

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

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PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
General Club Rules:

1. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
2. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
3. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
4. Dogs & handlers must not use equipment without permission.
5. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
6. Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult at all times on the Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls on the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit immediately. Poo bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, you rinse it off with water.
8. Smoking is not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
9. No alcoholic drinks are permitted in class or in Club buildings.
10. If you arrive late, do not enter your class. Wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.
11. Members must wear sensible shoes – no thongs or bare feet.
12. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress

13. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
14. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
15. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary class. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend until they are cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
17. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.
18. Your membership badge must be worn in class. "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
19. There will be no training for Obedience if the Saturday night forecast for Sunday is 32°C or over for the Elizabeth area.
20. There will be no training for non-trialers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area.
21. There will be no training for beginners in Flyball if the Sunday night forecast for Monday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area.
22. Any class may be cancelled due to stormy or inclement weather at the discretion of the Head Instructor (s).
23. Sun protection is encouraged for you and your dog.
24. All injuries must be reported and recorded.
25. Class instructors in consultation with the discipline Head Instructor, reserve the right to send a dog back to a lower class if it is to the advantage of the dog and/or handler.

*A full list of rules is available in the office
and on our website.*



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2021 PDODC Committee

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Flyball Report July 2021

The future of Flyball at Para is looking promising. We are planning a couple competitions this year which is great after the break we have had. What excites me most though, are the beginner dogs and handlers that are coming through at the moment. To Jess with Gracie, Llana with Ryan, Brett with Dusty, Libby with Archie, Ana with Ziggy, Jess with Cassius and Jeremy with Brock and Allegra, congratulations! I can see how hard you are working and the results are showing. Some of you may feel at times that your dog is not learning fast enough. Please remember that each dog learns at their own pace. Training is not a race. Your dogs all have potential to be awesome racing team members. Keep persisting with your training, keep it fun and you will get there.

On the 10th July we had a Mock Flyball Competition and training day at the club. We set up a competition ring complete with the Electronic Judging System (EJS) and invited fellow Flyballers from Dover Gardens Dog Obedience Club to join us. Our last competition was back in 2019 so it was great to be back racing again, even if it was just a practice run. Our beginner dogs also had a chance to train their dogs in this different environment and learn a bit about how competitions run. A couple of our beginner handlers even stepped in to run some of our trialling dogs. Special congratulations to Ana who achieved a 000 start running Sasha. Fantastic effort! I think it's fair to say everyone had a good time. Thanks to all for coming and to my instructors and everyone who stepped in to help out during the day.



Our next competition is at the Royal Adelaide Show on the 4th September. We are super excited to be getting back after it was cancelled last year. We will be racing on the Dairy Cattle Lawn near the Leader St entrance. So if you're at the Show on Saturday 4th come by and check out the action.

Save this date - On the 9th and 10th of October Dogs SA are running an event called The Festival of Dogs at their grounds on Cromwell Rd, Kilburn. The weekend promises to be about everything doggy with stalls, breeders, dog sport demonstrations and more. As part of the event we will be doing a Flyball demonstration on Saturday 9th. I encourage you to come along and see the Flyball and enjoy all the festivities.

We are also in the process of planning a competition at the Prospect Spring Fair this year on the 30th October. I will be looking for stewards to help on this day so if you would like a front seat to the action please see me. Stewarding is very easy. No experience is necessary and all the rules are explained on the day.

If you are interested in coming to try Flyball, please come out at 6.30pm on Monday night and have a go. Dogs must be 12mths of age to start training.

Cheers,

*Rebecca Knapp
Head Flyball Instructor*



Obedience Report—July 2021

Hello and welcome to our new members who have just joined us to train their new puppies. We welcome you and hope your time here at Para is an enjoyable one, as you meet new friends human and canine. Please know that if you are struggling, or are worried about anything please stay behind after class and speak to your instructor. Or alternatively come and speak to me. All of our instructors are more than willing to help you. There is no set time for you and your dog to graduate to a higher class. Some dogs learn quicker than others, depending on the circumstances. Just enjoy the challenges as they come up, and work together as a team. The time you spend with your dog, has to be one of the most rewarding experiences.

On graduations, they occur every month. Class 1 & 2 is the first Sunday in the month. Class 3 & 4 is the last Sunday in the month. I do also urge you to put into practice at home what you have learnt in class. A little progress each day adds up to big results.

We have had quite a few people who have been trialling recently. I am proud to announce their results for you. I am only doing Obedience and Trick Titles (Courtesy of Peggy,) In no particular order.....For Obedience: Lee Braxton & Lexie CCD, Shirley Turner & Charlie CCD, Julian Stokes & Loki CCD, James Wissell & Blitz CD, Jan Cooper & Matilda CDX, Danni McCulloch & Mysty UD, Trick Titles Michella & Fi, Trick Starter, Lyn & Brax, Trick Starter, Lyn & Stryke, Trick Starter, Katherine & Jango, Trick Novice, Chris & Zach, Trick Novice, Danni Gabbi & Mysty, Trick Novice Peggy & Carlotta, Trick Starter, Peggy & Caleb, Trick Novice, & Trick Intermediate The first dog in the State with this Title. HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE. Apologies now if I have forgotten anyone, it will be amended in next newsletter if so. *Happy Training.*

Jan.



