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Mawson Lakes Dogs Day Out 2025

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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 and handlers must not use equipment without permission of Instructors.
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 years of age must be supervised by an appropriate adult at all times on Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit immediately. Pooh bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, please 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 lesson. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend training until they are officially cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
17. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.
18. If any dog has been banned/suspended by Dogs SA it cannot attend the club until the ban/suspension has been lifted.

General Club Rules

19. The club reserves the right to ask any member whose dog exhibits aggression or attacks another dog, to muzzle or remove their dog from the training grounds. This will be at the discretion of the Head Instructor of each Discipline. It should also be given in writing to the Committee to discuss the outcome of action to be taken for the member and dog.
20. All Head Instructors have the authority to deal with any club members dogs guilty of unseemly conduct or an act harmful to the club or any existing member whilst training
21. Any member/s, and/or any members dog/s, that at any time during their membership comes under disciplinary review by any Affiliated Club and/or Dogs SA are to provide notification to the Committee for review and consideration by the Committee.
22. Your membership badge must be worn in class. Replacement or "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
23. Obedience Hot Weather Policy - Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM App) for Salisbury. If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken any time the day before training.
24. Agility Hot Weather Policy - Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM App) for Salisbury. If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken any time the day before training.
25. Flyball Hot Weather Policy - Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM App) for Salisbury. If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken any time the day before training.
26. Any class may be cancelled due to unsuitable weather at the discretion of the Head Instructor(s).
27. Sun protection is encouraged for you and your dog.
28. All injuries must be reported and recorded.
29. Class instructors, in consultation with the discipline's 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.

2025 PDODC Committee

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President's Report

G'day everyone,

Well, it's the end of another year and it's been a very busy one at that. We've had plenty of trials, sadly only one agility trial, though.

This year sprint has been added to our list of dog sports. It has proven to be tremendously popular with high numbers of entrants at each event. The club has now purchased the necessary items and machinery to run trials without needing to borrow from other clubs and we have our own judges too.

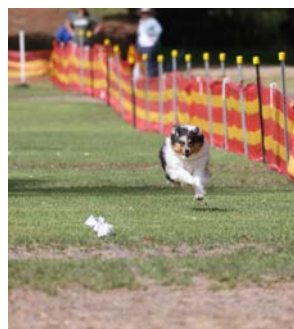
All the trials have been well run by our dedicated team of trial managers, secretaries and volunteers. It's always good to see so many people putting their hand up to help. Great job, everyone.

After losing our magazine editor at the beginning of the year, Michael has stepped up and has taken up the role. Thank you to Mandy for so many fabulous editions of 'Slipcollar' and to Michael for continuing in this role.

We have two new head instructors after both Chrissie and Jan stood down after many years of service, Chrissie being agility and Jan with obedience. Danielle Griggs has taken on agility and James Wissell has taken on obedience. We all wish them well in their positions. I personally have done both roles over the years and know only too well how hard it is to take on such daunting positions, so thank you.

All of our classes in all disciplines have continued to have large numbers of participants and we are always on the lookout for new instructors. If you are interested in learning how to instruct, just catch up with an instructor and they can point you in the right direction. We also still always need help in the canteen and office too.

On a sad note, we lost two members this year, Norma Gregory, who was a long-time member in agility and obedience, and Amanda Gallagher, also a long-time member and more recently an agility instructor. RIP. I hope you're running dogs in the sky.



Rose Ince is retiring from teaching agility and judging after 17 years. Rose has been a staunch supporter of our club and her agility courses were always flowing and lovely to run. She won't be completely gone as she has her young dog to train, so she will still be around. Happy retirement, Rose, and thank you.

Recently we had the Mawson Lakes Dogs Day Out. We have put on demonstrations at this event for many years now and have been locked in again for 2026. It wasn't a pleasant day with the weather, but we got bursts of dry weather and everyone enjoyed themselves. We always get good feedback from the audience and many of our members see us there and join the club. It's not just about a membership drive, it's to showcase our club and promote what you can do with your dog.

