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## Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

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Matilda and Tag celebrating their first places at the Port Adelaide Obedience Trial, held in June!



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## Help is always needed in the Canteen and Office!



## **General Club Rules**

- 1. Dogs are not allowed in club rooms.
- 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.
- 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 may be made by the head instructor 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.

## **General Club Rules**

- 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. 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 the day before training.
- 20. 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 the day before training.
- 21. 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 the day before training.
- 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.



## **Bulletin Board**

#### **Change To Hot Weather Policy**

Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology website or app for the <u>Salisbury</u> area (previously Elizabeth). If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury, training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken the day before training.





#### No Treats On The Ground Please!

We kindly ask that all treats remain on your person. If you can't, please ensure these are kept in a sealed container.

#### Help Needed In The Canteen

Once again we ask if anyone can help or better still run the canteen on a Sunday morning from 9am till 11am. Toasting of ham and cheese sandwiches and toasting fruit bread would be all that is required. Coffee and Tea is self serve so if you feel you or your partner or friend could help us out please see Sharon Page or Julian Stokes on a Sunday and we will show you what to do.

All stock will be provided for you.





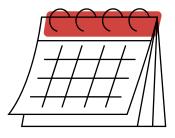
#### **EFTPOS - Coming Soon!**

You asked for it, EFTPOS will soon be available for payments made at the office, shop, and canteen. Coming soon... watch this space!

#### **RIP Gillian Smith**

On behalf of PDODC, we would like to send our condolences to Gillian Smith's family and friends. Gillian was a very strong part of the obedience world and will be sadly missed by many who knew her.





#### Save the Date!

- 10/08/2024: Agility trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 08/09/2024: Flyball competition at the Royal Adelaide Show.
- 21/09/2024: Double Rally trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 19/10/2024: Obedience trial at Jenkins Reserve.
- 26/10/2024: Flyball competition at the Prospect Sprint Fair.
- 31/10/2024: Scent Work trial at Jenkins Reserve.

## **President's Report**

Hi everyone.

It's great to see everyone back at training after what can easily be described as a bizarre start to training this year. Never have we had to cancel so many training days due to the heat, but it won't be long before we are all complaining about the wet weather instead.

Recently, I learnt of another pony club closing down. What does this have to do with dog club? Well, quite a lot. We both run on volunteers - volunteers to run the training, the office, the shop, clean and repair equipment, the magazine and competitions, etc., etc. - and this is why after more than 50 years Gawler River Pony Club has closed. They just didn't have enough volunteers to run the club effectively. People did not want to step up and those that did were overworked.

We always scrape through with volunteers, but the canteen always struggles to get a dedicated band of workers. To break it down, we train about 40 weeks a year, depending on weather, long weekends, etc., and would love to have the canteen open for toasties, hot dogs, soup, etc. If 40 people volunteered, that's only two hours a year we are asking for, or 20 people, that's four hours. The more the merrier. You get my drift. You won't have to shop, I do all of the canteen shopping, all you have to do is cook. Please consider if you are able to help your club in any way.

The trials have been really well attended across all disciplines with record entries in agility. It was amazing to see so many people on a Saturday for our last agility trial. It was almost like old times. I'm sure it will all be in the respective reports.

I always have a book on the go somewhere and one I've be reading at the moment is called 'The Dog's Mind' that I picked up at the club. It is an absolutely fascinating read and I thought I'd share some of the information. These are his rules of canine learning:

- (1) Normal dogs can learn at any age up to the time their mental capacities start to deteriorate in old age.
- (2) They learn best through patience and with suitable rewards. Rewards must be given within less than a second of the desired response from the dog.
- (3) Intermittent rewarding of desired activity produces behaviour that is more resistant to extinction.
- (4) The value of the reward should be appropriate for the desired behaviour. Dogs value rewards in different ways. Find out what is most valuable to your dog and use the rewards appropriately.



