunday between 10.30 – 11.00 am to collect it.

Peta Cherry & Pippa
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Madeleine Greenwell & Maisie
Kim Dickson & Oliver
Karen Fernandes & Toby
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Susan Jones & Millie
Leeanne MacArthur & Scarlett
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Nirvana Zambon & Dexter

Bad Doggy Manners



Reprinted from Pets Mag June 2017

We all love our furry friends and treat them as members of the family, but sometimes we can mistakenly encourage bad behaviour traits in our pooches, resulting in unacceptable doggy manners.

“Bad manners can be described as any annoying or unpleasant behaviour a dog is exhibiting,” says Luana Osmani from Pets Boarding and Training. “This can be anything from jumping on guests and barking at strange dogs to pulling on the lead”.

Does this sound like your dog? If one or more of the behaviours listed below sound familiar to you, you may have a dog in need of a crash course in canine manners.

- Pulling on the lead
- Not listening
- Will not respond to training distractions (aka off leash area or other dog)
- Digging
- Excessive barking
- Jumping
- Destructive behaviour
- Humping
- Aggression around food and bones
- Begging around food

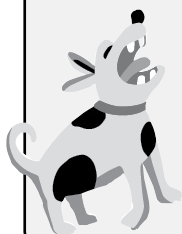
- Food stealing
- Anxiety
- Aggression

Guilty? The good news is that you’re not alone. Many people experience problems with their pet’s behaviour, but thankfully there are solutions to help you manage these issues. “This can all be prevented and helped with training,” says Luana. Enlisting a professional trainer can help you get the right strategies to combat your dog’s behaviour issues and deal with any underlying problems that may be preventing you from getting the training corrected yourself.

With so much information available online, self-diagnosing your pooch’s problems may seem all too easy. However just like you wouldn’t diagnose your pet’s medical health based on an internet search, you shouldn’t do it with mental health either, according to Luana. “It’s advisable to only seek professional advice with it comes to the behaviour of your dog,” suggests Luana. “Self-diagnosing your pet’s problems on the internet can lead to more issues. Enlisting the expertise of a dog handler or trainer is a must.”

And since we all know a well trained dog is a happy dog, we can’t help but agree. 🐾

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. 🐾



Ear Infections

Reprinted from Dog's Life Mag Mar/Apr 2017

By Carrol Baker

Both annoying and painful, ear infections can cause our pets great distress. If you've ever had an ear infection, you'll know how horrible and painful they can be. Our canine friends can suffer from ear infections, too, often more frequently than us humans do. Just like people, there are many reasons why dogs get ear problems. Among the most common are foreign materials such as grass seeds entering the ear, allergies and ear infections caused by microorganisms.

Dr David Mason from Adelaide Vet says there are three common types of infection that can develop in a dog's ear canal. "These include yeast, a straphylococcus based infection, or rod shaped bacteria (pseudomonas) and each of these are treated differently."

Dogs with allergies can also have problems with their ears. According to Dr David, an ear problem can actually indicate an allergy. "The skin inside the ear is a little warmer and more humid and, in some dogs, the ear canal can be the first point where we see a skin allergy," Dr David says. Allergens can be ingested, inhaled or caught on contact and they may include different types of food or be caused by parasites, fleas or mites. Just to cloud the issue further, there can sometimes be a secondary infection involving bacteria because of the allergy, so both the allergy and infection need to be treated.

If your dog has an ear infection, there are telltale signs to watch out for. "The most common is head shaking, scratching and pawing of the ear, or the dog might hold their head on the side," Dr David explains. You may also notice an unpleasant smell, redness and discharge from the ear.

The shape of things

In humans, the ear canal is virtually horizontal, but dogs have a horizontal section and a vertical section, making it easier to trap moisture and harder for debris to escape. Ear infections very

rarely go away on their own. If your happy hound has an ear infection, it's important to make an appointment with your vet as the problem can worsen if it's not treated promptly and appropriately.

Breeds and ear infections

Some dogs are also more susceptible than others. "Dogs like Cocker Spaniels with floppy ears that hang down over the ear canal, or dogs with hairier ear canals such as Poodles, may be more predisposed," Dr David says. For a dog that is susceptible, your vet can put in place a management plan to reduce the risk of repeat infections.

Touching your dog's ears

When dogs are puppies, it's important they become accustomed to their ears being touched, stroked and played with, so they are used to the sensation. "Familiarise yourself with your dog's ears and by regularly checking them, you'll know when something doesn't quite look right," Dr David says. Dog ear wax is very dark in colour, almost black, and the ear should have a normal skin tone colour and not appear red and inflamed – if it is, it's time for a trip to the vet!