With the new disciplines of scent and sprint bringing in new members helping to boost our financial intake, you can see by the financial report that we are a very healthy club. This money goes into improving our equipment, buying new equipment as needed and stocking the shop and canteen, etc.

A huge thank you to all of those people who have helped out through the year. It would take too long to list you all and my apologies if you feel forgotten. You are certainly all appreciated.

A special thanks goes to my fellow committee members and instructors. It can feel thankless sometimes, but we couldn't run the club without you.

Happy training!

Julian Stokes
President
PDODC



Obedience Report

This year was my first year as Head Instructor, and this is my first Obedience Report.

Para Districts is very lucky to have a large number of very qualified Instructors with a large range of experience and knowledge which allows us to cater to all members from the beginner first dog owner right up to those trialling at the highest level. We have Obedience classes from Puppies and beginners to class 6, as well as one-on-one training for trialling members from CCD to UDX. Sunday mornings not only do we cover every level of obedience the club also runs Trick Training and Rally Obedience. If you are interested in either or both of these disciplines please speak to your class instructor.

This year the club has done exceptionally well at providing Sunday morning training sessions that are not only fun but also very educational. I am very pleased with the standard of training and how members are improving each week as they move through the grades.

There were a few changes this year and I think they were beneficial improvements. One thing I focused on this year was the restructuring of puppy/beginners' class to focus on engagement, rewards, confidence, and building a solid foundation and understanding of dog training. Whether members are intending to trial or are simply after a dog with basic obedience these fundamentals are critical. I believe all dogs should be confident and socially neutral and handlers should know how to create engagement as well as how to reward correctly using the dog's drives.

Another change was the introduction of correct lure techniques to teach and build muscle memory of the positions and position changes.

Operant and classical condition is also introduced at this level. This class is not a puppy preschool, it's a puppy high school.

Seminar like sessions were also a new introduction. This year I held one on Classical Conditioning, verbal markers and "Clicker Training" with a quick touch on Operant Conditioning and a second on Free Shaping and Dumbbell Training. The seminars were well attended and I believe were very beneficial. The plan is to hold more next year.

Watching members improve each week is great and shows how well the club is doing. I did not achieve everything that I had planned



for this year, but with the ideas and suggestions from members, I hope next year to try some more things to hopefully continue to move the club forward. The Club should be very proud of the quality of Obedience produced and what we offer on a Sunday.

At Para Districts, we are lucky to have an amazing group of Instructors with many years of experience working with, training, and owning dogs.

As the club continues to do so well and numbers continue to grow, we will always be looking for more experienced help. If you are interested in joining the Instructor Team and would like to know more about the requirements and responsibilities please contact me. I have been and will continue to speak to people regarding building the Instructor Team with the aim to reduce the member to instructor ratio in classes as well as allowing more 1 on 1 help.

A massive thank you to all Instructors for volunteering their time every week to help train improve the standard of dogs and handlers. Without these wonderful people, the club could not run and would not be as great as it is. My job was made easy because I could count on every one of the instructors, and the level of help they give is invaluable. A big thank you to Sharon, who made it look like I knew what was happening and that I had everything organised each week.

I look forward to next year with the aim of continuing to improve this amazing club.

James Wissell
Obedience Head Instructor
PDODC



Obedience Team of the Month

Each month, the head instructor chooses a handler and their dog to be 'Team of the Month' from the graduating handlers and dogs of each class. The team is chosen on their ability to complete a series of obedience commands of varying degrees and in quick succession without any faults.

Here are this year's Teams of Each Month for 2025. Congratulations to you all!

