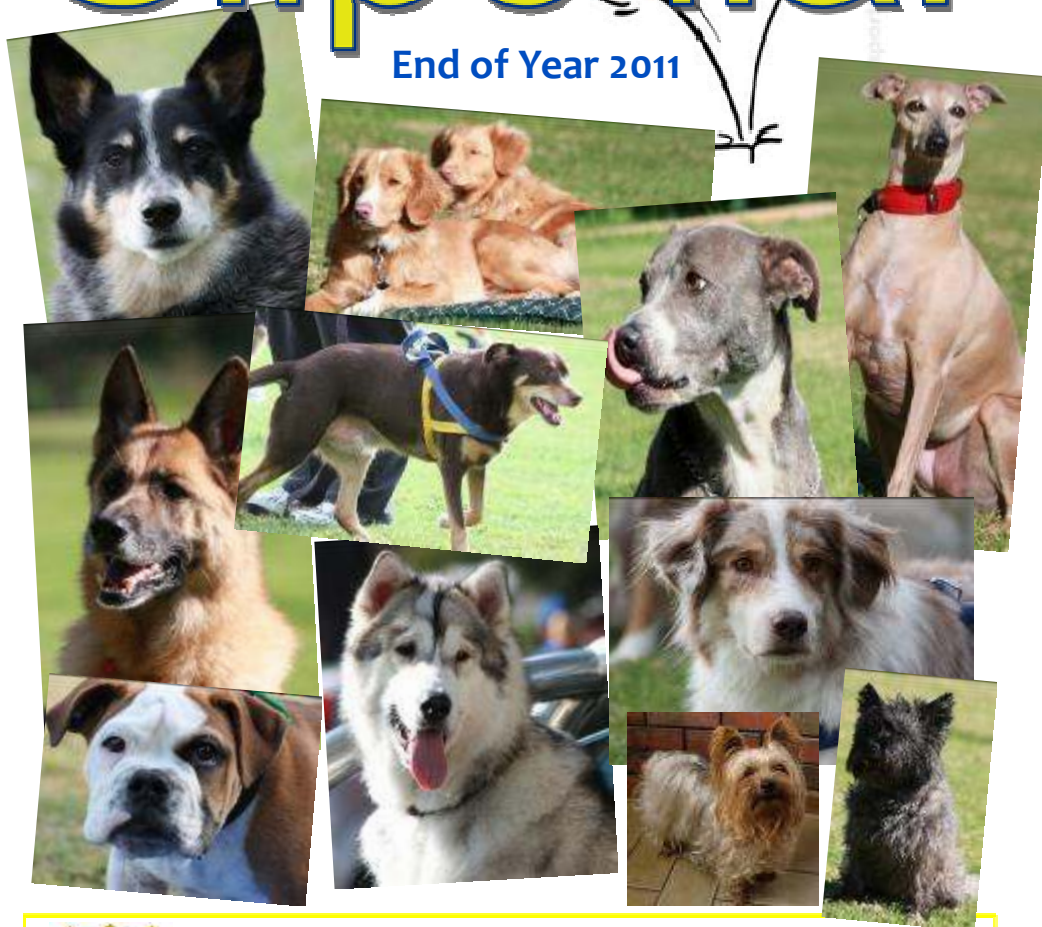


Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

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End of Year 2011



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<b><u>MEMBERSHIP FEES 2012</u></b>	
<i>Junior</i>	\$30
<i>Single</i>	\$50
<i>Double/Family</i>	\$60
<i>Single Pensioner</i>	\$40
<i>Double Pensioner</i>	\$50
<i>(Full pension card required)</i>	

<b><u>OFFICE OPENING HOURS</u></b>	
Sunday 9.15—11.15	
Friday 6.15pm—8.15pm	

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## **PDODC CLUB BREAK-UP**

**Sunday, 27 November 2011**

All members are welcome to Para's official club break-up day. Come down from 10 a.m. for a day of fun and GAMES with your 2 and 4-legged friends alike. BBQ food will be available for lunch. BYO chairs, shelters, etc. The AGM will start at 12.30pm, followed by our end-of-year trophy presentation for all the hard work members have put in throughout the year. So let's make it a great day by all participating.

**FLYBALL AND DWD FUN NIGHT—Monday, 21 November 2011**

*A social evening for dogs and handlers. Be there at 7 p.m. PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE.*

**AGILITY FUN NIGHT—Friday, 25 November 2011**

*A fun evening of relay agility games for dogs and handlers. Be there at 6.30 p.m. to set up for a 7p.m. start. PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE. will*



*Please note that there will be no training at our fun nights however all dogs are welcome to come along.*

*All break up parties will be held on club grounds.*

## **2011 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Here we are again at the end of another training year and time for our end-of-year break-up and AGM. I hope everyone has achieved their own personal goals for the year, or are at least closer to them than they were at the beginning of the year.

