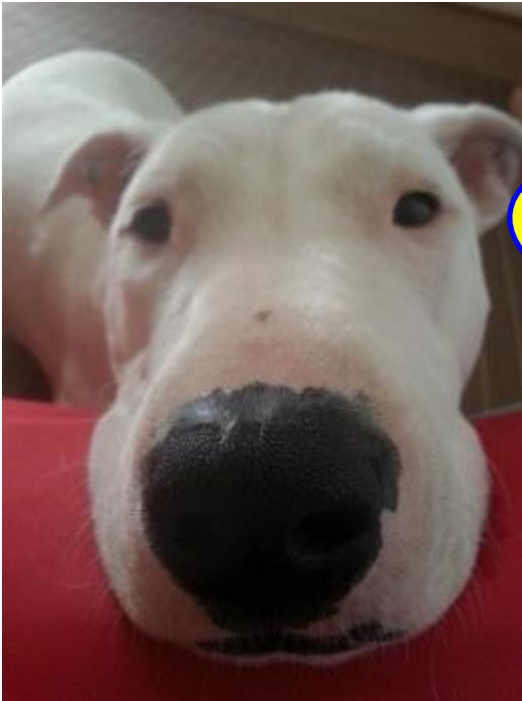
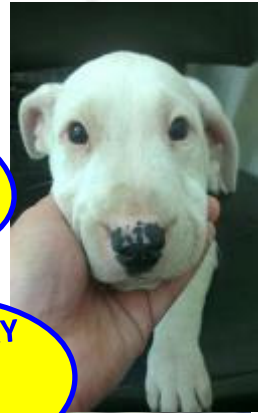


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## PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INCORPORATED

### 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-triallers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area. There will be no training for non-triallers 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.

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### **PDODC Agility Class Times Fridays (pm)**

6:30pm Set-up

7:00pm-7:45pm New Dogs, Puppies and Non Triallers

7:30pm Set-up Triallers

8:00pm-9:00pm Triallers

If the estimated Friday maximum temperature for Elizabeth on channel 9 news, Thursday Night, is over 32 or higher, there will be no training.

**There will be no training on a long weekend for all disciplines where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday.**

## **Reminder from the Registrar for P.D.O.D.C. - After applying for the title at Dogs SA.**

Please give your qualification cards or (copies preferred) of your qualification cards to the Registrar for recording ASAP. Please put the place, for example: 1st/2nd 3rd that you gained on as well, this year many have been handed in with no placing recorded and that makes it even harder to record the points gained in each discipline.

It has been hard work to round them all up this year. If you don't hand them to me, you need to leave them in the office with a note on them saying what they are for and who to give them back too. You will only receive a trophy for the EOY if you put PDODC down as your first club, you will receive a badge however if you list PDODC as your second club on your entry form for all disciplines. Games qualifications only receive a badge.

Please give them to me throughout the year as it is not acceptable to save them all up and give them in all at once. I will record them as soon as I can and return them promptly to you.

## CLASS TIMES AND SESSION INFORMATION

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

### Obedience Class Times: Sunday Mornings

**8.30am.** Utility

**9.30am.** Puppies/First Timers, & Class 5

**10.20am.** Class 6

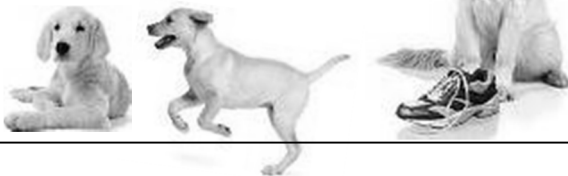
**10.20am.** First Timers (New Members) Information Session

**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**

### **Membership Fees 2013**

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

Junior (10-17yrs) \$35

Single \$55

Double/Family \$65

Single Pensioner \$45

Double Pensioner \$55 (Full Pension Card) required



Agility, Flyball and Dances with Dogs classes have an additional cost of \$2 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.

## Presidents Report: Ray Gunter

Hi Folks,

I am happy to report that the shed enclosure is going ahead and should only be a few weeks away, and council are going to consider putting concrete access ramps in the door ways.



