

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Slipcollar

September, October & November 2009



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Cover dogs:
Gabby, Inka & Xena
(left to right)

Handler:
Daniella McCulloch
(see p.37)



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DOG/HANDLER ETIQUETTE

- ◆ Always pick up faeces after your dog has defecated and place in the bins provided.
- ◆ When approaching another dog, ask the permission of the owner if it is okay to approach. Do not assume that every dog wants to be approached by unknown dogs or people.
- ◆ After being given the okay to approach an unknown dog, approach calmly and do not allow your dog to rush at them. Keep the leash short enough, but not tight, to pull your dog back quickly if there is a problem.
- ◆ If your dog wants a drink, do not allow them to interrupt another dog while they are drinking. Wait until they have finished, then allow your dog to drink.
- ◆ Do not approach dogs that are tethered and unsupervised.
- ◆ Do not take your dog off lead, unless directed by an instructor.
- ◆ Supervise your children around dogs and always ask permission of the owner before allowing children to pat unknown dogs.
- ◆ Ensure your dog does not become entangled with other dogs' leads. Always allow space between you and your dog and other dogs and handlers. Be aware of your environment at all times.
- ◆ If your dog urinates on any club buildings, get some water and wash the area.
- ◆ Listen to and observe all instruction from club officials and instructors.



MEMBERSHIP FEES



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| <i>Junior</i> | <i>\$30</i> |
| <i>Single</i> | <i>\$50</i> |
| <i>Double/Family</i> | <i>\$60</i> |
| <i>Single Pensioner</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| <i>Double Pensioner</i> | <i>\$50</i> |
| <i>(Full pension card required)</i> | |



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

Agility and Flyball classes have an additional cost of \$2 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog to cover lighting expenses and upkeep of equipment.

Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November. Reduced rates apply if joining later in the year.



President's Report

by Vicki Josephs

Hi Everyone. Well, we must be doing something right as our Club continues to attract new members. Our membership is now around 400, which has exceeded Committee's expectations for this year. Thanks to each of you who continue to contribute to the Club's success in your own way.

This is our last 'Slipcollar' for the year. You will notice nomination forms for the 2010 Committee are included in this magazine. Please consider nominating for Committee. Although I have found the experience to be challenging at times, it has also been highly rewarding and I would recommend the experience to any member who wants an opportunity to give something back to their Club.

The Club's AGM will be held on December 7th. If you do decide to nominate for Committee, please remember it is a commitment for the 2010 year (Feb-Nov). Unfortunately four members who nominated for 2009 positions resigned their positions part-way through the year. This left quite a high workload for the remainder of Committee to manage (but manage we did).

You may have noticed that the Club suffered three break-ins recently. Council has installed screening over the windows in an attempt to deter this type of criminal activity. As well as the loss suffered through stolen goods, each time the security alarm is triggered, the Club is liable to pay a call-out fee of around \$75. Hopefully the mesh screening on the windows will prevent further break-ins.

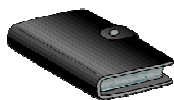
I am proud to announce that the Club's August Obedience Trial netted the Club a profit of over \$500. This financial result, plus the upbeat and supportive atmosphere on the day, made it one of the most successful Obedience Trials in recent years. Congratulations to everyone involved. It was a really good day and I have received many positive comments from Club members, Judges and participants of the day.

Committee is preparing for Para's second Agility Trial for the year, scheduled for October 10th. We are anticipating another positive outcome for the Club.

The Library has begun - details of books available and procedures for borrowing are listed within this magazine.

Thank you to those who have supported myself and your 2009 Committee. It is amazing what a dedicated group of people can achieve and it has been a pleasure to be part of that group.

Good luck with in ventures with your canine friends during the rest of 2009. May you find a positive in every day.



What's on?



- Sat., 3 October Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc.—Obedience Trials
- Sun., 4 October SA Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Obedience Trial
- Sat., 10 October Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Agility, Jumping & Games Trials**
- Sun., 11 October Dover Gardens Kennel & Obedience Club Inc.—Obedience Trial
- Tues., 13 Oct. PDODC Committee Meeting**
- Wed, 14 Oct. Dog Training Workshops at PDODC**
- Sat., 17 October Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Agility Trials
- Sun., 18 October Gawler Dog Training Club Inc.
Agility Trials
- Sat. 24 & Sun. Blue Lake Obedience Dog Club Inc.
25 October Obedience & Agility Trials
- Sat. 31 October Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Obedience & Agility Trials
- Sat. 7 November Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Club—Agility Trial
- Sat. 14 Nov. SA Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Obedience Trial
- Sun. 15 Nov. People & Dogs—Open Day at SACA Park
- Sat. 21 Nov. Agility Dog Club of SA Inc.
Agility Trial
- Sun. 29 Nov. Para District Obedience Dog Club
Break-up Day & Flyball Competition**
- Mon, 7 Dec. PDODC AGM—Please attend**

PDODC's Dog Library Coming Soon



Your committee is in the process of researching and purchasing books and DVDs relating to all things dog. If you have any items at home you think would be suitable that you would like to donate, donations will be gratefully accepted. Our aim is to share good information with new and old members alike. We will keep you posted when the library will be open for business.

As some of the items we will be purchasing are not cheap, we will require a \$20 deposit per item, to be returned upon receipt of the item back at the club in the same condition as it left it in. A \$2 fee per item will be charged.

DVDs may be loaned for a period of 2 weeks, books may be loaned for up to 4 weeks. A \$2 fee per week for overdue items will be charged.

The library will be open Friday nights and Sunday mornings during office hours.

So what's in the library?

'So Your Dog's Not Lassie: Tips for Training Difficult Dogs and Independent Breeds'
- Betty Fisher

'The Other End of the Leash: Why We Do What We Do Around Dogs'
- Patricia B. McConnell

'The Complete Idiot's Guide to Positive Dog Training, 2nd Edition'
- Pamela S. Dennison

'How to be the Leader of the Pack...And have Your Dog Love You For It'
- Patricia B. McConnell Ph.D.