What your vet will do

Your vet will give your dog a thorough examination and may take a sample from inside the ear canal. That sample is then popped under a microscope to determine the type of infection so they can prescribe the right treatment.

Dr David says one of the biggest issues with ear infections is not treating them with the right type of medication and not treating them for the right length of time. "Some ear infections will require a couple of weeks' treatment, but some can take four to six weeks to clear up," he says. "There is a risk if an ear infection is undertreated that we can end up getting bugs in the ear canal that are resistant to antibiotics."

After a dog has had an ear infection and followed a course of treatment prescribed by the vet, a follow up visit to the vet will confirm the infection has been thoroughly cleaned up. 🐾



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Rupture of the Achilles Tendon

Written by Dr Michael Bell

Reprinted from Dogs Vic Mag May 2017

What is the Achilles tendon?

The Achilles tendon (known as the common calcaneal tendon) is made up of three components.

1. Paired tendons of the gastrocnemius muscles
2. Tendon of the superficial digital flexor muscle (i.e the calf muscles)
3. Combined tendon of the gracilis, semitendinosus and biceps femoris muscles (i.e the caudal thigh muscles)

Disruption can involve the whole tendon, or parts of the tendon (i.e a partial rupture). Most commonly there is either a traumatic rupture, which usually presents as a full tear, or an atraumatic rupture which normally involves gastrocnemius tendon separating from the back of the hock (i.e calcaneal) and the superficial flexor tendon remaining intact. In this article I will describe the signs seen and treatment required for a full Achilles tendon rupture, and in the next article I will describe partial Achilles tendon ruptures.

What signs are seen with a complete Achilles tendon rupture?

As mentioned this is normally the result of a traumatic injury, and the site of the injury is usually in the centre of the tendon. Affected dogs normally demonstrate a sudden onset of severe lameness, and when weight bearing the hock is seen to sink to an over flexed position with an associated increased extension of the knee. The foot is seen to almost lie flat to the ground from the toes to the hock. Sometimes pain is detected, but often only a bruise is all

that is seen. When ones fingers are run over the Achilles tendon a defect in the tendon is often felt.

Normally the above signs provide enough evidence to diagnose an Achilles tendon rupture. However ultrasonography can also be used to identify the site and the nature of the tear.

How are ruptured Achilles tendons treated?

Surgical repair is required to remove the gap by suturing the torn tendon ends together. This tendon repair needs to be protected during the initial healing stages by immobilizing the hock. This immobilization can be achieved by using one of the following techniques.

1. Placement of a screw from the back of the hock and through the lower part of the tibia.
2. Placement of an external fixator apparatus around the hock joint.
3. Placement of a cast or splint to stabilize the hock.

All of these techniques have proven successful so long as the tendon is protected and appropriateness of the tendon ends are monitored.

With both of the first two means of support, a support bandage can be applied, and can remain in place for 2-4 weeks. Where a screw is used as the stabilization device it should remain in position for approximately 6-8 weeks. 🐾

Five reasons to rescue



Reprinted from Pets Mag May

When you could have a perfect purebred, why should you adopt instead? Lauren Mc Kellar reports.

1 – There's plenty to go around

It's sad but true – there are a lot of animals in need of rescue in Australia. In 2012-2013 alone, the RSPCA received a whopping 126,673 pets for surrender – that's a lot of animals, and they're not the only group accepting animals in need of love. There is certainly no shortage of rescue animals in Australia and by considering one for your next pet, you're doing your bit to help make just one of the 126,673 lives better.

2 – Rescue doesn't mean rabid

Most rescue organisations will tell you about the health of the pet you adopt, and the majority won't surrender it for adoption until the animal has been microchipped, vaccinated and is generally in good health. Just because you're taking home a rescue pet doesn't mean it's going to be a problem for months to come.

3 – Behaviour isn't the bad guy

Not all rescues have behaviour problems. In fact, one of the most common reasons for surrendering a pet isn't behaviour at all, but rather lifestyle issues. Sadly, in most states of Australia, owning a pet and renting a home can be very difficult. Whether it's the personal choice of the owner or a decision made by strata, when renters have to move house due to a job or relationship change, they can find locating a pet friendly place to live a real challenge. And that can mean they have to say goodbye to their precious pet.

4 – You get what you want

One of the reasons people buy a breed specific dog is because they like certain personality traits. Well, with a rescue pet, there's no

reason you can't get that too. Not only are some rescue pets purebred, most have some easily identifiable features that link them to a certain breed or two. And, more importantly, they've been in the care of rescue workers who will be able to tell you things, such as if they're a cuddler or a crier, a hyper hound or a sleeping dog. Now that's a first hand account of information you need.