## **President's Report**

- (5) Learning should be enjoyable. Spend 10 minutes two to three times each day. Sessions should be separated by several hours. Tired dogs do not learn easily. Mental activity is more tiring to the dog than physical.
- (6) Learning should take place in a quiet environment. Once the correct responses have been made in that environment, you can move to more stimulating environments and repeat the processes.
- (7) Every dog should be trained to come, sit, stay, down and down stay in that order. If a dog fails at any level, do not punish, but simply go back to the previous level. Always finish training sessions on a positive note.
- (8) Only use your dog's name to get his attention. Use one word commands in training.
- (9) Once your dog has learned commands from one person, have him learn the same commands from other members of the household. In this way, he learns that in a dominance hierarchy he is beneath all humans in his pack.
- (10) Punishment can be counterproductive. Use it with care. Natural punishments using your voice and stare can, however, be effective.

There you go. Something to think about. Agree or disagree, it's entirely up to you, but there's a lot of practical knowledge in those 10 points. The source, for anyone interested, is 'The Dog's Mind' by Bruce Fogle, a vet who also lectures in animal behaviour, and he has written several books. It's an oldy from 1990, but very relevant.

Happy training, everyone!

Julian Stokes Club President







## **Obedience Report**

Hello again, by now you should all have settled down to understand the working of the classes, as you undertake the different exercises required of you and your dog.

Firstly, please let me apologise as to the large capacity of some of the classes you have encountered on your journey. This year so far we have had tremendous intakes. Whilst it is wonderful for the club to be very successful, we do struggle at times for various reasons, with a lack of instructors to teach you. Therefore classes can be quite large. I urge you however that if you need clarification with anything within the class you speak with your instructor at the end of class. They are only too willing to help you.

As you start on your obedience journey, I recommend you stay back and observe some of the higher classes so that you can see what you and your dog have to undertake to improve together. They too have started off in puppy classes and have improved each week to progress to the higher grades.

I hope you are all practicing your obedience several times a week and not just coming out on a Sunday morning to practice the exercises. I personally think that training a dog is a 24 hour job, seven days a week project. There is always something you can teach them. The time you spend with your dog has to be one of the most enjoyable experiences you undertake.

I would just like to say a few words on how we conduct training here at Para. Whenever I get emails from prospective new members, one of the most asked questions is "what kind of training do you do at Para District Club?" I always reassure new members that all our training is positive reinforcement, reward based methods. A behaviour will not be learnt if a response is never reinforced - that is if it never benefits the animal. A behaviour will rapidly become conditioned (become a habit) if reinforced. So bring those soft, tasty treats to training and you will all succeed in leaps and bounds.

Lastly, as will all my reports. If you can help in any capacity in the club, thank you. If you think that you have what it takes to become an instructor, please don't hesitate to come and see me. We will welcome you with open arms. I promise you will get to play with all the gorgeous little puppies too.

Bye for now and happy training.

Jan Cooper Head Obedience Instructor







## Flyball Report

We had our first Flyball competition for the year at Para on the 4th of May with great success. Our team placings were:

- 1st Para Doggy Dashers (Loki, Shelby, Dusty, Gracie, Tux, Winnie)
- 2nd Para Swaggers (Rumble, Treble, Quill, Zoe, Lily, Charli)
- 3rd Para Barking Brigade (Jess, Baci, Sasha, Alegra, Cea)

Congratulations teams on a great day of racing. Special congratulations to Jess Baker on her first Judging appointment. Thank you for training to be a Judge Jess. You did an amazing job and we look forward to many more comps with you.

Thank you to all the officials, timekeepers, stewards, BBQ helpers, those who set up and packed up the ring and everyone who helped make the day run so smoothly.

We had 7 titles achieved after our May competition. Congratulations to the following dogs and handlers.