Council is also going to put a new counter in the canteen and make the canteen wheel chair accessible, we are also getting a new disability toilet this will be a separate building between the canteen and the car park and wheel chair access from the car park is to be improved with better paving.

**Regards Ray Gunter**  
**President PDODC**

### Slipcollar Classifieds & Advertising

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## Obedience Report By Julian Stokes



G'day all. It's been a busy start to this year's training with the usual training days cancelled due to the weather being over 32 degrees and even one weekend being too wet to train. We have had one obedience instructors' meeting so far this year and had a lot of constructive comments coming forth.

There are now two Fun 5 classes, the first at 9.30 and the second at 10.30. This is to allow those who teach to also take part in this fun session.

For those who don't know, Fun 5 is for those people who don't wish to go on to trial but still train for fun and for older retired dogs to still be out and about. It is half obedience and half agility.

If you wish to go into this class speak to your Grade 3 instructor. You will need to have a solid off-lead Grade 3 dog and will go into Grade 4 for suitability assessment as it is all off-lead work. This unofficial graduation will allow people to move to Fun 5 easier and keep people at the club with their dogs.

Puppies is moving along nicely with some new changes coming in. People ask how do they go through the levels, so in short here it is:

**Puppies** – to graduate, the puppy must walk with the handler (we don't expect loose lead, just not lunging around); they must sit on command; they must be



**Puppies 1** – the puppy must walk with handler on a reasonably loose lead; they must sit on command; they must be focussed on handler; at this level a drop is introduced and a basic stay is also shown.

**Puppies 2** (Graduation) – a good heel position; the drop should be learnt by now; the stand is introduced; a basic stay should also be in place.

There, easy! We have introduced one skill in each level to make them easier to learn. You will also be doing a recall as well depending on instructor availability. By learning these basic skills it will make it easier for both handler and instructor when you go into Learners.

How long will it take to go through the classes? It depends on how much you train at home, what breed of dog, age, sex, etc. NEVER gauge your progress on other people. All dogs are capable. Just have fun.

We now have feed/treat bags available for \$14. Everyone works for a wage and these are an ideal item for holding your dog's 'pay'.

Rally-O is taking off in a big way in the obedience world. Carmel Nottle is running it for us here starting at 8.30 on Sunday mornings. It is being run over the side by Fred's trial ring. If you are interested please go and see Carmel for advice.

That covers just a couple of things. There will be more to come in future editions of the magazine.

## Rally O training

**Rally training has commenced and is held on a Sunday. Set-up is at 8:30am and then class for all levels (Novice, Advanced and Excellent) runs from 8:45 – 9:15am.**

Anyone that is completely new to Rally is asked to attend the first class of the month as additional time is dedicated on these days to go through the basic rules and how Rally runs. Over the coming weeks we are trialling leaving a Rally course set up until 11:00am so that people can have additional practice. This will only happen if people that use the course pack it up at 11:00am and ensure that everything is neatly cleared away.. The only time this won't happen if it is a particularly wet or windy day as too much damage can occur to the equipment. If people have experience with Rally then they are free to use the course after the class time however there will be no Instructors present to assist during this time. If people are seen using the course during this time and don't assist with taking down the course then they will be asked to keep off the course in the future. Only those that are present for setting up the course from 8:30 – 8:45am will be able to use the course during the class time. All others will need to wait until after the class

finishes at 9:15am. Classes will be cancelled the same as obedience, for hot weather or long weekends, and some additional weeks may not be offered as the instructors are both away for trials with their own dogs. People are asked to check for posts on the PDODC Facebook page for those additional dates.



# **Head Agility Instructors Report: Chrissy Dalle Valle Agility Report**

Our Head Instructor, Chrissy, has been busy with other things early in the year (namely, gallivanting around on cruise ships) so she asked me to write something for her.

Agility has been busting out so far with many new people coming to train their dogs. It is good to see so many new faces as it is these people who are the future of the club.