5 – You're saving a life

Nothing will make you feel as good as the knowledge that you're saving an animal's life by taking it home and giving it the opportunity to live as it perhaps never thought it would. 🐾



Now that I've arrived at your place... everything is strange and I do not feel good.

Do not feel impatient if I don't sleep in my new bed... yesterday I slept on a stone floor.

Do not be terrified if I gobble up my food... yesterday I had to do it to survive.

Do not get angry if I pee in the house... yesterday it did not matter.

Do not be sad if I am afraid of your loving hand... yesterday I did not have one.

Have patience with me. It's your world, but not yet mine.

If I trust you I can give you the greatest gift I can give... my heart.

Please never forget I was a rescue dog.

All I need is a bit of time to adjust. 🐾



Thrill of the chase

Reprinted from Dog's Life Mag Mar/Apr 2017

Lure coursing is one of the latest doggy sports to hit our shores, but is it the sport for your pooch? Kate Chincotta tells us more.

Some dogs would rather smell the daisies, while others just love to run. It's wired into their DNA to take off in the pursuit of prey. Anyone who has ever watched a dog fly off into the scrub after a rabbit will understand the thrill of the chase. Lure coursing is the hottest dog sport to tap into dogs' natural instinct to chase prey, bringing together the dog's ability to sprint and focus in an adrenaline packed adventure.

Debra Huon, who heads Victoria's Lure Coursing club, says the sport dates back to the 1800's, when it was popular with kings and landed gentry to race sighthounds for what they were bred to do.

Lure coursing is all about sight, not scent. Dogs just need to keep their eyes on the prize and hit their stride to catch that pesky little "plastic" rabbit shooting down the straight,

"These dogs are built for running, with fantastic speed and keen eyesight. They run with what we call a double suspension gallop (just like a cheetah runs) and some of them, such as the Saluki and Azawakh can maintain high speed for two or so miles when giving chase," Debra says,

Whippet breeder Krystal Lewis, who has more than six Whippets and a Rhodesian Ridgeback on her 40 acre farm in Cranbourne, Victoria, also says it's thrilling to watch her dogs on the run in this increasingly popular sport. Historically it's been the sighthounds such as the Whippets, Salukis and Ridgebacks who are excellent at Lure coursing, ever since the 70's when Californian Lyle Gillette developed a mechanical system that replaced the hare or rabbit with a lure. In Australia the fake "bunny" is usually a plastic bag tied to a nylon string that moves along a set of pulleys. "One of my Whippets goes absolutely berserk for it," Krystal says, "When we first went along to check out the lure coursing, we

didn't train for it. I just took the dogs to see if they were interested. One of them looked at the plastic bag and then at me as if to say, 'I'm not chasing a plastic bag, you've got to be kidding me'. It really depends on the dog,"

Debra says she once had a Saluki that was mad for the lure. "She once pulled the lead from my hand, giving me rope burn, jumped the barrier and joined in the chase with a Blue Cattle Dog,"

The Rhodesian Ridgeback Club of Victoria hosts lure coursing fun days once a month. "It's a casual day and people just rock up and pay a few dollars to have fun," Krystal says. The Whippet Club of Victoria also runs lure coursing fun days in Healsville, on the outskirts of Victoria's lush wine growing region.

Krystal's Whippet Ace has been clocked at 65kph on a lure course – an incredible speed for an animal that spends most of its day asleep. "They're absolute couch potatoes; they sleep about 12 hours a day. But for that half an hour a day, they go crazy. Ace was one of the fastest that day so he's at the top end of the scale."

Other popular breeds that enjoy lure coursing include Staffies and German Shepherds, especially those that like to chase balls. The oddball of the mix is the Chinese Crested, who is also known to enjoy the thrill of the chase.

While the physical activity of lure racing is great for the dog's fitness, it's the brainpower required that also keeps them sharp. "They definitely have to focus. And they love to chase. So with lure coursing, they get to do what they love," Krystal says.

Rules of the Game

Competition lure racing isn't run in a straight line; it included curves and tunnels to simulate the experience of a dog chasing a rabbit in the wild.

The NSW Lure Coursing Association says judges score the dogs against five criteria; enthusiasm, follow, speed, agility and endurance. To start



earning titles, dogs must pass a “courser” test, gaining more than 150 points at two separate trials before completing in single stakes.