- Sarah Muir & Charli Flyball Dog (FD) & Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)
- Steve Olive & Tux Flyball Dog (FD) & Flyball Dog Excellent (FDX)
- Jeremy Ellis & Alegra Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)
- Chrissy Dalla Valle & Baci Flyball Dog Champion (FDCh)
- Alex Stapledon & Treble Flyball Master (FM)

To all the new/beginner dogs coming to training I'd just like to say 'stick with it!' Training can be very repetitious at first. It may feel a bit monotonous but trust me it will pay off in the long run. Consistency is more important than speed in Flyball so getting the foundations right is important. Training is not a race! (Racing comes later) Work at your dogs pace, keep persisting and you will get there.

Our next competition is at The Royal Adelaide Show on 31st August. Good Luck to all our teams. Run fast & clean.

Flyball training is held on Monday nights at 6.30pm. Dogs need to be 12 months of age to start training and have some basic off lead control. Come and give it a try.

Rebecca Knapp Head Flyball Instructor





## **Agility Report**

Agility Training is going well at Para. We are getting good numbers in our earlier classes with a lot of enthusiasm being heard around the grounds.

Congratulations to Jess & Linda for running a successful trail in April. There were many entries which made for a long day but with everyone pitching in to help pack up it wasn't too bad. Congratulations to those that gained a qualification!

The Agility State Championships were held on the June Long Weekend. Para had great representation. Congratulations to those that gave it a go, especially if it was your first State Champs. The results for Para members were:

#### Jess Stroet and Silverblue Grand Old Time

Masters Jumping (400) State Champion Excellent Strategic Pairs State Champion

#### **Rose Ince and Nacho**

Novice Agility (300) State Champion Excellent Jumping (300) State Champion

## Lyn Carroll and Mirri Marang Quintago

Novice Agility (600) State Champion

#### Fiona Watkins and Shelby

Masters Jumping (300) State Champion

#### Karen Moralee and Hillani Spaticus Lauds

Masters Strategic Pairs State Champion

#### **Jess Hyson and Lottie**

Excellent Strategic Pairs State Champion

#### Danni McCulloch and Mystique

(run by Victor Jordan)
2nd place Masters Snooker
3rd place Open Agility
3rd place Open Jumping

#### Karen Moralee and Wattavue Amelia Joy

2nd place Excellent Strategic Pairs

#### Alex Stapledon and Comeby Team Bosnich

3rd place Novice Agility (600)

#### Fiona Watkins and Ziggy

3rd place Masters Jumping (300)

#### Carolyn Smith and Clarony Smart Talking Guy

3rd place Novice Strategic Pairs

#### Michael Meller and Hilbren Oola

3rd place Novice Strategic Pairs

Apologies to anyone omitted from the above list.

If you would like to try agility with your dog, come down the 1st Training Friday of the Month (the next one is scheduled for 5th July). Your dog needs to be at least 6 months old and have a basic recall.

Chrissy Dalla Valle Head Agility Instructor







## **Scent Work Report**

Well what a few months it has been! Training on a Thursday night continues to go well and while the cooler and sometimes wet conditions have seen numbers fluctuate a little, we continue to have new people join which is fantastic. We have also just started our second beginners course for the year so hopefully a few of these teams will continue on at the Club with the sport. I want to take moment to say thank you to those that come to training and help out with a group that they don't train in and also with help setting up and packing up. Training can look very crazy some nights with quite large numbers but thanks to everyone chipping in, the reality is training is far more organised chaos than crazy. Recent trial results definitely support this too. The Tuesday trainings at Angle Vale are also proving to remaining popular with some good training challenges being worked by teams. Since my last report on top of training, PDODC has run 5 trials with 12 element/class offerings, including the first ever offerings of all 4 Masters elements in SA. This is in addition to running not one, not two, not three, but four training workshops, and 23 individual training session, all facilitated by Jo Bates from Crazy Canines in Victoria on behalf of the Club. I definitely want to take the time to say a huge thank you to Jo for her willingness to assist me with training at the Club. I definitely wouldn't be able to offer the training that I do without her knowledge and input.