We now have a new class between Beginners and Victor's class. This will allow us to work on basic skills at a more advanced level and introduce the correct height for dogs to work at, depending on age.

Please remember to wear appropriate footwear and warm up your dogs before class now that the weather is getting cold.



See you down the club!

**Julian Stokes**  
**(on behalf of Chrissy Dalla Valle)**

## **Agility at Para District Obedience Dog Club**

Do you enjoy obedience? Would like to try something a little more active with your dog? Why not come down to Para District Obedience Dog Club Friday nights and learn the exciting dog sport of agility?

You can teach your dog to go over jumps, through tunnels, around weaving poles and many other obstacles. It is a sport in which you and your dog work as a team that is fun for both dog and handler.

Puppies can start from as young as six months old with restricted exercises, but you can start your dog at any age.

## Well Hello!

My name is Jimmy and this is my story.

My journey started on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2013, where I was born in foster care with my 4 brothers and sisters. My beautiful bull terrier cross mum was given up because her humans didn't want her. I was spunky and the only little bloke with no distinct markings.



Unfortunately one of my siblings passed away and one of my sisters adopted to Victoria. I still have one brother and one sister in Pooraka, who I hope to meet one day. My mum has also found her fur ever home here somewhere in SA.

At 12 weeks I was adopted too. A couple took me in, but unfortunately I added to their already poor relationship. At 8mths old I was returned to my foster mum. This is where I met my best friend Vladimir, a 7 mth old Doberman and his buddy, a 10yr old Whippet. We saw dogs come and go, but no body wanted me. I was a lanky critter still growing into my feet and had odd black spots developing like all over my skin. They looked opaque under my white fur.



I also developed brindle spots on my floppy ears too!

Then one day a lady named Jo came to visit. She lived on her own and was recovering from a stroke. She was still struggling somewhat with depression and was looking for a companion animal. We played for ages! Even though she saw I had some issues, she still wanted me.

I was a little scared when my foster mum dropped me off. Jo was very understanding and kept me close for the first few days. I even managed to sneak on the bed! As the weeks went by Jo discovered that I was very fearful of the garden hose and I had no social skills at all. I also couldn't walk on the lead. Jo was very patient with me, as she knew I really wanted to play and meet other dogs and go for walk. I just didn't know how.



We started going to dog parks and slowly meeting other dogs. It was at the Jenkins Reserve Dog Park one morning where we met Lyn and Banjo. Lyn was an instructor at the Para District Obedience Dog Club. Lyn saw Jo struggling with a ridiculous harness she had been sucked into purchasing from a pet store. Lyn suggested a gentle leader and let us try one she had in her car. Wow! The change was immediate! I got it and because I was so good, we were also asked to attend a puppy class. I had a ball and have learnt heaps. Jo and I practice all the time.

A few weeks later Jo took me to agility class. We were a little late because I had some problems getting into the car, so we sat and watched the session. It wasn't long after that and we were getting in on the action. I love agility as it helps me focus and the activities are so much fun.

So life now is awesome. I help Jo manage her depression and she helps me learn new skills. We walk with a pack off the lead in the morning where I love to run and play with Xena and we knock about with an awesome group of dogs in the afternoons. I have so many friends all shapes and sizes now. I reckon I have found my fur ever home. I may even have a brother or sister soon!

Sloppy kisses

Jimmy



## History of Para District Obedience Dog Club

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc was formed at a meeting of 17 people on February 1st 1964.

PDODC has come a long way in more than 40 years to what it is today.

At that 1964 meeting club colours were decided as navy and gold. A prize of 1 guinea (\$2.10) was offered for the best badge design. A joint effort resulted in our current badge.

A club 'News Sheet' was organised to keep members informed of news, and members' progress and achievements. Today the club magazine is called the 'Slipcollar'.

A social committee was formed and a building fund started on March 25, 1965 using a piggy bank. This piggy bank was taken around classes each week, and profits from tea money and socials also went into the piggy bank.