2025 Team of the Month



March

Class 4 Trish & Maise

April

Class 1 Shirley & Vader

Class 2 Lauren & Gilbert

May

Class 3 Rosemarie & Shadow

Class 4 Christine & Opal

June

Class 1 Anthea & Sushi

Class 2 Andi & Pearl

Class 3 Helen & Ghost

July

Class 1 Sharon & Spock

Class 2 Antonio & Titan

August

Class 1 Zoe & Loki

Class 2 Fred & Harlow

Class 3 Shirley & Vader

Class 3 Andi & Pearl

Class 4 Rosemarie & Shadow

Class 4 Agnes & Midas

September

Class 1 Darren & Harper

Class 2 Mikala & Marley

Class 3 Sharon & Spock

Class 4 Andi & Pearl

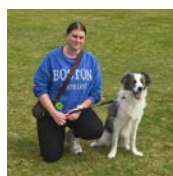
October

Class 1 Emi & Panda

Class 2 Lyn & Luna

Class 3 Lyn & Luna

Class 4 Sharon & Spock



Agility Report

This was my first year instructing Tricks, as well as my first year as Head Instructor for Agility. It's been fantastic to see so many new faces joining us, along with our wonderful returning members.

A huge thank you to all our dedicated instructors who have made this year such a success:

- Pre-Triallers / Triallers: Victor & Linda
- Starters: Carolyn, Lyn, Michelle, and Karen
- Intermediate: Jess & Rose

For the first time this year, participants moving up a class received a certificate to celebrate their progress — and it's been a great success!

We only held one agility trial this year, but we're excited to announce that two trials are already scheduled for 2026.

Next year will bring some changes, as several of our instructors will be busy training new puppies. This means:

- Lyn will move to Intermediate, focusing on Jumping Sequences
- Jess will be teaching Weavers and Contacts
- Starters will be led by myself, Karen, and Carolyn

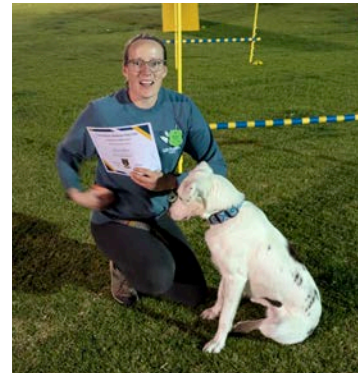
If you're interested in instructing the Starter Group and have experience running some trials, please come and see me — we'd love to have you on board!

Danielle Griggs
Agility Head Trainer
PDODC



Agility Graduations

Well done to these dogs and their handlers on graduating up classes at agility training this year.



Agility Titles

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs on receiving Agility, Jumping and Games titles during 2025.

Shirley and Indie - JDO, JDM, GD (Jumping dog Open, Jumping dog Masters, Gambling dog)

Shirley and Charlie - AD, GD, (Agility Dog, Gambling Dog)

Alex and Quill - JDO (Jumping Dog Open)

Alex and Treble - JDM, SPD (Jumping Dog Masters, Strategic Pairs Dog)

Tracey and Callie - JD (Jumping Dog)

Michael and Milo - JD, GD (Jumping Dog, Gambling Dog)

Lyn and Quint - JDX, GD, SD (Jumping Dog Excellent, Gambling Dog, Snooker Dog)

Carolyn and Carter - SD (Snooker Dog)

Carolyn and Fenway - SPD (Strategic Pair Dog)

Rachael and Raven - SPM (Strategic Pair Masters)

2025 State Agility Champion



A special congratulations to Danni, Darcy and Mysty for winning the State Agility Championships earlier this year in July.

Danni McCullough & Darcy state champion JD

Danni McCullough & Mysty State champion SPDM SDM JDO



Tricks Report

This year marked my very first as an instructor at the Para Districts Obedience Dog Club, and what a rewarding experience it's been! Stepping into the role felt a little daunting at first — after all, it's one thing to train your own dog, but quite another to help others start their journey in the world of dog sports. But from that very first class, seeing eager faces (both two-legged and four-legged!) reminded me why I love this community so much.

One of the highlights has been meeting so many new people starting out in the sport. Everyone comes with their own goals — some just want a well-mannered companion, others are keen to explore obedience, rally, or agility. Watching those first lightbulb moments — when a handler figures out how to clearly communicate with their dog — is incredibly satisfying. You can literally see the connection grow right before your eyes.