I could try to list the many achievements of members to highlight the great work done by many, thanks to the help of our volunteer instructors, but inevitably I will miss someone or something out, so I prefer not to do that but congratulate everyone globally on their accomplishments, no matter how big or small, whether you are trialling competitively or not.

For me this has been a year of highs and lows and there was a time that I thought, if it were not for the support of committee and some close friends, I would not still be standing here as President at the end of the year. Thank you to all who have supported not only myself but all of committee in our efforts to run this club to the best of our abilities. It can be a challenging job at times. And don't forget this club is run by volunteers who do this job for no payment and expect nothing more than an occasional thank you.

2011 has seen the introduction of a new discipline to PDODC, Dancing With Dogs. Along with obedience, agility and flyball, that means we now teach in four disciplines. I know of no other club in South Australia that offers such a wide range of activities for people and their dogs and I believe this, in itself, is something to be very proud of. It caters for the wide and varied interests of members and provides a choice of activities for people to do with their dogs to not only strengthen their bond with their dogs, but also to allow the handler and dogs to enjoy themselves. As a club, we provide a much needed community service to local members.

PDODC has successfully conducted two obedience trials, one agility trial and one mock trial/fun day/fundraiser, and is about to hold its third flyball competition for the year in early December. This is thanks to the dedicated efforts of many who have offered their services to Para. I want to thank every person who has had any involvement in the running of these trials and competitions. I also want to thank every person who has assisted in the running of the club, whether it be instructing, sitting on committee, or any of the many other jobs that people do to keep this club up and running. The club cannot run without your support and it is greatly appreciated.

Many Para members have also been involved in outside demonstrations of dog sports trying to bring these activities to the attention of the wider community and to show what can be achieved with our four-legged friends with a little bit of time and effort. They should all be proud of their efforts in promoting these activities.

I would like to especially thank two people. They are: Veronica Schmidt, who has been our Treasurer for the last six years; and also Karen Tanner, who has been our secretary for the last three years. Their contribution to the club has been invaluable and they have both done a wonderful job.

However, we do need a new Treasurer and Secretary for 2012, and the club cannot run without these positions filled. Due to both of their private commitments, they were to cease acting in their positions a year ago, but as neither position was filled at last year's AGM, they both, to their great credit, continued in their roles this year to prevent the club from closing. It would be extremely unfair to both of them for the same situation to occur again in 2012.

So I ask you to please consider whether it is possible for any other members to step up and take on these positions. You will be assisted in the transition to make it as smooth as possible.

All executive and general positions will become vacant at the AGM. If you feel you have something to contribute and can help in the running of the club in 2012, please put your hand up and speak to a committee member and let us know you are interested, whether this be for an executive position or even a general committee position. Your help is needed. It gives you a say in how the club is run and is a great community service.

Obedience at Para in 2011 has been very busy, particularly in the puppy class and the lower grades. You just have to look around on a Sunday morning and see how big the classes are, with puppies often having 25 or more dogs in class. These lower grades are vital to the education of both dog and handler, hopefully making for responsible dog owners in the greater community and encouraging them to stay on in the club. Our instructors do a fantastic job dealing with this. They are all to be commended for their efforts.

Agility has been a little quieter than in past years but is still a hive of activity. It is a great sport to do with your dogs once you have the obedience foundation if you would like to go on and try something a little different. Most dogs love it, and the handlers quite enjoy it too. If you haven't tried it already, why not come out next year and give it a go? You don't have to compete to have fun and you will still be welcome. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the running of this sport at Para. Having been a previous Head Instructor for a couple of years and instructor for many years, I know the work that goes into it.

Flyball is still going strong at Para. We are the biggest flyball club in South Australia, which is also something to be proud of. Para flyball has a good reputation and other clubs look to us for assistance when they are interested in getting involved in the sport. Thanks to the hard work of the small group of instructors and competition organisers, everything runs smoothly and like clockwork. Well done.

Dancing with Dogs is still very new at Para. At this stage it is a small but growing activity. It offers something a little different for those interested in trying something new. Let's hope 2012 sees it grow to new levels.

Our current membership is hard to determine exactly as our membership database includes all members who have joined but as and when people leave the club we are not informed, although it is thought to be several hundred. From all appearances though at training, membership appears strong.

Financially we have made a small profit this year. This is great news as we have also put money back into the club purchasing new equipment. Please see the Treasurer's report for the details. As a not-for-profit club, we are in a very healthy position.