'When Pigs Fly!: Training Success with Impossible Dogs'
- Jane Killion

'The Dog Whisperer: The essential guide to understanding and raising a happy dog'
- John Richardson & Leslye Cole

'The BARF Diet'
- Dr Ian Billinghurst

'Grow Your Pup On Bones'
- Dr Ian Billinghurst

'Give Your Dog A Bone'
- Dr Ian Billinghurst

'Marley & Me, Life and love with the world's worst dog'
- John Grogan

'The Good, The Bad, and The Furry, Choosing the dog that's right for you'
- Sam Stall

'Superdog, Clicker Training for Obedience, Tricks and Agility'
- Mary Ray

Dogs Life magazines

LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW

'GIVE YOUR DOG A BONE'

Dr Ian Billinghurst, Warrigal Publishing, 1993

This book is a gift for anyone who wishes to help their dog to a long, healthy and happy life, to feed their dog cheaply and with minimal effort, and to help save the environment. "GIVE YOUR DOG A BONE" is the first of a trilogy written by Australian vet, Dr Ian Billinghurst, the succeeding titles being "Grow Your Pups with Bones" and "The BARF Diet". It is bright and easily read, using cartoon illustrations to help make his points, and with much repetition of the clear message that most disease in dogs is caused by poor nutrition. For this he blames commercial dog foods and poorly designed home cooked diets.

In summary, Billinghurst says "Feed your dog a diet consisting of 60% raw meaty bones. The rest of the diet should consist of a wide range of good quality human food scraps. Most of them should also be raw".

The author describes the deterioration that he has seen in canine health since the introduction over the past thirty years of commercial and particularly dried dog food. This he blames for the need for veterinary dentists, and a multitude of health problems now commonly seen in veterinary practice, such as skin disorders and allergies, diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, pancreatitis, ear infections, auto-immune disorders, bladder disorders and all cancers.

The book can be read on several levels, ranging from the most basic information about feeding your dog, up to very detailed nutritional education, almost a textbook on diet, which applies to the human as well as the dog.

I initially found some contradiction in his simplistic approach of feeding bones and food scraps, which was followed by several chapters detailing the nutritional values of various foods, and the vitamins and minerals which need to be available in the diet. This feeding regime was seeming impossibly difficult, until the author gave an example of 2 pups going to 2 different families—the poor truckie with no spare time or money for fancy diets, and the wealthy idealistic couple with big hopes and plans for their dog. Of course, the former turns into the healthier dog.

The recurring theme is that current dogs have evolved from wolves and wild dogs, and if we feed them as they did in the wild, where they ate their whole prey, they will be healthier. Billinghurst explores the many myths held about feeding dogs a commercial diet, and gives much reassurance about the safety, as well as the enormous value, of feeding raw bones, fruit and vegetables.

Overall, an enjoyable, easily read book. It delivers an important "life changing" message for every dog and its owner. Even though "GIVE YOUR DOG A BONE" was first published in 1993, it remains totally relevant today, a "must read" for every serious dog owner.

Thank you, Dr Billinghurst.

By Llana Hamilton



PDODC BREAK-UP DATES FOR 2009

(no training will be conducted on break-up dates)

FLYBALL—Monday, 23 November 2009

A social evening for dogs and handlers. Please bring a plate to share. Be there at 6.30 p.m. On Monday, 16 November, all Flyballers (from beginners to triallers) will advise/discuss what they will bring for the shared supper.

AGILITY—Friday, 27 November 2009

A fun evening of relay agility games for dogs and handlers. Be there at 7 p.m. to set up for a 7.30 p.m. start.

OBEDIENCE—Sunday, 29 November 2009

OFFICIAL CLUB BREAK-UP DAY—ALL WELCOME!

BYO picnic lunch, chairs, shelters, etc. Enjoy a relaxed day at the club with fellow club members and dogs for the last time in 2009. On this day, Para is also conducting a flyball competition on club grounds, so why not come and cheer the dogs on. Come down from 10 a.m. ready for trophy presentation at around midday at the end of the flyball comp.

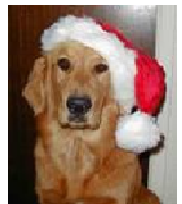
Return training dates for 2010

(subject to weather conditions, as set out on p.36)

FLYBALL—Monday, 1 February 2010

AGILITY—Friday, 5 February 2010

OBEDIENCE—Sunday, 7 February 2010



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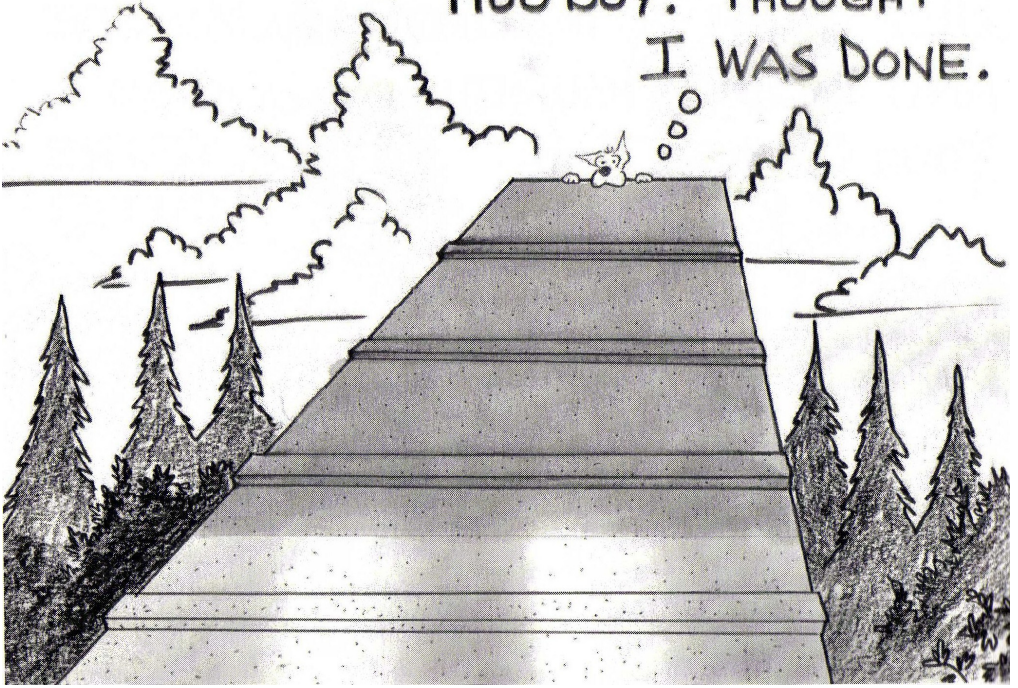
by James Liddle

Heartfelt thanks to all my fans who enjoy a good laugh!