Agility Report—July 2021

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I guess it is winter, so we really shouldn't complain, but unfortunately due to the wintry weather, we have only had a handful of training sessions. Though in saying this, PDODC were well represented at the State Agility Championships that were held in June at Munno Para.

Congratulations to everyone that entered, even if you didn't get a qualification, I'm sure that you managed to take away some positives from the weekend. A big congratulations to all the 2021 State Champions, but especially these dogs/handlers from PDODC:

Indie & Shirley – State Champion Novice Jumping 300

Eddie & Madison – Juniors Jumping Champion

Indie & Shirley – State Champion Novice Agility 300

Mystique & Danni – State Champion Excellent Agility 500

Lottie & Jess – State Champion Novice Gamblers

Hudson & Debra – State Champion Masters Gamblers

PDODC members were also placed well in the State Championships

Lottie & Jess – 2nd Place Excellent Jumping 500

Mystique & Danni – 2nd Place Open Agility

Hudson & Debra – 5th Place Open Agility

Hudson & Debra – 7th Place Open Jumping

Mystique & Danni – 4th Place Excellent Gamblers

Archer & Debra – 3rd Place Novice Snooker

Mystique & Danni – 5th Place Excellent Snooker

Cleo & Victor – 3rd Place Masters Snooker

Mystique & Danni & Raven & Rachael – 2nd Place Novice Strategic Pairs Hudson

& Debra & Shack & Beth 3rd Place Excellent Strategic Pairs

Eddie & Jess & Cleo & Victor – 2nd Place Masters Strategic Pairs

If you're interested in training in Agility, we train on Friday nights at 6:30 with first timers on the first training Friday night of the month. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page when the next intake is. Also please keep an eye on the Facebook page as I will post there by hopefully 4:30pm Friday if training is cancelled due to weather. Let's hope the weather improves soon so we can get back to training.

Chrissy

**Please accept my apologies if I have missed you in the above lists*



Robo Boy

How playing ball changed Sammy's life forever

Sammy was a young, fit and healthy one year old working line border collie with a bright sporting future ahead of him. We were keen to compete in agility and flyball and were one week out from entering our first agility trial before the accident occurred.

Now his sporting career has abruptly ended before it even had a chance to begin. Sammy is my third working dog, so I am well accustomed to being a dog owner (or so I thought), however I knew very little about a dogs anatomy, nor did I know the dangers involved with something as mediocre as playing ball.

What should have been an ordinary outing to the oval of an evening to play ball after work, soon turned into a life changing, devastating incident. We were several throws in, and I had thrown Sammy's ball again, a little too high. He jumped and caught it but his landing was off and his right hind leg took the entire fall resulting in a stifle dislocation with multiple ligament ruptures, completely tearing the cruciate and lateral collateral ligaments, severely bruising the medial collateral ligament in addition to meniscal injury. The injury was compared to that of a dog that had been in a car accident due to the severity.

Sammy underwent a challenging surgery to try to salvage the leg, and then we were faced with the most grueling part of it all, the recovery period. Recovery is a long, daunting road. One paw wrong could have jeopardised the whole surgery, especially within the first 6 – 12 weeks post op. Sammy was strictly rested during this period, confined to his crate other than for short, slow walks on a leash to go to the toilet.

We also attended rehab at Pet Universe for 10 consecutive weeks which involved underwater treadmill, laser treatment and conditioning exercises to treat the muscle atrophy.

We are currently 13 weeks post op, and his knee is roughly 40% healed. You may see Sammy walking around the club grounds with his leg brace on for extra support while the leg is still so vulnerable and the scar tissue is still forming to stabilise the knee. We are expected to reach 80 – 85% healed by one year post op.

Sammy has been an absolute trooper throughout this whole ordeal, taking everything in his stride. We'd also like to thank our Para peers for the ongoing encouragement and support. It has made our journey a little more bearable and we all know how much Sammy adores his Para family.

Sammy & Chantel





Obedience Class Times and Session Information

Whether you aspire to gain titles in dog sports or just want to train for fun and have an obedient dog that is a good member of the community, PDODC offers choice, advice and support.

8.30am	Utility
9.15am	Rally Obedience
9.30am	Puppies/First Timers & Class 5
10.20am	Class 6
10.20am	First Timers <i>(and New Members information session)</i>
10.30am	Learners & Class 2
11.15am	Class 4
11.20am	Class 3
11.25am	Class 1

Office Opening Hours

Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am
(Subject to change)

Obedience Graduations

Grades 1 & 2 are graduated on the first Sunday of the month

Grades 3 & 4 are graduated on the last Sunday of the month

However, this may not be possible every month due to hot weather (above 32 degrees), long weekends, inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. There may occasionally be exceptions—thanks for your understanding!



Agility Class Times

Agility is held on Friday evenings. Please note if the temperature is forecast for 32 degrees or higher (on Channel 7 news the night prior) training will not go ahead. There is also no training on a long weekend, or when a public holiday falls on Monday or Friday.