The first of the trials was the "Be Prepared" trial on April 23rd at the Angle Vale Scout Hall which had Advanced Containers on offer (judged by me) and the first ever offering of a Masters element - Masters Interior, judged by Jo Bates. There were only two SA competitors eligible to enter in the Masters Interior element and both train scent work at PDODC. This was followed closely by the Confidently Calling Finish workshop on April 24th which was well attended by over 20 keen scent workers and gave everyone great insight in how to prepare for the higher level classes, particularly the Masters level.

Next was the "Mastering Excellence" trial on April 27th with saw the remaining 3 Masters elements on offer: Masters Vehicles judged by Tammy Beattie from Victoria, Masters Exterior judged by Jo Bates, and SA's own Helen Davis judging Masters Containers. On the same day there were also three Excellent elements on offer: Containers and Exteriors judged by Tammy Beattie, and Vehicles judged by Jo Bates. Again PDODC was well represented in both the Masters and the Excellent elements with at least one PDODC member competing in each of the Masters elements. A very big thank you to all those that stewarded at either of the trials and those that came down to help with set-up, pack-up and with the BBQ. It was definitely a proud moment for me as the Clubs scent work instructor to see everyone getting behind the trials to make them a great success for the Club. I also want to say thank you to those members that provided vehicles for either of the vehicle elements. While I never quite got my Boeing 474 there was definitely a good variety of vehicles for the judges to pick from on the day. Of course thank you to the judges as well who were so encouraging of everyone on the day and made for a very relaxing trial atmosphere. The next day was the Novice/Advanced and the Excellent/Masters Debrief and Do-Overs workshops. These were all about working and talking through some of the biggest things that challenge us during trials and were definitely well received from everyone that attended. Last but not least was the Calming the Crazies workshop on April 30th. While we don't all have crazy searchers in scent work, most of us have something our dog does that drives us crazy so this workshop was all about trying to get what every crazy a dog may offer under control.

These were all followed closely by the "Contained in May" trial on May 14th with Lynne Stapylton judging Excellent Containers and yours truly judging Advanced Containers. Then the Novice Containers trial on May 22nd judged by Helen Davis, and finally the Advanced Exterior element trial on June 5th which I judged. The Novice Containers trial saw quite a few of our members enter their first trial which is always nice and the Advanced Exterior trial had PDODC members as over 50% of the entrants which was again another proud instructor moment! Thrown in the mix with all of this

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was a trial at Gawler Dog Training Club on April 14th, Dover Gardens Kennel and Obedience Dog Club on April 21st, the Gundog Club of SA on April 25th, and Southern Districts Obedience Dog Club on May 11th. We had a number of members at each of these trials with some really great results. Finally, as I type this report we are heading into the Scent Work Advisory Committee trials on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd which will be a huge weekend of trialling for Club members with all classes and elements on offer.

A very big thank you to once again to Bow Wow who are very generous with their sponsorship of prizes for the Club for all our trials. The dogs definitely appreciate all the yummy treats for their hard work. After the SWAC June trials we have an Advanced Vehicles trial at Para on July 9th and then things get pretty quite for a while at the Club until October other than weekly trainings. There will also be a little bit of a break from in person training in August although I am looking at online options that I may be able to deliver during this time and there are also a few mock trials and other training days in the pipeline when I can fit them in.

So until my next report happy training and trialling, and I will leave you with a few photos of place getters from various trials the Club has run, many of them proudly wearing their PDODC Club clothing and showing off their Bow Wow prizes.



Carmel Nottle
Head Scent Work Instructor

## **Obedience Graduations**

Congratulations to all of the PAWSOME pups and handlers who have graduated recently!