It's funny, because sometimes people wonder, "Why do tricks with dogs?" But once they try it, they quickly understand. Trick training isn't just about the fun or the novelty — it's about bonding and engagement. It teaches you to work as a team, builds confidence for both dog and handler, and lays a fantastic foundation for all other sports. Tricks can be a perfect warm-up for agility, or a great way to focus your dog before obedience or rally trials.

Over the past year, I've learned just as much as I've taught. Every class reminds me that training isn't about perfection — it's about patience, teamwork, and joy. Watching new handlers laugh, celebrate small wins, and discover the joy of training together has made this first year truly special.

It was great to see that P.D.O.D.C had their first successful Trick trial this year, for 2026, there are 2 trials planned.

I'm already looking forward to the next year!

Danielle Griggs
Tricks Head Trainer
PDODC



Tricks Titles

Congratulations to the following handlers and their dogs on receiving a Tricks Title during 2025.



Carmel and Victor - TKS (Trick Starter)
Nicole and Finley - TKS (Trick Starter)
Nicole and Sydnee - TKS (Trick Starter)
Belinda and Bindi - TKI (Trick Intermediate)
Agnes and Jessie - TKS (Trick Starter)
Rachael and Raven - TKS (Trick Starter)



Dog's Day Out 2025

Dogs Day out Mawson Lakes is a dog friendly event that hosts many local stalls and food vans. It's a fantastic opportunity for PDODC to showcase our club by demonstrating obedience, agility, flyball and this year, for the first time we had a tricks demonstration.

The public get to see that dogs, no matter their breed or age, can confidently learn different things which makes for great dog/owner quality time.



This year, Paddington at 10 months old showed how even the young dogs can excel at obedience. We also had dogs over 10 years showing that you can teach an old dog new tricks, that was probably one of the highlights .

Some dogs even showed off and demonstrated in all 4 demonstrations (obedience, agility, flyball and tricks), which highlights how clever our pooches are..

This year our demonstration also allowed some of public to get involved. Children from the crowd were invited to have a try at running some of the more advanced agility dogs there on the day. Both Loki (handler Julian) and Carter (handler Carolyn) took the brave children volunteers through the course with ease and professionalism. Hopefully we'll see these children, and others from Dogs Day out, at our training sometime with their own dogs!

Thanks once again to Julian and Michelle Stokes for organising the PDODC members and dogs for the day, and to Mawson Lakes Lions Club for organising the event.

Dogs Day Out 2026 will be held on Sunday September 20, 2026.

By Belinda Shepley
PDODC Member





Photos by Ray Sweeting
PDODC Member

Thank You Rose

For many in the dog training and agility community, the name Rose Ince is synonymous with passion, patience, and unwavering dedication. Her journey through the world of dog sports has inspired countless handlers and their canine companions, leaving a lasting mark on every club she's touched.

Rose began her instructing career many years ago at the South Australian Obedience Dog Club (S.A.O.D.C.), where her calm manner and deep understanding of dogs quickly set her apart. It wasn't long before her enthusiasm for agility took centre stage, and six years ago, she brought that expertise to Para Districts Obedience Dog Club, where she continues to share her skills and love for the sport.

Her teaching style reflects her belief that agility is not just about speed or precision—it's about the partnership between dog and handler. Under her guidance, many teams have blossomed, learning to trust one another and find joy in every jump, tunnel, and weave.

Beyond instructing, Rose has also made an incredible contribution as a judge, a role she began back in 2008. Over the course of 17 remarkable years, she has judged with fairness, insight, and integrity, always encouraging competitors with her kind words and infectious smile. Her keen eye and deep respect for the sport have made her a highly regarded figure in the agility community.