On June 10, 1965 a light, almost white part shepherd called 'Flash' gained PDODC's first CD title. Flash was owned and trained by Brian Fagan who was, unfortunately, killed in a road accident in 1978. Flash was also the club's first titled Companion Dog Excellent and Utility Dog.

The first training ground was Happy Home Reserve but there was a move to Halbury Road Reserve in 1966.

In 1968 enough funds were raised to build a toilet block at a cost of \$1200.00. The year 1968 is also remembered for the visit from the author of '*Dog Training Made Easy*', Michael Tucker. He was a dog trainer with more than 30 years experience who gained his qualifications working with the Blind Dog Association in England and Melbourne. Mr Tucker took Classes 3 and 6, and was impressed at the training methods Para District used.

John Holmes, a well known trainer and author, was also impressed by the training methods on a later visit to the club.

The club became incorporated on April 17, 1972 and was thriving with 270 members in 1969; growing to 418 in 1970; 443 in 1972 and levelling out in the 1980s to a steady 500/550.

Problems arose at Halbury Road and the club moved to its present grounds at Jenkins Reserve on December 12, 1977. The new DODC clubhouse and training ground was officially opened by the Salisbury Mayor, Harry Bowey.

Later the clubhouse was named Len Lomas Memorial Building; a dedication to the well-respected Life Member and Head Instructor for 5 years. Mr Lomas was a diligent worker for the club before his untimely death in January 1981.

Agility was introduced in 1987 and PDODC held its first trial on June 23, 1991. Today many PDODC members train and successfully trial in agility and jumping.

There are many obedience photos and trophies of past and present members in the club's canteen.

For more than 40 years, Para District Obedience Dog Club members have been successful in dog sports, through their training with the club.

Flyball came to PDODC in 2004 and today the club has five competitive teams, with many more in training.



### Even Dogs Do IT...



Even better, training with us gives our members the confidence and knowledge to train their dog so it becomes a wonderful, family pet once they leave our training ground.



## **Facts about Dogs**

- Evidence based on behaviour, vocalisations, morphology, and molecular biology, has led to the current widely accepted scientific understanding that all breeds of domestic dog have descended from the grey wolf.
- Humans and dogs have co-evolved through living together for over 12,000 thousand years. While clearly humans have significantly impacted on the evolution of dogs through selective breeding, the intimate presence of dogs in human culture has also impacted on the evolution of humans.
- Dogs have their own in individual personalities.
- Dogs have an extremely high degree of social intelligence. They learn in a variety of different ways such as reinforcement and through observing the behaviour of other dogs, and even humans. They go through a series of cognitive development stages, just like humans.
- Human faces are known to be asymmetrical, with people instinctively moving their gaze to the right side of a face when they meet someone and try to discern their emotional state. Dogs have developed the same instinct when encountering a human, despite the fact that they do not do this when meeting other dogs. No other non-primate is known to do this.
- Dogs have been shown to display a range of emotions, including optimism, pessimism, depression and jealousy.
- Scientists believe dogs show empathy for others.
- Contagious yawning, where witnessing others yawn triggers a chain reaction which leads to the observer yawning is strongly associated with empathy. Dogs are also susceptible to “catching” yawns from humans.
- Dogs communicate by a variety of different means. Scent, physical appearance, body position, facial expressions, movements, and vocalisations, which include numerous different barks, whines and growls, are all used.
- Dogs have an incredible sense of smell. They have far more sensory “smelling” cells than humans, who have 5 million. Alsatians have 220 million, but there is variation between breeds.
- Dogs play a major role in pet-assisted therapy at hospitals, hospices, special needs schools and other places. Volunteers take in their own companion dogs, and the mere presence of a lovable canine is known to have a deeply therapeutic impact on patients.

# Head Flyball Instructors Report

Hi everyone,

Flyball has started the year with a few changes.