## **April 2024**

#### Class 1 to 2

Anne & Penny Adeline & Bruno Amy & Asha Christine & Opal Kristie & Moose Rebecca & Bowie

#### Class 2 to 3

Jane & Harriet Necia & Clancy Loretta & Zeus Bel & Oakley Angie & Tonks Sean & Tilley Tim & Ellie

#### Class 3 to 4

Neeve & Moose Douglas & Archie

#### Class 4 to 5

Steve & Tux Adrian & Millie



Team of the Month Rebecca and Bowie (Class 1 to 2)



Team of the Month Tim and Ellie (Class 2 to 3)



Team of the Month Douglas and Archie (Class 3 to 4)



Team of the Month Adrian and Millie (Class 4 to 5)

### May 2024



Team of the Month Rachel and Arthur (Class 3 to 4)



Team of the Month Gaynor and Rozee (Class 4 to 5)

#### Class 3 to 4

Andrea & Ruby Tim & Ellie Belinda & Cea Jane & Harriet Stuart & Toby Katherine & Molly

#### Class 4 to 5

Joanne & Chips Chrissy & Baci Andrea & Ruby Sandie & Copper Debbie & Martha



## **Obedience Graduations**

Want to know how to graduate from the various obedience levels at Para District Obedience Dog Club? Visit <a href="https://paradogtraining.com.au/how-to-graduate-obedience">https://paradogtraining.com.au/how-to-graduate-obedience</a> to learn more!

## April 2024

#### Class 1 to 2

Louise & Leroy Carl & Tate

#### Class 2 to 3

Ryan & Luna Rebecca & Bowie Miriam & Charlie Caitlin & Dixie

#### Class 3 to 4

Judi & Sami Ryan & Luna April & Bindi

#### Class 4 to 5

Andrea & Tango Douglas & Archie Tim & Ellie



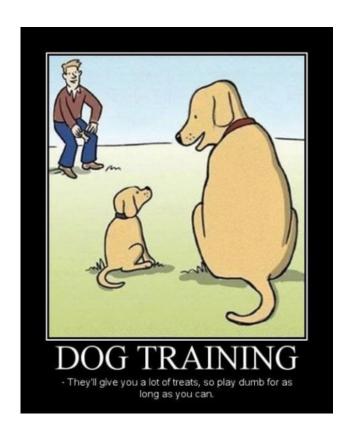
Team of the Month Caitlin and Dixie (Class 2 to 3)



Team of the Month April and Bindi (Class 3 to 4)



Team of the Month Tim and Ellie (Class 4 to 5)



## Don't Give Up On Your Pup!!

I have been a member of Para Districts for over 3 and a half years with my miniature Labradoodle Callie. We started in puppy obedience when Callie was quite a young pup and I honestly can't emphasise enough, how much the socialisation and basics of obedience training helped Callie become the easy going, resilient, smart and well behaved (mostly!) dog she is today.

Callie has always been full of energy and wanted to be kept busy from the day we brought her home. To form a bond with her and work her brain I started teaching her basic tricks (with the help of You Tube videos!) along with practicing obedience in the backyard and on our daily walks. I learnt very quickly that Callie was food obsessed and she would do anything for a treat, so we made good progression in obedience classes in a short period of time. By the end of each working week Callie was still full of energy and I felt that I wanted to do something fun with her. So, as soon as she was old enough, we tried Agility and she absolutely loved it! You could see the pure joy on her face each and every week at training.

Unfortunately, that pure joy and adrenalin led to uncontrollable off-lead zoomies. It was a little funny the first time but then it happened nearly every training session and Callie with her zoomies, disturbed every other class and dogs who were trying to train. The zoomies became such a problem that it even started to happen in Obedience when we did off lead work and recalls. I was so embarrassed that I couldn't get her to recall, she just couldn't concentrate or respond when in that state of mind. Due to her food obsession, she also stooped to treat stealing while doing the zoomies! That's right, just when I thought it couldn't get any worse, she managed to steal a sandwich bag full of treats from the top of someone's open bag and run around the oval with them, scattering the treats, eating some and swallowing the plastic bag. I was so upset and embarrassed, I went home unsure if I should take her to the vet or ever return to Agility training. Thankfully Callie pooped out the plastic bag with no issues, but this did actually happen at agility a second time!