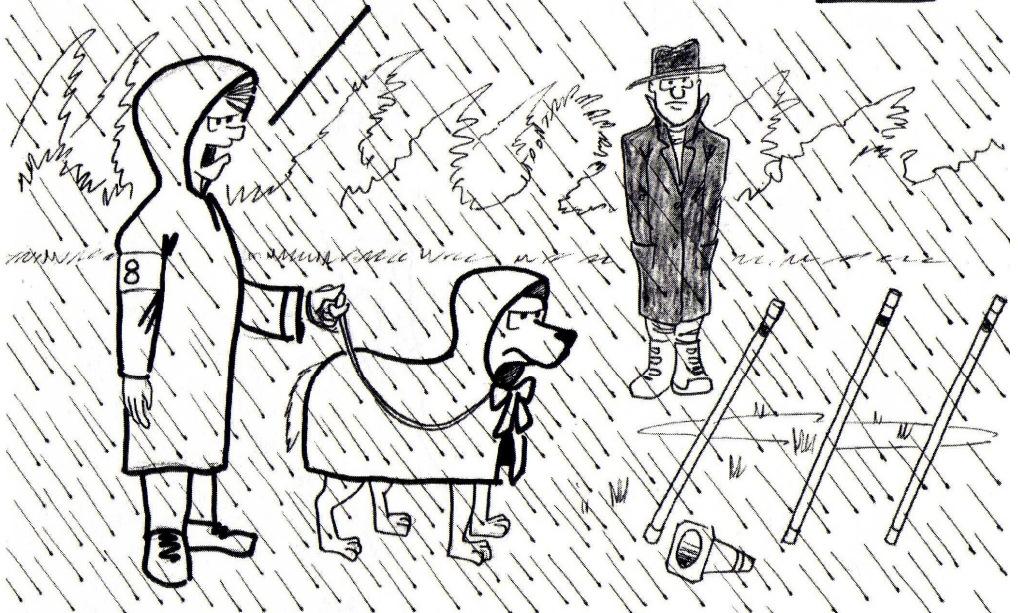


AGILITY HAS NOT
TAKEN OVER OUR LIVES!

HOO BOY. THOUGHT
I WAS DONE.



WE GAVE UP A WEEKEND FOR THIS?





Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s 2009 AGM

Monday, 7 December 2009 - 7 p.m.

Venue: Club grounds

Please consider standing for Committee in 2010. Volunteering to help your club can be a rewarding experience and you will feel a sense of satisfaction giving something back. Nominations for committee positions must be submitted in the office by Sunday, 29 November. A detailed list of job specifications is available on request in the office.

All positions will be declared vacant:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HEAD INSTRUCTORS

Plus 5-8 ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

These positions to assume such jobs as:

MAGAZINE EDITOR
WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR
FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

Also, we need:

TRIAL MANAGERS & SECRETARIES

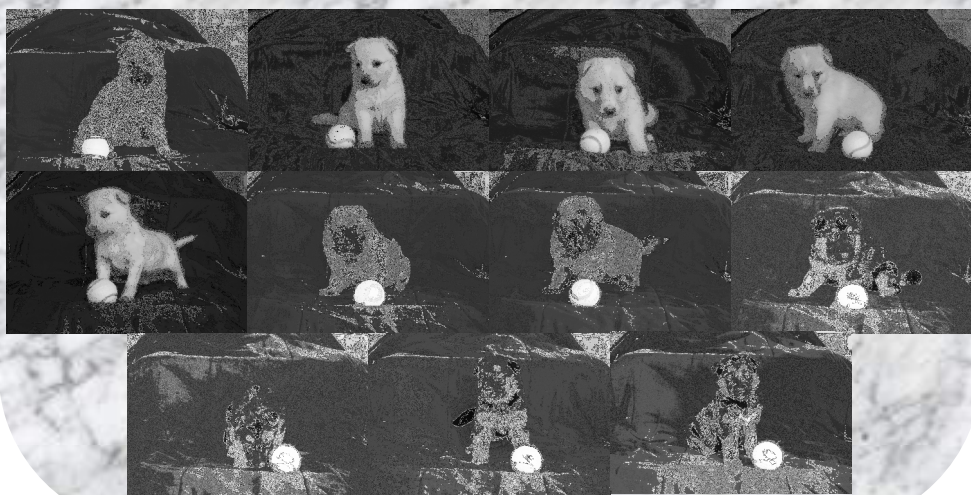
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Ronnie & Wayne



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HEALTH WARNING



Heatstroke - hyperthermia

Heatstroke (hyperthermia) is the elevation of the body's temperature and is a life-threatening condition requiring immediate treatment. Dogs left in hot cars, pets exposed to extreme heat when left outdoors, lack of adequate shade or being exercised in hot weather can all lead to heatstroke. Heatstroke is most common in dogs, especially "brachycephalic" breeds (those with short muzzles, e.g. British Bulldogs, Pugs, etc). Other predisposing factors can be diseases of the pet's airways or obesity. The veterinarian will look into the underlying cause once your pet is stabilised.

What to look out for - Signs

Initially your pet will appear distressed; they will pant excessively and become restless. As the situation becomes worse and the body temperature increases they may drool copious volumes of saliva and become unsteady on their feet. You may notice your pet's gums become a bluish-purple or bright red colour. This is due to the inadequate oxygen supply to the tissues.

First Aid

Cool your pet immediately by immersing in a cold water bath or, where this is not possible, soak them using running water from a hose. After wetting, it is best to use a fan or air-conditioning to maintain airflow over the body. As you travel to the veterinarians, keep the fan or air-conditioning going over your pet to maintain a cooling effect. This initial home treatment greatly increases the chance of surviving. Seek veterinary attention for your pet immediately as intensive care is generally required to save your pet's life. It is only in mild cases that the initial home cooling is adequate treatment.

Veterinary Treatment

On arriving at the veterinary hospital your veterinarian will assess your pet and determine the treatment required. The more the severe case, the more intensive care will be required.