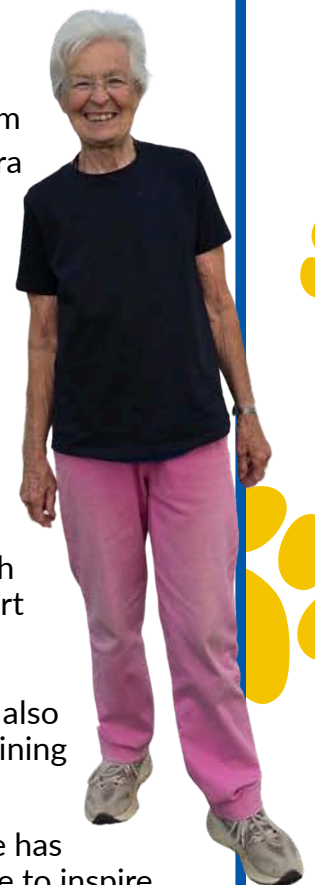
Seventeen years is a long time—a span that represents not only experience but also commitment, passion, and love for both people and dogs. Rose's journey is a shining example of what it means to give back to the sport you love, year after year.

From her first judging appointment to her latest class at Para Districts, Rose Ince has helped shape the future of dog agility in South Australia. Her legacy will continue to inspire trainers, handlers, and dogs alike for many years to come.

By Danielle Griggs
PDODC Committee



Members of PDODC and Agility competitors from other clubs organised for Rose a commemorative jump pole with her years of service, a certificate of thanks and a bag of goodies for Rose and her new puppy in recognition and thanks for her years of service to the Agility community.



Before Rose takes a break from agility training and judging, we asked Rose to share some parting word of wisdom and asked her a few questions about her time as a trainer and a judge:

Let's go back to the beginning — How and when did you first get involved in dog training and agility? What inspired you to get involved?

My family didn't have a dog and I was 40 when I got my first dog. I was in Ballarat at show time in 1994 and saw an agility demo and thought - wow, this is what I want to do.

Do you remember your very first competition run? What stands out about that experience?

No! We are talking 30 years ago.

What inspired you to become a judge, and what did you enjoy most about that role?

Leading up to retiring in 2009, I looked for activities that would keep me physically and mentally active. Judging was an inspired choice as it is physically demanding (you are on your feet for hours in all weathers) and mentally challenging (the concentration!).

You've seen agility evolve over the years — what are some of the biggest changes you've noticed in the sport or training styles?

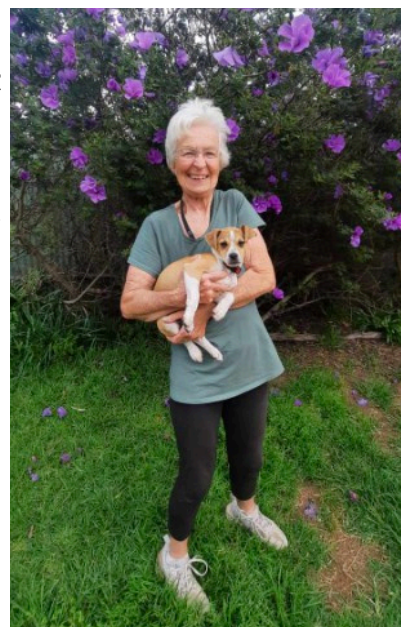
The introduction of Jumping as a separate discipline provided an outlet for the speed merchants. Personally I like the variety of obstacles that are used in Agility. One of the big changes is the proliferation of expert / private trainers. That's all well and good but clubs like Para provide the opportunity for newbies to get started. And not just get started but compete at a high level.

What is one piece of advice you would want to share with people who are new to agility?

You are looking for an activity that will strengthen your bond with your dog. For many dogs, agility fits that bill. Plus it will help you get fitter.

Looking back, what's one proud or memorable moment from your time in agility — either as a competitor or a judge?

Getting State Champion with Summer in 2018 in JDX 300. And then the following year she was State Champion SPDX with Tina Comely's Hettie.