In an Open stake, the dogs need to run “clean”, which means they can’t interfere with or chase another dog during the run. They need to remain focused on the lure. When it comes to catching that “bunny”, it’s a short burst of performance that makes for incredible viewing from the sidelines. “They got scored on how keen they are to chase and how fast they are,” Krystal explains.

Following the sport’s success in America and Europe for several decades, the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) approves lure coursing as a dog sport in Australia, effectively from 1st Jan 2015. Krystal, who is the show secretary at the Group 4 Hound Club in Victoria, says they’re currently researching competition lure coursing events in the state, like those that have been run in Queensland, NSW and South Australia for many years.

She says the appeal of lure competitions is that judging is based purely on the dog’s performance not looks like in the show dog arena and not the direction of a handler such as in obedience trials. “With showing or obedience, you are controlling what the dog is doing whereas with lure coursing, the dog is out there and it just does what it does. You sit back and you watch, so there’s no bias.”

Dogs doing what they love without anyone telling them what to do? Don’t reckon any of them need to be convinced that that’s going to be a fun day out. 🐾



Reprinted from Pet Mag June 2017

It’s the one word guaranteed to send your hound into a spin! Walk time is definitely a big part of dog owning life, but according to the latest data from wearable technology Fitbark, Australia ranks among the laziest countries in the world when it comes to dog walking.

“Pet parents may not realise that by overfeeding their dogs and not exercising them enough, they are increasing the risk of their pets developing life threatening illnesses,” says Dr Patricia Santos Smith, senior veterinary advisor at PetSure.

Over the past four years, PetSure has seen claims increase buy 100% for obesity related health issues and an alarming 37% rise for osteoarthritis. Claim frequency for canine diabetes has shot up by 115% since 2012. Suggesting that we do indeed have a problem when it comes to keeping our pets fit.

Walking with your dog isn’t just good for their health – it’s good for yours too! But if you’re finding it difficult to get the time to pound the pavement together, here are some other ways you can keep your dog active.

- Engage in a long game of fetch in the backyard.
- Take your dog to an off leash park and let him run around with all the other energetic canines.
- Hire a professional dog walker to take your pooch for an outing.
- Take up a doggy sport! Agility, Flyball, dock diving – all of these are popular sport options that will get your canines blood pumping.
- Give swimming a go. In the colder weather this may be harder, but if you have a dog that likes getting wet and you live near a safe and calm waterway, your pet may enjoy wading away some calories. 🐾



Trophies and Awards presented



Gaye Penny receives the 25th Anniversary Trophy (highest scoring CDX)



Rebecca McGroarty receives the Cunningham Trophy for highest score in Croydon trials



Debra Moody with the Tyson Award Trophy



Brooke Driessen receives the Novice Flyball Trophy

The above recipients were awarded thier Perpetual Trophies by Club Patron, Hon. David Hodgett MP

at the AGM held 26th May 2017



Treasurer, Ann Statham ~ 20 Year Service Award



Ingrid Krueger ~ 20 Year Service Award



Barb Schubert ~ 10 Year Service Award



Bobbee Terrill ~ Track & Search Grand Champion, K. Smith Trophy (highest scoring UD) and Rally Obedience Champion



Wendy Potter ~ Tracking Champion and Track & Search Grand Champion



Jacinta Burke ~ Tracking Champion and Track & Search Grand Champion



Gaye Penny ~ Heelwork to Music Champion and Freestyle Champion



Lorraine Holland ~ Tracking Champion



Trophies and Awards – AGM cont.



Sue Timperley sent apologies for the AGM but sent a photo of her Shetland Sheep Dog Inneslake Simply Irresistible “Elsa” with the replicas of the Perpetual Trophies. They were awarded the 50th Anniversary Trophy (highest scoring CCD) R.M. Legge Trophy (highest scoring CD) and the Rally O Perpetual Trophy (Highest aggregate score for their Novice title).



Linda Hedges ~ 5 Year Service Award



Karen Soo ~ 5 Year Service Award



Fiona Blake ~ 3 Year Service Award



Kerri La Roche and Jim Moth ~ 5 Year Service Awards





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AGM Perpetual Trophies and Title Awards

Obedience Perpetual Trophies

CUNNINGHAM TROPHY (highest score in Croydon trials)

Rebecca McGroarty	Adderslot Midnight Charmer
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50th ANNIVERSARY TROPHY (highest scoring CCD)

Sue Timperley	Inneslake Simply Irresistible
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R.M. LEGGE TROPHY (highest scoring CD)

Sue Timperley	Inneslake Simply Irresistible
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25th ANNIVERSARY TROPHY (highest scoring CDX)

Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
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K. SMITH TROPHY (highest scoring UD)

Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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Rally O Perpetual Trophy

(Highest aggregate score for their Novice title)

Sue Timperley	Inneslake Simply Irresistible
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Flyball Perpetual Trophies 2016-17

NOVICE FLYBALL TROPHY

Brooke Driessen	Stuart
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TYSON AWARD (Flyball)

Debra Moody	Sasha
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Obedience Titles

COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD)

Anna Morgan	Iamgoldn Moon Shadow
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Liz Tacey-Taylor	Wandalier Magik Clover
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COMMUNITY COMPANION DOG (CCD) & COMPANION DOG (CD)

Lorraine Holland	Tullacrest Celtic Drift
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Pauline Williams	Adensley Fire N Ice
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Sue Timperley	Inneslake Simply Irresistible
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COMPANION DOG EXCELLENT (CDX)

Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
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UTILITY DOG (UD)

Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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Endurance (ET)

Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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Working Weight Pull Dog (WWPD)

Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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Tracking & Track & Search

TRACKING DOG (TD) AND TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (TDX)

Lorraine Holland	Tullacrest Celtic Drift
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TRACKING DOG EXCELLENT (TDX)

Lorraine Holland	Tullacrest Modern Milly
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TRACK AND SEARCH DOG (T&SD) & TRACK & SEARCH DOG EXCELLENT (T&SDX)

Wendy Potter	Wasserbailee
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TRACKING CHAMPION (T CH)

Lorraine Holland	Tullacrest Modern Milly
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Leonie Keilour	Bonnielee
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Deb Smith	Gunzal
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TRACK & SEARCH GRAND CHAMPION (T&S CH)

Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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Jacinta Burke	Kardibroke Lilac Belle
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Wendy Potter	Wasserbailee
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TRACK AND SEARCH CHAMPION (T&S CH)

Jacinta Burke	Kardibroke Lilac Belle
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Wendy Potter	Wasserbailee
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Dancing With Dogs

HEELWORK TO MUSIC CHAMPION (HTM.CH)

Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
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FREESTYLE CHAMPION (FS.CH)

Gaye Penny	Abtei Great Expectations
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Conformation Title (Neut. CH)

Jacinta Burke	Kardibroke Lilac Belle
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Agility

AGILITY DOG (AD)

Tegan Smith	Pippin
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JUMPING DOG (JD)

Anne Woods	Elzscot Reach for the Stars
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JUMPING DOG EXCELLENT (JDX)

Anne Dengate	Arajoel Rainbo Spryte
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AGILITY – JUMPING DOG (JD) and JUMPING DOG EXCELLENT (JDX)

Tegan Smith	Pippin
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GAMBLERS DOG

Anne Woods	Elzscot Reach for the Stars
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Rally O Titles

RALLY O NOVICE (RN)

Lorraine Holland	Tullacrest Celtic Drift
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Helen Pascoe	Alizarin Red Miss Bella
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RALLY NOVICE (RN) & RALLY ADVANCED (RA)

Sue Timperley	Inneslake Simply Irresistible
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RALLY EXCELLENT (RE)

Anne Mann	Ellagant Great Rhythm
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RALLY MASTER

Bobbee Terrill	Cabulla River Aorborn
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Bobbee Terrill	Rosarott Baskos Pride
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RALLY OBEDIENCE CHAMPION (RO CH)

Bobbee Terrill	Cabulla River Aorborn
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Flyball Titles

FLYBALL MASTER (FM)

Frances Campbell	Tigger
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Debra Moody	Sasha
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Stephen Bullas	Buddy
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Thaess White	Marlo
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Lynne Brown	Samson
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AUST. FLYBALL CHAMPION (AFCh)

Jolien van der Knoop	Tess
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Melissa Ryan	Selkie
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FLYBALL DOG (FD)

Halina Hassard	Bones
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Alli Berry	Cooper
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Allison McRae	Ned
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FLYBALL DOG (FD) & FLYBALL DOG EXCELLENT (FDX)

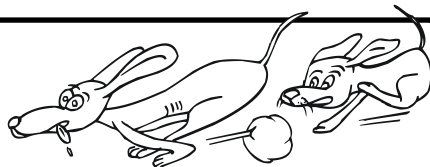
Florence Chiu	Snowy
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FLYBALL DOG (FD), FLYBALL DOG EXCELLENT (FDX) & FLYBALL DOG CHAMPION (FD.CH)

Brooke Driessen	Stuart
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Frances Campbell	Candy
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Dog Club Shop

Did you know that this shop is run for you the handlers and your dogs? Prices are always lower than pet shops, vets and supermarkets.