Intravenous fluids are needed in heat stroke cases: The Intravenous fluids cool the body, maintain blood pressure, support the kidney system and generally speeds recovery.

Your pet's airway will need to be maintained and excess saliva kept clear from the mouth at all times. Oxygen may be required. At times sedation is needed to allow safe, effective ventilation.

Your veterinarian will closely monitor your pet. This generally involves observing changes in body temperature, blood tests and urine examinations to assess the extent of damage and their progression.

Preventing heatstroke

There are a few steps you can take to help prevent heatstroke. These include:

- Ensure your pet has plenty of fresh, clean water at all times. If outside, place water in a shady area. Consider using frozen water bottles to keep it cool - or provide a number of water bowls in different areas.
- Some pets love to tip over water dishes. Ensure they are large and made of heavy material.
- NEVER leave your pet unattended in a car. Cars heat up very quickly and are the most common cause of heatstroke. Even if you open the windows it does little to slow the overheating process. Pets do not sweat, rather, they evaporate heat by panting. Panting requires large amounts of air to move heat away from your pet and, when the heat is trapped into the car, they can literally overheat and die within minutes.
- Avoid exercising your pet during the hottest hours of the day, especially in the summer months. Enjoy early morning and evening walks, but keep your pet away from the pavement and hot bitumen during the heat of the day.
- If walking your dog for any long period of time ensure you stop to let your pet rest and drink on a regular basis. Collapsible water bowls are a very handy walking accessory to keep your companion hydrated.
- If pets are to be left outdoors during hot weather ensure they have adequate shade to shelter from the sun.
- Allow your pet to wander around the yard so they can pick a cool spot during the day.

Although most commonly seen in dogs, all animals can be affected by heatstroke. If you think your pet is in distress, phone your veterinarian immediately for advice. Your quick actions could save your pet's life.

Your pet's body may feel burning hot and, as the body temperature continues to climb, the animal will collapse, become comatose and, if veterinary treatment is not sought immediately, may soon die.

Other tips for a safe summer

Pets can get skin cancer too. If your pet loves to laze around in the sun, slop on a pet sunscreen, especially to pink or white noses!

- For some unlucky pets, flies can cause irritation and leave bleeding ear tips. Keep them away by spraying a special fly repellent for pets or ask us for more information on dealing with flies.
- Most dogs love to fossick at the beach. Unfortunately one of their favourite treasures are dead fish. Never let your dog eat or chew on dead fish, particularly blow fish. Not only will they make your companion very ill, they can also cause fatal injury if left untreated.

Make summer fun

If your dog is a water lover purchase a children's plastic pool and half fill it with water. This becomes an additional water bowl and they can also play, splash, dig, sleep and have loads of fun in it!

Source: Dog and Cat Management Board

Suryia and Roscoe - Best Of Friends



Where you lead, I will follow...best friends Suryia, the orang-utan, and Roscoe, the Blue Tick hound.



Suryia and Roscoe spend hours together every day - they're particularly keen on swimming.

Doggy paddle's the order of the day here for the couple who live at the Tigers sanctuary in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.



The two mates see the funny side of most things.



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2009 AGM NOMINATION FORM FOR 2010 PDODC CLUB POSITIONS

For full job descriptions, refer to PDODC Inc.'s Job Specifications document.

***Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, 29 November
to be considered at this year's AGM***

PRESIDENT

Shall promote teamwork and foster good relations among club and committee members. Shall represent the club at any official function. Shall attend and preside over all committee meetings. Shall have a knowledge of the PDODC constitution and the SACA constitution and rules.

VICE PRESIDENT

Shall assist the President whenever required. Shall attend all committee meetings and preside over these in the absence of the President.

SECRETARY

Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and its committee and attend to all correspondence and issue notices for meetings. Shall provide a first-contact service in a friendly and courteous manner that reflects favourably on PDODC and its committee. Shall perform normal secretarial duties. Shall attend all committee meetings.

TREASURER

Shall receive and provide a receipt for all monies paid to the club and pay the same into a bank account of the club. Shall set up the floats each week for the shop, canteen and office and collect the money at the end of training, balance the money taken, fill in the deposit book and deposit the money. Shall pay all bills promptly. Shall present a report on the finances of the club to each committee meeting. Shall keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the club. Shall provide a yearly balance of account for the various club accounts and provide a fully audited Treasurer's report at the AGM. Shall attend all committee meetings.

HEAD OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR

Shall coordinate instructors for all obedience classes and oversee all obedience training. Shall answer any queries about obedience classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall attend all committee meetings.

HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR

Shall coordinate instructors for all agility classes and oversee all agility training. Shall answer any queries about agility classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall attend committee meetings.

HEAD FLYBALL INSTRUCTOR

Shall coordinate instructors for all flyball classes and oversee all flyball training. Shall answer any queries about flyball classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall coordinate all flyball competitions. Shall attend all committee meetings.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL SECRETARY

Shall engage judges, stewards and SACA rep and helpers for the day, receive obedience trial entries and prepare catalogue, judges sheets, stewards and judges badges. Shall obtain prizes/trophies and sashes. Shall attend all obedience trials run by PDODC and ensure smooth running of the office, collate results and prepare qualification cards. Shall submit results to SACA.

OBEDIENCE TRIAL MANAGER

Shall organise rings on the day of trial, oversee the management of the trial, ensure the trial runs smoothly, deal with any complaints.

AGILITY TRIAL SECRETARY

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MAGAZINE EDITOR

Shall prepare club magazine which shall include all events relevant to the club. Shall attend all committee meetings. This position is to be held by a general committee member.

WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR

Shall maintain the club web site by keeping it up to date with relevant information and uploading 'Slipcollar' magazine and Teams of the Month. Shall receive and direct enquiries via the club's email address. Shall attend all committee meetings. This position is to be held by a general committee member.

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shall attend all committee meetings, roster in the office on a rotational basis, if available, and assist in the running of trials and events held by the club.

REGISTRAR

Shall collate and update member passes in trials and advise head instructors of titles received by members. Shall liaise with head instructors regarding end-of-year trophies for members.

FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR

Shall liaise with sponsors to obtain raffle prizes, prepare raffles for trials and oversee all fundraising activities for the club. This position is to be held by a general committee member.



**PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM FOR 2010**

I,,
a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.,
hereby nominate
for the position

of

Signed: Dated:

I,,
a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.,
second this nomination.