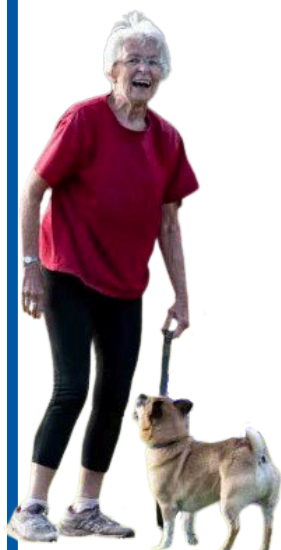
Rose and her new puppy - Heidi

You've decided to step back from judging and focus on your new puppy — what are you most looking forward to about this next chapter?

Getting through toilet training.

If your dogs could say one thing about you as their trainer, what do you think they'd say?

Poppy ADX JDX (1993-2010). "I was Rose's first and best agility dog but she didn't have a clue." Lil (2006-2024). "Training? Don't wanna, not gonna." Rex ADM JDM SDM SPDM (2013-} "We were a good team." Nacho AD JDX (2014-) "I found Rose easy to train but sometimes she forgets to bring treats into the ring. So I stop. That gets her attention quick smart."



Club News

Membership Fees Now Due

Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November. 2026 memberships can now be paid for.

Junior (10 to 17 years) \$35

Single \$55

Double/Family \$65

Single Pensioner \$45*

Double Pensioner \$55*

*Full pension card required.

New membership pay an additional joining fee of \$5.

To renew your membership grab a form from the office or download one from:

<https://paradogtraining.com.au/forms-%26-downloads>



Inclement Weather Policy

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For Wet Weather - Obedience training will continue even in rain unless the weather is deemed unsafe or the grounds are unsafe. All other disciplines will make a decision as to if training will go ahead based upon the conditions of the ground and dog/handler safety.



Can You Help The Club?

Volunteers are critical to the success of our club – without them we simply cannot provide a supportive, fun, and educational environment. Whether you're brand new to the club or have been attending for a while, please ask yourself how you may be able to help out. This may be something as small as helping in the canteen or office on a Sunday morning for half an hour! Please let any of the instructors know if you're willing to give a hand—any help is always sincerely appreciated and gratefully accepted.

Rally Report

This year I have taken over setting up the rally course at Sunday morning obedience. I'd like to extend a massive tank you to Roy who previously – for many years in fact! – set up the rally course on Sundays.

For those who don't know what rally is, it's an obedience based dog sport where, instead of completing exercises under direct command from the judge, competitors complete a course consisting of 10 – 24 stations. Dogs and handlers are judged on their heelwork between stations and how well the exercise at each station is performed. Stations include changes of direction, serpentine weaves, sits, stands, downs (or combinations of these), call fronts with left or right finish, and lots more.

On Sunday mornings when I am at training, I set up rally over near the transmission tower.

The course is usually set up by between 9 – 9:30 and is usually up until at least 11:30. I'm there most weeks but sometimes absent competing in trials myself or for family commitments and occasionally may need to put the course up a bit later or pack up early. I try to post on

the club Facebook page if rally won't be set up or if I'll only be there part of the morning. I'm happy to help people out with the course, including introducing newcomers to rally, any time when not training my own dogs (and I'm usually flexible with exactly when I do that). Those who know what they're doing are welcome to go through the course whenever it is up – please just be considerate of others wanting to also go through the



course, take it in turns, and give some space around the course to those going through. There isn't a specific rally class – the behaviours and exercises taught in the obedience classes provide all the basic things your dog needs to do rally, heelwork being probably the most important! I can then help you out with learning the rally signs and courses. Rally is best suited to dogs in grade 3 and above, but anyone is welcome to come over and learn more about it!

The rules for rally have just been updated, with the new rules coming into effect on 1 st January 2026 – so all trials next year will use the new rules. You can access the rules on the Dogs Australia site at:

<https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10383/10-da-rally-rule-book-01-01-2026.pdf>

I recommend anyone interested in rally to look through the rules, and, for those already competing, please check the new rules to see what's changed! There have been a few errors noted with this first release of the new rules, which will hopefully be corrected soon – check back at the Dogs Australia website for further updates. I'll be including the new rally signs in training as soon as I can!