We sell most items you may need for your dog. The majority of our treats are made in Australia and are available to purchase in bulk.

Let us know what you need and we will try to obtain it for you.

10% Discount if you bring this edition of Capers (excluding pigs ears and flea products).

Opening hours...

8.30 am – 11.30am



Coffee and Snacks

Coffee and Sausages are available for sale in the Clubhouse every Sunday during training hours. Coffee/Tea/Ovaltine/ Soup (During Winter Months) Soft Drinks, etc. **ALL AVAILABLE**



The wisdom of dogs

Reprinted from Dogs Life mag

Our canine companions can teach us some of life's most valuable lessons – if we're willing to learn. Dogs life editor Laura Greaves explains how she learned everything she needs to know about life from dogs. Live for yourself

Human beings spend a lot of time worrying about how we'll be perceived by other human beings. We adapt our behaviour so that others will like us, and often don't say things we'd like to say for fear of offending people. Dogs don't have that problem – they are 100% true to themselves at all time.

My dog, Tex, will bark at you if you approach his house and he doesn't care if you think he's bad mannered. He'll give you a sniff and, if he doesn't like the cut of your jib, he'll turn tail and walk away without worrying you'll be upset. Wouldn't it be lovely, if people were so direct?

Lesson learned: *Be yourself and don't worry about what other people think of you.*

Never accept a first offer

When we brought Tex home as a 10 week old bundle of fluff, he refused to eat. The first day we put it down to being overwhelmed by his new surroundings, but when he was still ignoring his food bowl after 48 hours, we rang the breeder in a panic. "He's probably waiting to see if you'll offer him something other than dry food," she suggested. "Try a chicken neck." A chicken neck was duly procured and, of course, Tex virtually inhaled it.

Lesson learned: *If you don't like the first option, wait for a better offer.*

Reach out

In his heart warming book, *Love is the best Medicine: What Two Dogs Taught One Vet About Hope, Humility and Everyday Miracles*, US vet Dr Nick Trout recounts the story of Miniature Pinscher puppy Cleo, who had a penchant for befriending outsiders. At doggy daycare, she

parked herself next to a lonely, frightened Sheltie and simply waited there until the timid dog was brave enough to join in the fun. Similarly, she introduced herself to a disabled child at an airport and brightened the little girl's day.

Lesson learned: *Offering a smile, a kind word or a hand (or paw) to hold can make an enormous difference.*

Listen to your body

Weight loss experts say one of the main reasons people struggle to shed unwanted kilos is mindless eating – that is, snacking when you're not really hungry. Tex doesn't have this problem. Along with his nightly raw chicken leg, he also gets a small bowl of premium quality dry food. He usually ignores it at dinnertime, but will polish it off later when he's peckish. He only eats when he's hungry – the greatest weight loss lesson of all.

Lesson learned: *Pay attention to your appetite.*

Why drive when you can walk?

American art critic John Zeaman devoted an entire book, *Dog Walks Man*, to the simple pleasure of walking his dog, Pete, a Standard Poodle named after a Ghostbusters character. Initially accepting the role of "Chief Family Dogwalker" begrudgingly, Zeaman soon discovered that these six legged rambles were an opportunity to explore his neighbourhood, meet new people and enjoy being in the great outdoors.

Lesson learned: *Walking is arguably the best way to get to know the world.*

It's the little things

Tex has an embarrassing number of fancy toys but, like a small child who has more fun playing with the box his pricey plaything came in than the toy itself, it's the inexpensive amusements he likes best. Among his favourites are an old

The wisdom of dogs cont.



Ugg boot, a torn bit of curtain, the lid of an aerosol can and whichever items of underwear he can steal from the laundry basket when nobody's looking.

Lesson learned: *Why buy designer when cheap 'n' cheerful is just as entertaining?*

Silence is golden

Being a dog, Tex can't speak – but he can communicate more effectively than many of the most talkative human beings. It's partly his expressive eyebrows and partly his habit of staring fixedly at what he wants – one way or another, he's always able to make it abundantly clear what he's after. And yes, he usually gets it.

Lesson learned: *Sometimes words simply aren't necessary.*

Make the most of every moment

Isn't it amazing that the words "walkies" and "car" can send dogs into raptures of pure joy? Many people consider exercising and running errands in the car to be chores, but our four legged friends view both as just about the most fun a pooch can have.