Signed: Dated:

I,,
a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.,
accept this nomination.

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From Left : Jan Cooper & Scruffy CDX (in Open); Ted Saunders & Kula UD, ADM, ADO, JDM, JDO (in UD); Karen Moralee & Quovadis Isabeau (in CCD); and me - Irma Crews & Sisko CCD (in Novice)

Support Team

Sharon Page (Head Instructor), Victor Jordon (Senior Instructor, usually seen instructing UD, and Assistant Head Instructor Agility) and Karen Tanner (Assistant Secretary & Obedience Instructor)

Photos taken “at the end” of the event by Karen Tanner.

The following is my take of the day and my reflection of the day.

The weather was wet, stormy, at times “bucketed down”, the sort of weather we say “You wouldn’t put a dog out in it”. Lady Luck had forgotten all about us. But we never let our dogs feel our dismay.

We would all have been forgiven if after we arrived home we said “That was a waste of a day”.

BUT, on reflection, it was a day that instilled character, showed the tremendous team spirit of all our competitors and supporters. The dogs went out there and braved the elements valiantly, and yes, mistakes were made. But I can assure you (as our supporters assured us) all your competitors did your club proud.

We were cold, wet, couldn’t see through our glasses, and at one stage Jan, Ted and myself were all in our respective rings at the same time.

I took a quick look across to Jan and Scruffy – poor (tiny) boy was expected to do “down stay” in what would have seemed to him a swimming pool and mum nowhere to be seen. Those stays undid a lot of dogs.

A quick look at Ted and Kula wading through the wet ground – Kula trying to hear the “distant commands” through the whistling of the storm. In UD it only takes a slight mistake to ruin the day.

The photos below are of Sisko and I after our own disaster and, as you can see, Sisko was never aware of my disappointment that we did not work up to our own standard.

Sisko made a rather “costly” mistake – 10 points thrown away in one single exercise – which under normal circumstances has been his “zero” deduction exercise. Huge setback.

We had no idea how we were placed except that we were still passing (miracle), so we went into our stays hoping to at least pass.

A quick look across the other rings and into our own ring we go.

Sit stay first. I turn and there is Sisko, rear end and feet firmly planted, BUT his spine elongated and head and nose forward. We wonder how the Leaning Tower of Pisa still stands. Well, all wondered how Sisko was still sitting, front feet straight up to his shoulders and then the forward lean.

You have to feel for the guy (though Sharon couldn’t watch – her heart was in her hands).

Down stays. He flipped his rear end every few seconds and yet his feet, arms and belly stayed glued to the ground. Again Sharon had kittens. (Like to say I knew he wouldn’t break – but ...)

Thank the heavens above – we survived the stays. Points are counted up. Sisko not only passed but came 2nd, which automatically meant PDOC came 2nd in Novice.

Open and UD competition, especially at this level, is extremely tough. The slightest mistake is very costly, so unfortunately on the day we were not able to gain any other placing – but there was a fantastic team effort.

Yes, we all had a tough day. Our support team stuck to us and by us throughout, never made us feel bad for mistakes. We in turn stuck by our dogs, made sure they were thanked and rewarded after each of their efforts and, at the end of the day -



WE EACH WENT HOME WITH THE BEST DOG THERE!

by Irma Crews





DOG TRAINING WORKSHOP

Date: Wednesday 14th October 2009

Time: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm, Registration from 6.30 pm

Cost: \$5.00 per head

Venue: Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

Jenkins Reserve, Saints Road, Salisbury

The Effective Use of Food & Other Rewards in Training Dogs - Alexis Davison, CPDT

As with all training methods, it is important that you use the chosen method correctly in order for it to be effective. This presentation is a must for anyone thinking about using rewards when training their dogs. Food, as a reward, is a proven and enjoyable way of reinforcing all those things you want to achieve with your dog, whilst building a healthy and happy relationship.

Motivation and Polish - Carole Husein, Cert Ed

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

REBECCA KNAPP—0419 827 642

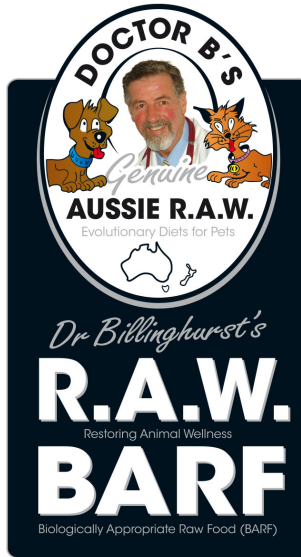
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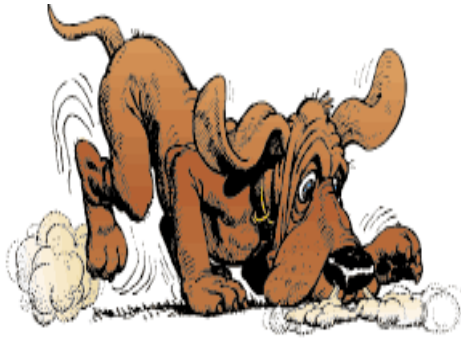
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Flyball News

On Saturday, 12th September, PDODC entered 5 teams in the Adelaide Royal Show Flyball Competition, along with 5 teams from various Victorian Clubs, at the Dairy Cattle Judging tent.

PDODC had 1 team in Division 1 which came 3rd (Team Nitro), 2 teams in Division 2 which came 1st (Para Shooters) & 2nd (Para Troopers), and 2 teams in Division 3 which also came 1st (Para Ball Busters) and 2nd (Para Punks).

Para had a good day with 9 titles gained on the day (to be confirmed by the AFA). Congratulations to the following:

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Noah - handled by Alex Stapledon | FD & FDX |
| India - handled by Vanessa Loughlin | FD & FDX |
| Hallie - handled by Linley Nicholson | FDCh |
| Flame - handled by Rebecca Knapp | FDCh |
| Cooper - handled by Jaymie Clausen | FDCh |
| Cougar - handled by Rebekah Foord | AFCh |
| Miishka - handled by Wayne Stroop | FM |

A special “Well Done” to Alex and Vanessa as this was their first competition and both did extremely well.

Thank you to Catherine Saberton who judged the competition for the full day and for Wayne Window and Veronica Schmidt who took all the equipment from Para.