We have some new exercises for the beginners and trialler, which will hopefully benefit both dog and owner

The year has started out quietly, the weather either being too hot or too wet to train; however we have managed to get a few in

We are entered 3 teams into a the first comp to be held by Dover Gardens Dog Club in May, which will be exciting

We have also had Totally Wild come out to film a segment on Flyball... which should be on our screens in 3 to 6 months

Planning for our South East Challenge come is in swing

Happy and safe training

Mary Dalla Valle

Para Districts Obedience Dog Club

Head Flyball Instructor



## What is Flyball?

**Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs.**

It is a sport that gives dogs everything they love – retrieving, catching, jumping and pleasing their human. And any breed can compete – all your dog needs is to be well socialised, able to be controlled by voice and a love of balls.

Dogs race side-by-side over four hurdles to trigger the flyball box; then race back so the next dog can race. All team members must complete the course correctly.

### **Flyball in Australia**

The earliest known Flyball activity was in 1982 in Perth, Western Australia. Flyball was a demonstration-only activity until 1996, when the Australian Flyball Association (AFA) was formed.

The AFA grew out of Queanbeyan in New South Wales (NSW) and competitions rapidly spread from NSW to the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria. Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia have more recently held competitions.

### **Flyball in South Australia & at PDODC**

South Australia's first flyball competition had just one team with six members. It was the Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Competition against the Victorians in 2000. It was a humble beginning where two of Para District Obedience Dog Club members, Sharon Page and Catherine Saberton, were among that six member team. The dogs did well and won the 2nd Division racing section.

At that time flyball training was at Golden Grove and sponsorship was sought. Aussie Pouch Mobile donated shirts and caps to compete in. They also helped out with fundraising by washing dogs at the flyball Christmas break-up. Raffles were held and Pixie Photos helped raise \$750 for a new double hole box.

In 2001 and 2002 Flyball was not held at the Royal Adelaide Show. So Catherine and Sharon decided to organise their own competition at Carisbrook Park in September 2002. The second Flyball Competition in South Australia was held, but not without a lot of behind the scenes work.

At the end of 2002, a letter was sent to the Royal Show Committee asking to be included in their program in 2003. After several meetings with the Royal Show people and SACA, a Flyball Competition for the 2003 Royal Show was born. Since then Flyball at the show has been held every year.

Flyball moved to Para District Obedience Dog Club in April 2004. It was a small group of about 10 people and 1½ teams. Flyball has grown in numbers and now in 2009, PDODC fields five teams. PDODC are one of the bigger Flyball Clubs in Australia (with the number of teams per club).

On May 20, 2007, the Million Paws Walk Flyball Competition saw four teams from PDODC and one from Dover Gardens compete. History was made as this was the first all SA Flyball Competition with a SA Judge (Catherine Saberton), four or more South Australian teams and the electronic judging system; and lots of volunteers.

Flyball support has grown since moving to PDODC. There are now four lanes and four boxes to run and train with on Monday nights. The beginners and intermediates are also growing.

PDODC members look for ongoing sponsorship and continue their fundraising efforts to keep PDODC at their best at competitions in this wonderful sport of Flyballing.

So when you come to training think about how flyball got started, what manpower is needed to maintain the equipment; and how far it has progressed since moving to Para District Obedience Dog Club in 2004.

### **PDODC Flyball Class Times - Mondays (pm)**

**6.30pm** Set-up and Dog assessment

**6.45pm.** Beginners

**7.30pm** Intermediate / Triallers

**Weather rule** - If the temperature for Monday is forecast on Sunday evening for 32 degrees or higher, there will be no training. If stormy or inclement weather, training may also be called off.

## Dances with Dogs (Since 2011)

### What is Dances with Dogs All About?

The primary goal of Dances with Dogs is to promote positive and enjoyable relationships between Dogs and their owners through the medium of music.

### But, what is Dances with Dogs?

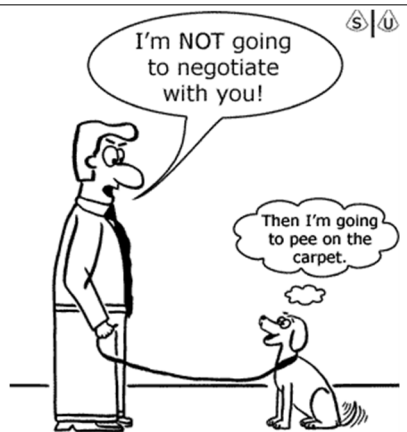
Walking is the heart of the dance; simply taking steps, one after another, in time with the music. Patterns, simple complex, complete the basics of dance.