6.30pm	Set Up
7pm - 7.45pm	New Dogs, Puppies & Non-Triallers
8pm - 9pm	Triallers

Office Opening Hours

Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am
(Subject to change)



Flyball Class Times

Flyball is held on Monday evenings. Please note if the temperature is forecast for 32 degrees or higher (on Channel 7 news the night prior) training will not go ahead. If the weather is unsuitable for any other reason, training will be cancelled.

6.30pm	Set Up and Dog Assessment
6.45pm	Beginners
7.30pm	Intermediate / Triallers

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We have a large range of toys and equipment for sale. Please see what we have available before heading to the big pet stores—your support of the shop is sincerely appreciated and the money goes back into running our club. All items can be purchased on Sunday mornings during office opening hours. Some of the treasures you'll find are tug toys, dumb-bells, liver treat bags, slip collars,

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Bec & Charlie's Story

Charlie is a German Shepherd who suffered from severe anxiety . .

Bec had tried just about everything to help Charlie - including 9 months with another trainer in which she saw NO RESULTS.

"We would take one step forward and 3 steps back"

Feeling helpless, she knew that she was on her last straw when Bec was recommended to euthanise Charlie as her quality of life was quickly deteriorating.

The anxiety was detrimental to Charlie's day to day quality of life -

Bec was unable to even put a collar onto her and walks were made impossible no matter how many times Bec tried.

Charlie would redirect her anger by either jumping or biting the back of Bec's arms.

Complete meltdowns weren't out of the usual and a solution seemed to be far out of reach . .

Charlie and Bec have very happily just completed their 5th session with us and are just about to buy another 5! . . WHY?

"We've achieved more than we ever thought possible. We can now communicate with Charlie and have the engagement and a relationship with her! She's no longer fixated. I can take her out without her redirecting on to me . . I can put a collar on her. She's much happier in herself. And much more centred in herself." - Bec 🐾

"The training has honestly changed our lives. Charlie is a different dog! We can do normal activities like going to the vet, stress free! Day to day, the small things most people take for granted like putting a collar on, going out to the car - we can now achieve like it's normal. We're also able to go on small walks. She is so much better at relaxing on her own, and not needing to be going 24/7. She gets so excited to practise our training twice a day! We are also so much less stressed not having to constantly worry about her. We now have a tool kit." - Bec

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DAY SCHOOL



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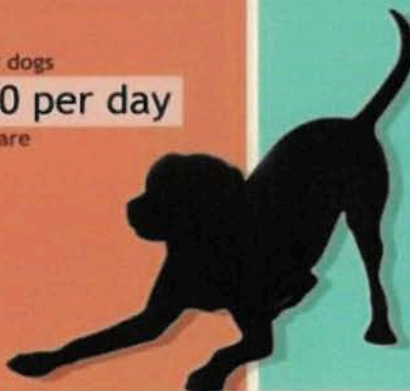
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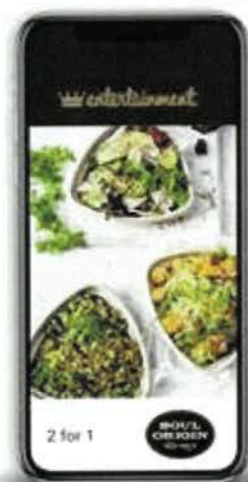


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Thinking of you, Sharon

Sharon has been an active member of the club for well over 32 years. She has devoted many hours to helping out at all events. She has competed in all the disciplines over the years. Obedience, Agility and Flyball.

She was Obedience Head Instructor for many years and helped run trials in the office. Sharon has been a steward at Obedience, Agility and Flyball has also done a lot of other miscellaneous jobs too numerous to mention, and recently been Assistant Treasurer. She was also an active member of The Committee for many years until just recently.



We're so proud of your strength and determination. It is a true inspiration to us all to hear how you face every day with spirit and courage. We're so sorry you're going through this awful time, but please remember that we will be right here whenever you need us. Get well soon.

Much love from all of us at Para District Obedience Dog Club





Obedience Graduates

Sincere apologies for those who have graduated in the last few months and have not been included in this edition of the magazine. Covid disruptions mean not everyone was recorded.

Congratulations to you all on your graduation achievements!

Well done Dawn and Sophie,
awarded Team of the Month!

Graduates

Lorraine & Frodo
Sue & Amber
April & Bindi
Dawn & Sophie
Karin & Sasha
Stephanie & Neema
Michella & Arie



Hi fellow PDODC members!

I'm Holly, fur-parent of Willow and Atlas and editor of the Slipcollar. Please let me know if there's anything else you'd like to see in here and I'd love for you to share your photos and stories with me for future editions! *Holly*



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Club Uniforms



Contact person – Ronnie Schmidt (barfsa@bigpond.com)

Embroidered Club Uniforms are available to all members of PDODC. Orders are placed on a monthly basis. If you would like to order club clothing, please use the order form below and hand it in to the office.

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Kids 4 - 14			\$30.00
Ladies 8 – 20			\$50.00
Adults S – 3XL			\$58.00
Caps & Beanies			\$12
Total			\$