*by Chrissy Dalle Valle
Head Flyball Instructor*



‘TOTALLY WILD’ AT PARA

I was approached about a month ago by someone from ‘Totally Wild’ on Channel 10. They were interested in doing a segment about Flyball, but there was a catch; they wanted to film during the week.

After asking around I decided we would have enough dogs to go ahead and contacted ‘Totally Wild’ to arrange a time. Wednesday, 16th September was to be filming day.

Wednesday came and so did the weather—26 and showers. Everyone came down early to help set up. Tess (the presenter) and her cameraman and soundman arrived and so did the showers. We got stuck into the filming with them getting lots of footage of the dogs racing and waiting to race. The camera seemed to love one little scrap of a dog and his owner quite a bit.

After the dogs had done their thing it was into the interview with me. I then challenged Tess to race against the dogs (as part of the script), which Tess did.

After all the filming had been done Tess and her crewmen were gracious enough to have a few photos with the group. It was a great, fun day and a huge experience for both humans and dogs to work with the crew from ‘Totally Wild’.

We look forward to watching the episode on Channel 10’s ‘Totally Wild’ in about 12 weeks. We will hopefully be able to let you know when it is on.

A big THANK YOU goes out to the following people and their dogs:

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Catherine & Miishka | Michelle K & Bandit | Gaynor & Wally |
| Loukia & Mia | Robyn & Paco (Dover) | Jaymie & Cooper |
| Sharon & Cassie | Linley & Hallie | Wayne S |
| Teresa & Binky | Rachael & Scrappy & Narla | Leah & Miah & Zoey |
| Rebecca, Wally & Flame | Steven & Tilly & Tessa | Julian & Tully & Jasper |

by Catherine Saberton

SA’s Australian Flyball Association Representative





Hilda's News

Trial Results

Triallers please note:

Some members are not putting PDODC as their club and others who put PDODC as their second club, you are eligible for a club badge, but not end-of-year trophies.



Munno Para Dog Club Agility Trials 11/7/2009 A.M.

Agility

Masters

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Novice

Danni & Gabrielle 1st

Alex & Noah 3rd

Open

Michelle & Jilaru 1st

Jane & Massey 3rd

Victor & Ryan 4th

Joy (Victor) & Pippa 5th

Paul & Jazz 7th

Jumping

Open

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Victor & Ryan 2nd

Novice

Danni & Gabrielle 1st

Michelle & Cujo 4th

Masters

Julian (Rachael) & Jasper 2nd

Excellent

Alex & Noah 6th

P.M.

Agility

Novice

Karen & Jade 1st

Roger & Fern 2nd

Masters

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Jumping

Open

Gill & Darcy 2nd

Masters

Michelle & Jilaru 1st

Roger & Gabby 4th

Helen & Tessa 5th

Novice

Danni & Gabrielle 1st

Linda & Ashwyn 2nd

Roger & Fern 3rd

Munno Para Dog Club Obedience Trial 12/7/2009

Utility

Melissa & Amy 180

Novice

Alice & Lucky 189

CCD

Roger & Fern 96

Sandra & Maggie 91

Rebecca & Flame 91 CCD

Dogs SA State Agility Championships 18/7/2009 A.M.

Agility

Masters

Paul & Jazz 7th

Victor & Ryan 10th

Joy (Victor) & Pippa 11th

Jaymie & Cooper 12th

Open

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Michelle & Jilaru 2nd

Danni & Inka 3rd

Danni & Xena 5th

Rebekah & Jade 6th

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|---|--------|
| Paul & Jazz <i>Excellent</i> | 7th |
| Gaynor & Wally <i>Novice</i> | 2nd |
| Danni & Gabrielle <u>Jumping</u> <i>Masters</i> | 1st |
| Wendy & Hollie | 4th |
| Paul & Jazz <i>Excellent</i> | 7th |
| Gill & Darcy | 4th |
| Jaymie & Cooper <i>Novice</i> | 5th |
| Danni & Gabrielle <i>Open</i> | 1st JD |
| Danni & Inka | 1st |
| Lee-Anne & Cassie | 2nd |
| Wendy & Hollie | 3rd |
| Julian (Rachael) & Jasper | 4th |
| Danni & Xena | 6th |
| Jane & Massey | 8th |
| Paul & Jazz | 10th |

P.M.

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| <u>Agility</u> <i>Masters</i> | |
| Wendy & Hollie | 1st |
| Danni & Inka | 3rd |
| Rebekah & Jade <i>Open</i> | 6th |
| Michelle & Jilaru | 1st |
| Victor & Ryan | 3rd |
| Sue & Chocologdog | 4th |
| Danni & Inka | 6th |
| Julian (Rachael) & Jasper <u>Jumping</u> <i>Masters</i> | 7th |
| Danni & Inka <i>Novice</i> | 7th |
| Danni & Gabrielle | 1st |
| Rachael & Narla <i>Open</i> | 3rd |
| Danni & Xena | 1st |
| Paul & Jazz | 2nd |
| Roger & Gabby | 8th |
| Rachael & Scrappy | 10th |

**State Champions
19/7/2009**

| | |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| <u>Agility</u> <i>Masters</i> | |
| Danni & Inka | 2nd |
| Rebekah & Jade | 3rd |
| Joy (Victor) & Pippa | 8th |
| Victor & Ryan <i>Open</i> | 9th |
| Danni & Xena | 2nd |
| Michelle & Jilaru | 3rd |
| Wendy & Hollie | 4th |
| Victor & Ryan <i>Novice</i> | 6th |
| Rachael & Narla | 2nd |
| <u>Jumping</u> <i>Masters</i> | |
| Michelle & Jilaru CHAMPION | 1st |
| Danni & Inka | 3rd |
| Wendy & Hollie | 4th |
| Paul & Jazz | 6th |
| Karen & Kaisias <i>Open</i> | 10th |
| Rachael & Jasper CHAMPION | 1st |
| Lee-Anne & Cassie | 2nd |
| Danni & Inka | 3rd |
| Wendy & Hollie | 4th |
| Danni & Xena | 5th |
| Victor & Ryan | 8th |
| Roger & Gabby <i>Excellent</i> | 9th |
| Jaymie & Cooper CHAMPION | 1st |

The State Championship Trials were a great success, especially for Rachael coming 2nd with her own dog, Narla, in Agility Novice and 3rd in Jumping Novice, and also achieving the State Open Jumping Champion title with Julian's dog, Jasper.