DWD is you and your dog stepping out together to the music you like, having fun, getting some exercise(as much as you want), making new friends and strengthening the dog-owner relationship

***DWD is suitable for dogs of all ages, size and bred.***  
**Class Times at PDODC - Mondays (pm)**

In Front of the Green Shed at 6:30pm: All classes.  
Contact Person: Sharon Page [sharpage4@bigpond.com](mailto:sharpage4@bigpond.com)

IF THE ESTIMATED MONDAY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR ELIZABETH (ON CHANNEL 9 NEWS, SUNDAY NIGHT) IS 32° OR HIGHER, THERE WILL BE NO TRAINING



# Obedience Graduations

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*(in no particular order)*

### Class 1 - 2

**Margaret & Bonnie  
TOM!**

Nicki & Winnie  
Brad & Snoopy  
Kim & Bear  
Karen & Tessa



### Class 2 - 3

**Mel & Mossy TOM!**

Jaymie & Mia  
Emily & Oscar  
Leonie & Xanthe



### Class 3 - 4

**Ted & Lucy TOM!**

### Class 4 - 5

**Joy & Rahni TOM!**

Melissa & Axel  
Shane & Apex

## 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.**

# DOG CLOTHING AND ACCESSORIES



Please feel free to try clothing on your dogs for size.

Please just ensure that they are dry and



relatively clean 😊

If you would like to purchase an item please pay Ben in the canteen.





## **WALK TO FIGHT ANIMAL CRUELTY**

### **RSPCA Million Paws Walk**

**Sunday May 18.**

Register now, fundraise and then walk to fight animal cruelty in Australia's biggest dog walk!

The RSPCA Million Paws Walk is the most important event on the canine calendar. On the day, you and your four-legged friend will be treated to entertainment, displays, stalls, giveaways and a host of other activities. Million Paws Walk is a great day out for the whole family while raising funds for animals in need.

### **RSPCA Million Paws Walk Bonython Park**

Bonython Park will again provide a beautiful backdrop for Adelaide's RSPCA Million Paws Walk.

**Location:** Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli

**Date:** Sunday 18 May

**On day registration:** Opens 8:30am

**Walk commences:** 10:00am

**Walk length:** 2km or 4km - the course is wheelchair and stroller friendly.

**Event concludes:** 1:00pm



### **Your RSPCA Million Paws Walk check-list**

Everything you need to remember to make sure you and your pooch have a brilliant doggy day out!



- Wear comfortable shoes
- Make sure you pack sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and wear appropriate outdoor weather clothing
- Bring along your doggy sunscreen for those that have fair/white coats
- Hydrate. Make sure you pack enough water for you and your pooch (and portable water bowl if you have one)
- Don't forget your poop bags!
- Money to pay for parking, lunch or to purchase some fantastic pet products on sale
- Make sure your pooch is fully vaccinated and registered
- Please keep your dog on a leash at all times
- Please make sure your dog is socialised and generally non-aggressive to people or other dogs

## **Why does the RSPCA advocate early-age desexing?**

Traditionally, vets have recommended that cats and dogs are desexed between about 5½ and 6 months of age. But over the past decade, desexing at an earlier age (from eight weeks onwards) has become more common. This is known as early-age desexing or EAD. The RSPCA has been desexing kittens and puppies in its shelters at this earlier age for many years, and based on this experience and the cumulation of considerable scientific evidence, the RSPCA considers EAD to be a safe and effective strategy for the wider community to prevent unplanned/unwanted litters in cats and dogs.

Preventing unwanted litters of cats and dogs is a key objective for the RSPCA.