I almost gave up doing Agility with Callie and didn't think I could face everyone after the summer break (end of 2022) but Callie loved Agility so much and she was quite good at it when she was focused, I had to give it another try. With my own determination, lots of recall practice, Callie's potential and the encouragement and support from the instructors and fellow club members, we tried again and eventually broke the zoomie habit during 2023. We also graduated from the middle class to pre-triallers and won the Agility Encouragement Award for 2023. A massive shout out and thanks to anyone and everyone that provided me with kind words of wisdom, support and encouragement. I will be forever grateful and hope to pay it forward, after all, kindness costs nothing.

Callie's love of jumping, and her better reliability off-lead, saw us try Flyball late in 2023 and she loved that too. Although, mastering the art of catching a ball whilst turning on the Flyball box has been a challenge, she's getting the hang of it and we hope to join a Flyball team later in the year. When I came to Para with Callie, I had the hope of her gaining some Obedience skills to become a reasonably well behaved dog, I had never expected for us to try and fall in love with dog sports. The thought of competing or entering trials in any discipline, had never crossed my mind either, but the more reliable she gets, the more confident I get in our abilities. Don't get me wrong though, there is still a huge part of me that freaks out every time I unclip Callie's lead, but I now have faith that she won't go far and she will come back to me.

This year we have started trialling in Obedience and Agility and it has been a great experience. Our first competitions in Obedience and Agility were on our home ground at Para so we both felt right at home, with the support of fellow club members and instructors.

## Don't Give Up On Your Pup!!

To my delight, Callie passed CCD (Community Companion Dog) at Para and then Munno Para a few weeks later. In the last few weeks we came away with first place and our first pass in Agility at Munno Para, along with our first pass in Jumping and second place.







When I think of how far we have come, it's incredible! I am so glad I didn't give up! I wanted to share my story in the hope Callie and I can inspire others to keep persisting and not give up too!



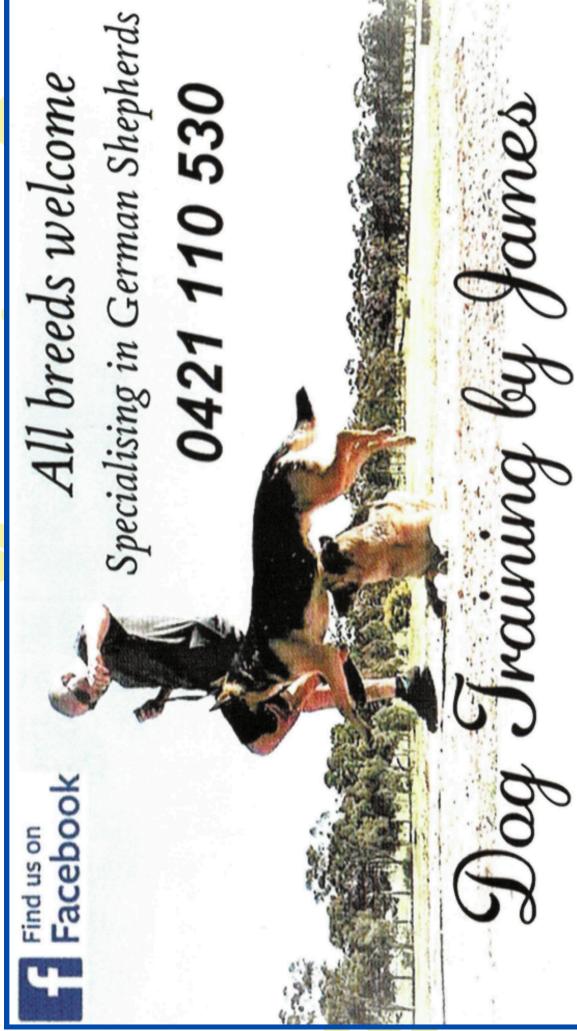


Tracey King & Callie PDODC Member



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## **Class Times**

#### **Obedience - Sunday Mornings**

8.30am: Utility & Rally O.

9.30am: First timers (new members), Puppies (P1 & P2), Class 5.