Congratulations to all who passed.

Apologies to Michelle & Jilaru, State Masters Jumping Champion, for omitting to mention your achievement in 'Slipcollar' last edition in the President's Report. Congratulations!

Agility Dog Club of SA
1/8/2009
A.M.

Melissa & Amy 5th
 Karen & Kaisias 8th
 Gaynor & Wally 10th

Agility

Masters

Wendy & Hollie 2nd
 Michelle & Jilaru 3rd

Open

Michelle & Jilaru 1st
 Danni & Inka 2nd
 Victor & Ryan 6th
 Melissa & Amy 7th

Novice

Sandra & Maggie 1st

Jumping

Novice

Irma & Sisko 1st
 Roger & Fern 3rd
 Sandra & Maggie 6th

Excellent

Gill & Darcy 2nd

Masters

Michelle & Jilaru 1st
 Paul & Jazz 3rd

Open

Danni & Xena 1st
 Victor & Ryan 3rd

P.M.

Agility

Masters

Danni & Inka 1st
 Michelle & Jilaru 2nd

Gill & Cooper 5th
 Melissa & Amy 9th

Open

Michelle & Jilaru 1st
 Danni & Inka 2nd
 Melissa & Amy 6th

Excellent

Danni & Gabriella 1st

Jumping

Novice

Sandra & Maggie 3rd

Open

Michelle & Jilaru 1st
 Danni & Xena 3rd

Masters

Danni & Xena 1st
 Paul & Jazz 3rd

Para Districts' s Obedience Trial
15/8/2009

Novice

Irma & Sisko 1st 191
 Julian & Jasper 3rd 183 CD
 Susan & Darcy 174
 Kerry & Sinku 171

Utility

Rebecca & Wallace 1st 171

Veterans

Christa & Sheba

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW
Obedience

CCD

Karen & Kasias 1st 89

Open

Michelle & Jilaru 1st 189

Utility

Michelle & Jilaru 1st 195

Agility

Masters

Victor & Ryan 2nd

Jumping

Masters

Victor & Ryan 4th

Karen & Kasias 5th

Open

Danni & Gabrielle 1st

Victor & Ryan 5th

Excellent

Vicki & Summa 1st

Novice

Danni & Gabrielle 1st



DOG HANDLER WANTED

He is a 2-year-old, pure-bred White Swiss Shepherd Dog, with a great pedigree, micro-chipped, vaccinated, hip/elbow/blood-checked, with some basic obedience training. Unfortunately, he has recently developed a bad habit: He shows aggression towards strangers! Therefore, I have decided to take him out of our breeding program, to have him de-sexed and keep him as a pet only – or to **give him away for FREE** to a suitable new home. I believe his ‘problem’ can be fixed with obedience training. BRUTUS is a ‘working dog’ who needs to have a ‘job’ to do, and – due to lack of other ‘employment opportunities’ - he has chosen to take on the job of protecting his home and the members of his family, no matter what. On one side, this gives us a very nice feeling of security. On the other side, this means that he will attack anyone who enters our property or approaches my child or one of our other dogs – which can bring us in big trouble! Aggression in big, strong dogs is considered a big No-No in our society. However, on neutral grounds, with no family members around, BRUTUS is a friendly, gentle (even shy) and open-minded dog.

I am looking for a dog lover who will take BRUTUS to dog obedience training. There are no costs involved and no payment offered. If you prove that you are a responsible and reliable dog handler, you can own this precious dog for free, or we can share the ownership and the responsibility. Normally, a puppy of this breed sells for \$1000 and a stud dog (without behavioural issues) for an average of \$2000. Plus, Brutus is an excellent guard and watchdog!

The DOG HANDLER needs to be a physically strong person because BRUTUS weighs over 30kg and is physically strong (well fed, top-healthy, energetic and muscular; young, playful and wild). I will provide all equipment and join you the first time at dog training to help you to get familiar with each other, then you will be alone with this strong and beautiful dog. Do you think you can handle him? To apply, please call me, Romana, from the Berri Pet Nursery, on:

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Why not walk an agility course in your pyjamas?
Rachael Fagan at Barmera.

Teams of the Month

Congratulations to all members and dogs that won Team of the Month
TOM is awarded to the best team graduating from one class to the next
A little reward for people who put extra effort in

Class 1-2

Maree & Archie

Treesje & Oscar
Mary & Willow
Tania & JT
Kelly & Holly



Class 2-3

Ingrid & Georgie

Vicki & Dharma



Class 3-4

Rebecca & Bella

Taso & Cooper



Class 4 - 5

Michelle & Bandit & Linley & Hallie

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Class 1-2

Matt & Grace

Gloria & Khan

Dianne & Fletcher

Didi & Heidi

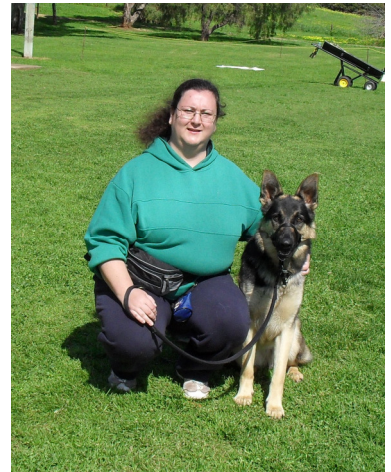
Kevin & Wilson

Cara & Leila



Class 2-3
Sam & Jay Bear
Roger & Devo

AUGUST 2009



Class 3-4
Maria & Brea

If you would like a colour copy of your Team of the Month photo for \$3, you may request one when your photo is taken.



CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY, MONDAY AND FRIDAY FROM FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER, EXCEPT IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- There will be no training in any discipline on a long weekend (where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday).
- Sunday morning classes: If the estimated Sunday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Saturday night) is 32 degrees or higher, training will be cancelled.
- Friday night classes: If the estimated Friday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Thursday night) is 32 degrees or higher, all **NON-TRIALLING CLASSES** will be cancelled.
- Monday night classes: If the estimated Monday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Sunday night) is 32 degrees or higher, training will be cancelled. If the weather is stormy or inclement, training may also be called off.