Desexing is vital to reduce the number of unwanted companion animals entering shelters and pounds, and the earlier that cats and dogs can be desexed, the less likely it is that they will reproduce. This is particularly relevant for cats, who can become pregnant as early as 4 months of age, well before the traditional desexing age of about 5.5 to 6 months of age. Desexing at an early age also reduces the amount of time young animals need to spend in the shelter environment. The RSPCA also advocates desexing of puppies and kittens prior to sale from breeders or pet shops, and EAD makes this possible.

In addition to helping to prevent unwanted pregnancy, EAD can offer significant animal welfare benefits when compared to traditional age desexing. Desexing surgery is faster and easier when carried out on younger patients as their anatomical structures are less developed. There is less tissue trauma and less tissue handling involved, the surgery incision site is smaller, and bleeding is reduced and minimal. It also takes less time to prepare the animals for EAD surgery which means less time under general anaesthesia. The anaesthetic recovery and wound healing times are also shorter, providing further animal welfare benefits. EAD significantly reduces the risk of mammary cancer in both dogs and cats.

**These benefits are in addition to all of the commonly accepted benefits associated with general desexing, such as a reduction in wandering/roaming and undesirable sexual behaviours such as mounting and urine spraying.**

## 8 things your can do to protect your dog in the summer

1. Never, ever leave your dog in the car;
2. Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water;
3. Make sure your dog has access to shade when outside;
4. Take walks during the cooler hours of the day;
5. When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws;
6. If you think it's hot outside, it's even hotter for your pet – make sure your pet has a means of cooling off;
7. Keep your dog free of external parasites (fleas, ticks) and heartworms, consult your veterinarian about the best product for your pet;
8. Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long coats, and apply sunscreen to your dog's skin if she or he has a thin coat.

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Mon 10 Nov 2014	Dog Lovers Seminars & Ship activities		Cruising
Tue 11 Nov 2014	Isle Of Pines, New Caledonia	8:00 AM	5:00 PM Tendered
Wed 12 Nov 2014	Noumea, New Caledonia	8:00 AM	5:00 PM Docked
Thu 13 Nov 2014	Dog Lovers Seminars & Ship activities		Cruising
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Sat 15 Nov 2014	Sydney, Australia		Departures from 6:30 AM

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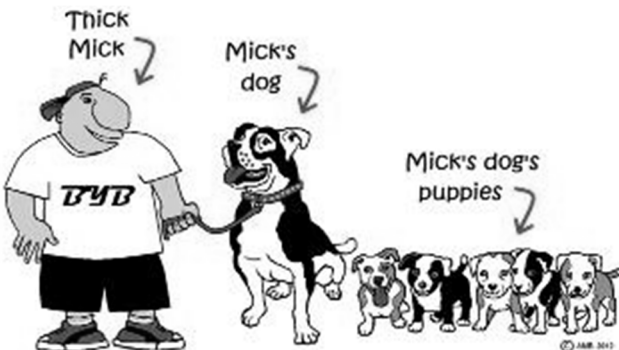
## 250,000 healthy, but unwanted cats and dogs are killed in Australian pounds each year

In Australia, we have a system that perpetuates a cycle of breeding to excess, impulse purchasing of pets and then quiet killing of the surplus 250,000 mainly healthy cats and dogs year after year. (We kill more than 57,351 every year in New South Wales alone...see link in left menu for full statistics.)

This is not justifiable, not ethical and not acceptable. These animals are not just statistics, each one is a live sentient being that can suffer immense stress in a frightening environment prior to an untimely death. Surely we have the ability to fix the problem and stop the oversupply and consequent unnecessary euthanasia of healthy cats and dogs by tackling all the reasons for it?

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- Restrict the sale of cats and dogs to ethical regulated breeders, pounds and animal shelters
- Stop all sources of mass production of kittens and puppies for profit i.e. stop puppy and kitten farms and backyard breeders
- Achieve widespread desexing of all pets
- Increase the re-homing rate in pounds and shelters via better low-kill policies
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Name:..... Contact Number .....

<b>Item</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Polo Shirt</b> Kids 4 – 14 Ladies 8 – 20 Adults Small - XL			 \$28.00 \$32.00 \$32.00
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<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$</b>

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