Similarly, the first time Tex saw a cow, he was utterly mesmerized; it was without question the most fascinating thing he had ever seen. Two minutes later he saw a sparrow, and then that was the most fascinating thing he'd ever seen. Imagine if more people saw "mundane" things as opportunities to explore and experience. Consider the possibilities if we took the time too look at familiar sights through fresh eyes.

Lesson learned: *Look for the wonder in every moment of every day.*

Don't judge a book by it's cover

In her book, *The Dog Who Healed a Family*, author Jo Coudert shares the story of rescue puppy Shaneen, whose boundless love for three damaged, unruly children helps them to bond

with their adoptive family. Haunted by their sad past, the trio had been all but disowned by the family's existing children until their mutual affection for Shaneen helped the siblings find common ground.

Dogs don't care who you are, what you look like or where you come from; as long as you dispense plenty of love and belly rubs, you're welcome in their pack.

Lesson learned: *Put your preconceived ideas aside and you can find friends and allies where you least expect it.*

Be proud of your achievements

Tex likes to steal things. Specifically, he likes to steal freshly washed underpants and socks from the laundry hamper. He could do these things surreptitiously; he could quietly take his ill gotten gains to a private spot and chew to his heart's content – but he doesn't do that. Instead, he barrels down our long hallway into the living room beaming in front of us with his drool splashed loot in his mouth. He's proud of having liberated the knickers from their laundry basket prison and he thinks we should be, too.

Lesson learned: *Don't hide your lights under a bushel.*

Admit your mistakes

Most dogs have the good grace to be contrite when they misbehave. After having the stolen undergarments confiscated and being roundly chastised, Tex will always sit under the coffee table for a few minutes, looking very sorry indeed. When he feels he's been suitably punished he will emerge, all waggy tail and broad doggy grin. There's never any hard feelings on his part.

Lesson learned: *Own up when you've done wrong, pay your penance with good humour and don't hold grudges.*

What life lessons has your dog taught you? 🐾



Farewell to my Beautiful Girls

Thank you both for everything

'Morgan'

27.09.2006 – 15.12.2016

TS Grand CH. Tri CH (N)(T)(O) RO CH
Cabulla River Aorborn
UD RAE JD GD SPD ET HSA(s)



'Greta'

31.10.2002 – 08.05.2017

TS Grand CH. Dual CH (N)(T)
Sanmar Denver Diva
UD RAE (2) JDM ADX GD SD SPD HT



"There is a cycle of love and death that shapes the lives of those who choose to travel in the company of animals. It is a cycle unlike any other. To those who have never lived through its turnings and walked its rocky path, our willingness to give our hearts with full knowledge that they will be broken seems incomprehensible. Only we know how small a price we pay for what we receive; our grief, no matter how powerful it may be, is an insufficient measure of the joy we have been given".

Suzanne Clothier

Bobbee Terrill

Tracking Report

Kennel & 'call' name	Owner	Date	Venue	Grade
Tammyscott (Tammy)	Pam Scott	08.04.2017	TCV Pyalong	T1 Very good Track of the Day
Tammyscott (Tammy)	Pam Scott	13.05.2017	Knox ODC Haddon	T2 Pass
Mecedes Meg CCD RE (Meg)	Pam Scott	13.05.2017	Knox ODC Haddon	T1 Very Good
Ellagant Great Rhythm CDX RE TD (Rhythm)	Anne Mann	20.05.2017	Working Dog C V	T4 Pass
Tullacrest Celtic Drift CD RN TDX (Drift)	Lorraine Holland	20.05.2017	Working Dog C V	T7 Good

Obedience Triallers' Report



Our April Obedience Trial was a very enjoyable day, although our numbers were down this year, probably due to Easter and Anzac Day. Our thanks go to all members who volunteer to help – in whatever capacity – without you we would not have a trial.

Congratulations to the following members and their beautiful dogs who gained passes at recent obedience trials:

BORDER COLLIE TRIAL 9/04/17

OPEN RING – Judged by Kim Houlden
Lorraine Holland and Tullacrest Celtic Drift CD RN TDX (Drift) 2nd Place, Score 193.

BERWICK ODC 7/5/17

OPEN RING am trial – Judged by Barry Cotton
Lorraine Holland and Tullacrest Celtic Drift CD RN TDX (Drift) 2nd Place, Score 184.

CROYDON ODC Inc. 23/4/17

OPEN RING – Judged by Ray Ashman
Rebecca McGroarty and Hevnsent Sweet Babyblu, UD (Jet) 1st Place, and Highest Scoring Croydon Member, score 191.

OPEN RING – Judged by Fred Brueckner
Pauline Williams and Adensley Fire N Ice (Chester), CDX, 3rd Place, Score 188, Title.