10.20am: Class 6.

10.20am: First timers (new members) information session (approx. 30

minutes). Please stay after Puppies class if this is your first time at our club.

10.30am: Learners & Class 2.

11.15am: Class 4 & Tricks.

11.20am: Class 3. 11.25: Class 1.

#### Flyball - Monday Nights

6.30pm: Set up and first timers. 6.45pm to 7.30pm: Non-triallers.

7.45pm to 8.30pm: Triallers.

#### **Scent Work - Thursday Nights**

6.30pm: Pre-triallers.

7.15pm: Triallers.

\*Please note, these classes are for those who have completed an assessment to demonstrate their dog is able to alert to odour. Beginner courses are run frequently. Please check our Facebook page for upcoming courses.

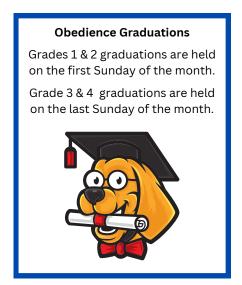
#### **Agility - Friday Nights**

6.30pm: Beginners and new dogs.

8.00pm - 9.00pm: Triallers.

#### Other Important Information

- 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 on the day before training.
- There will be no training on a long weekend (where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday).



## **First Timer Information**

#### Obedience

First timer obedience classes are run at 9.30am every Sunday morning. Please stay for our information session held at 10.20am if this is your first time at our club, as we explain all the club functions/rules and joining requirements.

#### **Flyball**

First timer flyball classes are held at 6.30pm every Monday night.

#### **Agility**

First timer agility classes are held at 6.30pm on the <u>first Friday of the month only.</u>



#### **Scent Work**

Beginner scent work classes are run in 4 week courses. Please check our Facebook page for more information about when our next beginner course will be run.

#### **Tricks**

To start Tricks class, we generally recommend your dog be in grade 2 obedience. Speak to your instructor if you have any questions before joining.

#### **Rally Obedience**

To start Rally Obedience, we generally recommend your dog be in grade 3 or 4, having a loose lead walk, sit, stand, down, and come on single commands. Speak to your instructor if you have any questions before joining.

#### What to Bring/Wear

- Current vaccination certificate (if this is your first time at the club).
- Soft tasty treats or a toy to reward your dog.
- A bum bag to carry your treats and poo bags no hand bags.
- Suitable footwear to be work closed in toes, no thongs or slip-ons.
- Correct collar and lead for your dog no harnesses to be used in classes.
- And of course, your dog!



#### Can You Help Your Club?

Volunteers are critical to the success of our club — without them we simply cannot provide the highest stand of a supportive, fun, and educational environment. Whether you're brand new to the club or having 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 with always be will be sincerely appreciated and gratefully accepted.

#### **Membership Fees**

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.

Agility and Flyball classes have an additional cost of \$3 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog to cover lighting and up keep of equipment. Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November.

#### Slipcollar Classifieds & Advertising

25 words or less, single issue \$2 Half page, single issue \$5 Full page, single issue \$10

All advertisements and enquiries can be emailed to the magazine editor mandy.merc@hotmail.com

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#### Please Consider Buying From The Club Shop

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 Bow Wow training bites, tug toys, dumb-bells, liver treat bags, slip collars, martingales, clickers, and leads and collars in different sizes and colours. Have any suggestions for products you'd like to see us stock? Let us know!

#### A Note From The Editor

Hey there fellow PDODC members!

My name is Mandy, hoo-mum to Ivy. You've probably seen us around the club attending obedience, agility, and flyball classes. If not, I'm sure you've heard Ivy barking her heart out at some point! We've been training at Para for around 2 years now, and I'm excited to be bringing back the Slipcollar. Do you have any feedback or suggestions on what you'd like to see in our newsletter in the future? Perhaps you have story you'd love to see featured? Please feel free to email me directly at mandy.merc@hotmail.com - I'd love to hear from you.





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#### **Office Hours**

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