I've really enjoyed setting up rally this year and appreciated feedback from members on the courses. Thanks also to those who have helped set up and pack down – your assistance is always welcome. It's been great to see some new people giving rally a go, and to see some existing competitors have success and gain some new titles. Well done everyone! I look forward to seeing even more people giving rally a go with their dogs next year.



Kathryn Wiltshire
Rally Head Trainer
PDODC



Scent Work Report

Well to say it has been a busy year for scent work at Para would be an understatement. So far in 2025 the Club has run 7 trials offering 21 element/classes with 494 entries, 1 training workshop with 22 members attending, 1 fun day with 25 members attending, and a series of small group training sessions with 108 registrations from members. This is on top of the normal weekly training on a Thursday night, and the monthly indoor training sessions at Angle Vale.

While things are winding down for most disciplines, there is still another 2 trials to be run in 2025 which between them currently have 170 entries, with trials also scheduled early in 2026 before the training year starts again.

None of this would be possible without the enthusiasm and support of the PDODC members who train and trial in Scent Work. There is never a shortage of people willing to put up their hand to help at trials and the atmosphere at trials and training is always a welcoming and supportive one. I would like to say an extra thank you to Donna Golding, Lynne Stapylton, Chantel Starks, Gaynor Kennedy, Rebecca Knapp and Christina Dalla Valle who have all helped across the year to ensure that training is able to be offered to members even when I haven't been available.

Also, thank you to all the members who turn up week in and week out, even when class numbers have got a little ridiculous, and are so willing to listen and learn. Last but not least thank you to my fellow instructor Jo Bates who swoops in and out across the year to offer some amazing training opportunities for our members.

Congratulations to all our members who have had success in trials with their dogs this year. While many of you have gained qualifications and titles, I know that for some of you success has come in different ways.

Keep up the training and positive attitude and I am sure there will be plenty of success to come in 2026.

Carmel Nottle
Head Scent Work Instructor
PDODC



SprintDog Report

It had been a couple of years since PDODC introduced a new discipline until SprintDog™ was offered at the Club for the first time in March this year. Only introduced as an ANKC discipline in 2024, SprintDog™ is a sport designed to provide all dogs of all breeds and sizes, and their owners an enjoyable, healthy, and fun activity in which they can participate. The dog's time to complete a 100m sprint is converted into speed (km/hr). Dogs earn points based on their handicap (based on size), multiplied by their average speed. Titles are awarded when a dog has accumulated the required number of points. A unique aspect of SprintDog™ over most other ANKC disciplines is that dogs do not compete against each other. In fact the rules of the sport actual state it is not allowed.



In 2025 the Club has held 4 very successful SprintDog™ trials, the first in March, a double header in May, and then a trial in September. Thank you to the Adelaide Lure Coursing and Racing Club (ALCRC) who loaned the Club some of the required equipment to run these trials. Since then the Committee has approved the purchase of timing lights and a lure machine which will allow PDODC to hold trials ongoing without the need to borrow equipment.

A very big thank you to all those that were an official, steward or any other type of volunteer at any of these trials. For a sport which is over and done with for most dogs in around 20 seconds, it is steward intensive, with some stewards roles requiring specific training to ensure dog and handler safety. On behalf of all the dogs that have competed, thank you to the Committee for being so supportive of allowing it to be offered at the Club.

Congratulations to all those members who have competed with their dogs, particularly those that have managed to accumulate enough points for one or more titles across the year. Here's to many more SprintDog™ events at PDODC.

Carmel Nottle
SprintDog Head Instructor
PDODC



Flyball Report

Para District Flyball held our competition at the Royal Adelaide Show in September. This year we were invited to race on the Main Arena for the first time. This was a big change from being in our usual (manure scented) Dairy Cattle Judges Lawn marquee. The Arena gave us the potential for much greater public exposure and also room for more teams to join us.