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Cover Story



Xena

Xena was born on 23/12/98 and she is a blue merle German Coolie. I started her obedience career in 2000 winning SACA Top Novice and Top Open Obedience trophies. At 18 months she started her agility career. Xena has won numerous SACA, Royal Show and State Championship Titles in both obedience and agility, and been runner-up in masters jumping a couple of times in the National Agility trials held in Perth and Sydney. She has also got into finals at all of the National Agility trials that we have attended and won the Team Event in Melbourne National Agility trials last year. She has won the Australian record of the fastest 60 weavers competition. Representing SA numerous times in teams event, including National Agility, Drontal team event and Advance team event. The first dog in SA to gain a UDX title in SA and the first dog to gain an agility and an Obedience Champion Title in Australia. Also the first owner to have had two Agility Champion titled dogs in Australia. Xena was also the second dog in SA to have gained the agility champion title and also a record winning of 5 Golden Dumbbells in SA. Xena has got all her obedience titles and her agility titles as well as her games titles, except for Snooker Master. At nearly 11 years of age she is still competing actively in both obedience and agility and still winning.

Inka

Inka was born on 13 February 2002 and she is a black and white Border Collie. She was a birthday present to my mum, Margaret, and doesn't live with me, I just borrow her to compete with. Inka is the second dog in Australia to get her obedience and agility championship title and is the second dog in Australia to have both obedience and agility champion title. Like her sister, she has won numerous events, State Championships, in both obedience and agility, Royal Shows, representing SA on numerous occasions at National agility trials and winning the Advance team event. She is in Dog SA's Superdog Team. She has represented clubs in the Balmead Shield in obedience and won the Golden Dumbell for two years.

Gabby

Gabby was born on 16 August 2007. She is a blue merle tri German Coolie. Gabby had started her obedience career at the tender age of nine months. She has attained her CCD CD CDX and 2 legs of her UD title. She has won the SACA top CCD and CD award and was the Royal Show 2008 winner and 2009 Novice and Open Jumping winner, doing 16 seconds in a 34 second course, which equates to 6 m a second—very fast. Gabby is making her way through her UD title and her Obedience Champion Title. In our spare time we do trick training (hand stands, picking a coin and putting it in a bottle and quoits). Since June at the Whyalla trial we have started our agility career and she has her AD JD, 4 legs of ADX and 3 legs of her JDX title, 2 legs of JDO and her GD title.

All of my girls are very special and talented in the very own special way.

Thanks girls.

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 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. Poo bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, you rinse it off with water. Containers for water can be provided upon request if none are available.
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. Your membership badge must be worn in class. Replacement or “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 or over for the **Elizabeth area**.
21. There will be no training for beginners in Flyball if the Sunday night forecast for Monday is 32°C or over 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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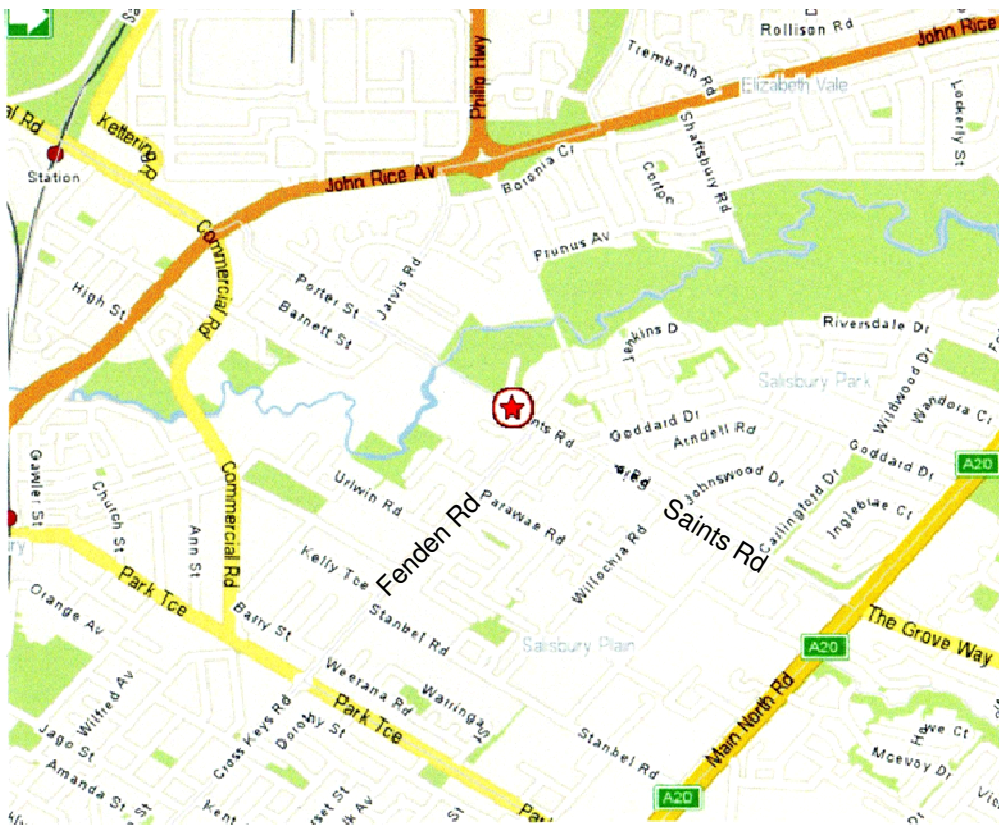
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Obedience

Sunday (A.M.)

- 8.30 Utility
- 9.30 Puppies, Class 5 & Class 2
- 10.20 Class 6
First timers -
information session for handlers
- 10.30 Learners
- 11.15 Class 4
- 11.20 Class 3
- 11.25 Class 1

Flyball

Monday (P.M.)

- 6.30 Set-up and Dog Assessment
- 6.45 Beginners
- 7.20 Intermediates
- 8.00 Triallers

Agility

Friday (P.M.)

- 7.00 Puppies/Beginners, Advanced learners & Novice
- 7.45 Learners, Pre-Novice & Open/Exc.
- 8.30 Masters

Articles for submission in 'Slipcollar':

Place in Editor's basket in the office *or* email to mjstokes@adam.com.au