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.





Rally O Report

Sunday 9th April – Border Collie/ Australian Shepherd Working Dog Rally O Trial

PM EXCELLENT A TRIAL

Helena Walter, with Nelke, 85 after a disastrous start losing 13 points on the first station! Rest of the course was faultless.

Easter Saturday 15th April – Dogs Victoria/OTEC Open Rally O Trial

AM EXCELLENT A TRIAL

Helena Walter, with Nelke, 96, first in ring and **EXCELLENT TITLE**. Well done Helena, it has been a while in coming!

PM EXCELLENT A TRIAL

Helena Walter, with Nelke, 81.

Sunday 23rd April – CDODC Open Rally O Trial

On a beautiful autumn day we had a very successful Rally O Trial at “home.”

NOVICE

Gaye Penny, with Abtei Great Expectations, 93 and first in ring.

Karen Soo, with Ausfx Hunting High N Low, 93 and second in ring.

On identical scores Gaye pipped Karen for first place by completing the course faster – time difference of only 2.97 seconds!

Great work ladies.

ADVANCED A

Maddie Hoare, with Glenmave Gareth, 82 and fourth in ring.

A great result as Maddie is still recovering from ankle surgery.

EXCELLENT A

Richard Stewart, with Oakridge Regatta, 90 and second in ring and **EXCELLENT TITLE**.

MASTER

Bobbie Terrill, with Rosarott Basko's Pride, 95 and second in ring.

6th May – RTB German Shepherd Dog Club of Victoria State Exhibition, including Rally O – at KCC Park.

ADVANCED B

Helena Walter with Nelke, 87.

EXCELLENT B

Helena Walter with Nelke, 86.

28th May – Mornington Obedience Dog Club Open Rally O Trial - at KCC Park.

The weather forecast of rain, hail, thunder and strong winds didn't auger well for quality performances but Croydon had two successes.

EXCELLENT A

Sue Timperley with Inneslake Simply Irresistible, Elsa, 96 and 1st place in Judge Graham Eades' ring. This is Sue's 3rd Excellent A pass so she needs 2 more for Excellent Title. Well done Sue and Elsa.

MASTER CLASS

Jacinta Burke with Bella, 92. Jacinta explains:- *“We were very lucky with the weather and it was only spitting when I went into the ring. Judge Lorna Piper had set a challenging Master ring with lots of angles and difficult exercises including back up three paces, which caught a few people out. In spite of this there were a lot of passes. Bella was her usual barky self to start off but then settled down to get a creditable score of 92. We had to do a retry on two exercises. She did the spin well this time as we have been practising.”* Congratulations Jacinta on gaining a Master pass on your first entry at this level.

After B2 Rally Obedience is a lot of fun

You do not have to enter competition like the people whose successes have been reported on page 21. Rally O suits dogs and handlers of all ages and abilities. It is particularly suitable for older dogs (and/or handlers) who are not as active as they once were. On the other hand if you have a competitive streak we match the training to suit you and help you to enter trials.

Once you have your Basic 2 Certificate you are able to take part in this sport. If you would like to see Rally O in action, ask questions or try out some of the exercises/signs, come over to the Rally rings near the northern cricket pitch.

Beginners (Novice) classes are on Sunday mornings from 9:30 until 10:30 and once you achieve Novice you can attend the higher classes anytime between 9:30am and 11:45. 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.



Do you want a trophy?



All handlers whose dogs have gained a title since 1st April 2017 are entitled to a trophy which will be presented at our 2018 AGM. Simply send Ingrid Krueger jrtmum@gmail.com 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 – jrtmum@gmail.com – Please remember she does not have E.S.P.



Please remember...

Current
Membership
Card



Training

No
Membership
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No Training



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

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

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.

Easy homemade dog loo

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

*Dogs come into
our lives to teach
us about love, they
depart to teach us
about loss.*

*A new dog never replaces an old dog;
it merely expands the heart. If you
have loved many dogs your heart is
very big.*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



2017

June	Sun 11	Queens Birthday Weekend NO TRAINING
	Tue 20	7.30pm Committee Meeting
July	Tue 18	7.30pm Committee Meeting
Aug	Tue 15	7.30pm Committee Meeting
Sept	Tue 19	7.30pm Committee Meeting
Oct	Tue 17	7.30pm Committee Meeting

Unless otherwise stated the following activities are conducted each week:

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

Sunday 9.00am – 12:00pm

Obedience Training – Puppies, Basic, Advanced
Trial Classes · Flyball Training · Agility Training

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