We had 9 teams compete. These consisted of 5 teams from across Victoria, 1 team from Dover Gardens and our 3 Para teams. Teams were split into two divisions. Our Para teams raced extremely well against some very experienced racing dogs and handlers.

Our results were:

Division 1

3rd – Para Doggy Dashers (Loki, Dusty, Sasha, Gracie, Ollie & Tux)

Division 2

1st – Para Swaggers (Treble, Quill, Baci, Eddie, Raven & Rumble)

4th – Para Barking Brigade (Cea, Zoe, Alegria, Charli, Callie & Mia)

Congratulations everybody!

Thank you to our sponsors Critter Cube, Adelaide Mobile Pet Services & Hippo Heartfelt Creations who provided team prizes and raffle donations for the day. We appreciate your support!

Our Victorian competitors have already shown interest in coming back next year, so 2026 promises to be bigger and better than ever. Make sure to come and check us out if you are at the show.

Sadly our competition at the Prospect Spring Fair was cancelled this year due to threats of heavy rain and thunderstorms. I am currently planning the rescheduling of this comp to

Para grounds on Sunday 23rd of November. We will be racing in the afternoon after the conclusion of Obedience training. If you have never seen Flyball before I encourage you to stay a while and see what Flyball is like. It's exciting, and fun and the dogs love it.

On the 15th & 16th November 7 Para Dogs and their owners will be travelling to Geelong for the 2025 Australian Flyball



Nationals. This is the biggest showcase of Flyball you can get in Australia. This year there are 45 teams entered from across the country. It's set to be a full on 2 days of racing and loads of fun for dogs and handlers alike.

Travelling over and representing Para Districts are our team the Para Strollers. Our team includes Belinda with Cea, Sarah with Charli, Judi with Mia, Carmel with Eddie and Rebecca with Rumble.

Two other Para members, Ray with Ollie and Steve with Tux will also be travelling to Nationals. As Flyball teams require 4-6, Ray and Steve have joined forces with fellow SA Flyball members from Dover Gardens dog club to make a combined club Open racing team.

This is really exciting for our members. For many of them this will be their first Nationals and also their first time travelling interstate for Flyball. Wishing you Safe travels everyone. Enjoy the experience. Have a lot of fun and make plenty of memories. Good luck and Happy clean racing. Go SA!



Flyball has had 11 titles achieved this year. Congratulations to:

- Rachael Fagan & Raven – FD (Flyball Dog) & FDX (Flyball Dog Excellent)
- Judi Przibilla & Mia – FD (Flyball Dog), FDX (Flyball Dog Excellent) & FDCH (Flyball Dog Champion)
- Jeremy Ellis & Alegra – AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion)
- Steve Olive & Tux – AFCH (Australian Flyball Champion)
- Carmel Nottle & Eddie – FM (Flyball Master)
- Ray & Sharyn Sweeting & Ollie – FM (Flyball Master)
- Rebecca Knapp & Rumble – FM (Flyball Master)
- Scott Cousins & Sasha – FMCh (Flyball Master Champion)

Wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas break.

Rebecca Knapp
Head Flyball Instructor
PDODC



In Memoriam



In Memory of Norma Gregory

We acknowledge the passing of Norma this year. Norma was a long time member of our club as well as being involved with a number of other clubs. Norma was an active member at obedience and agility bringing through several dogs during her time at Para. Norma will be remembered by many for her class and grace in the way that she carried herself and in the way that she treated everyone around her. Norma would call everyone (including dogs) 'Darling', making sure she let everyone know that they were welcomed and cared for at our club. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Norma's family and friends. RIP Norma Darling. You will be remembered.

In Memory of Amanda Gallagher

We acknowledge the passing of Amanda this year — a much-valued member of our club community. Amanda's enthusiasm, kindness, and love for dog training touched so many of us. Amanda contributed to our club in many ways, most recently as an instructor in agility where she shared her passion and experience with new members to the sport. Amanda will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Amanda's family and friends.



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