You will be glad to hear I have come to the end of my report. Thank you once again to everyone involved in making this a club to be proud of. I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2012 and hope to see you and your four-legged friends back at Para in the new year.

Regards,

Julian Stokes

### **TREASURER'S WRAP UP 2011**

Seven years ago I joined the PDODC committee as a general committee member, and also as an aspiring obedience instructor. Much to Sharon's disappointment, my days as an instructor were short lived, as help was needed elsewhere in the club. So I gladly accepted the role of Club Treasurer, not ever thinking I would serve in this position for 6 years!

My time in this position as Treasurer has been most rewarding, and I am honoured to have been in such a key role within a community such as PDODC.

However, it hasn't been all about "counting coins" or "crunching numbers". I have also served time as the Head Flyball Instructor, personally as club sponsor for several years through my own business, and now the company I represent is also a sponsor of PDODC. I truly believe that to get something out of life, one first has to give. Being a voluntary member of an organisation can be so rewarding, more so than just the 9-5 job, because you are not doing it for the money, or to pay the bills. You are doing it for the passion you have, and dogs is one thing I am hugely passionate about. This club provides an extremely important service to the community & their companion dogs, a service often overlooked. But without the people behind it, supporting it, this would not be possible.

When I stepped into this role, Wayne and I had 2 dogs both in their prime, heavily involved in training, trialling and all that comes with it. We now have 4 dogs, two of them in their senior years. Their needs have shifted somewhat, and I do not want to let this time just slip by for them.

As many of us know, the training never stops, it just changes. I want to be there for them as they gracefully age into retirement.



I have never been greatly successful at trialling, but I would like to have the opportunity with our younger 2 dogs – and this needs focus, commitment and time.

So this next year is for me, for us and our dogs. I am standing down as Treasurer, and will not be serving on committee at all. I would like to “just be a member” for a while and spend some quality time with Wayne and our dogs.

I thank everyone on committee , past and present, for their friendship, support and respect. I will miss being a part of your integral team, and of course, I wish the club every success in the future!

Ronnie Schmidt

**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-TRIALING 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.

## End Of Year 2011 Head Agility Instructor Report

I considered myself very honoured to have been asked to Lead PDODC Agility Team for 2011. Throughout the year – at times it was very hard work – but we achieved all our goals (more than we dared hope) – and like any honest hard work – it was also very enjoyable – and I am grateful that I had the privilege during 2011.

### Now some impressive RESULTS that PDODC TEAM Achieved During 2011

This year saw Danni Mc Culloch's Gabby win the coveted Agility Champion Title at the tender age of 3 years, 8 months.

<p>At the <b>STATE AGILITY AND JUMPING 16<sup>th</sup> &amp; 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2011</b> we had the following success in final 3 places --<b>IN THE ORDER THEY RAN ON THE DAY</b> –</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thanks to Joy Roberts for providing these results</b></p>	
<p><b>AGILITY OPEN</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place Danni McCulloch and Inka</p> <p><b>AGILITY MASTER</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Chrissy Dulla Valle and Cassie</p> <p><b>AGILITY EXCELLENT</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place Gaynor Kennedy and Wally</p>	<p><b>JUMPING MASTER</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place Danni McCulloch and Inka 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Julian Stokes (Hndl R Fagan) and Jasper</p> <p><b>JUMPING OPEN</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Place Paul Schroeder and Jaz 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Vanessa Loughlin and India</p>
<p><b>Titles Achieved in 2011 – Thanks to Sharon Page for keeping these records</b> 3 X AD, 1 X ADO, 2 X ADX, 1 X ADM, 4 X JD, 1 X JDX, 2 X JDM, 1 X SD, 1 X SDX, 2 X SPDX, 1 X GDX</p>	
<p>PDODC provided facility, equipment, and dogs for <b>Agility Trainee Judges and their Mentors</b></p>	
<p>Joy Roberts --- Mentored by Jan Bradbrook for Games Julie Brown Mentored by Joy Roberts for Agility and Jumping Janine Feil Mentored by Roger Green for Agility and Jumping</p>	
<p>In all we provided assistance in excess of 30 hours – I think PDODC members can be proud of the part we played in assisting Trainee Judges and their Mentors.</p>	
<p><b>Auslink</b></p>	
<p>At Date of writing this Report – the final result is not in – but at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter – PDODC despite a disastrous 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – as a Team looks to be sitting in Second Place and our individual – the results are not show since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter – but it looks like we have a 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. PDODC has run the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (again great work) and Results have been submitted – but the closing date is not until December 15 – so it will be next year before we will receive any official results.</p>	
<p>We had 3 out of 4 very good Quarters – and I would be very surprised if we are not placed in the top 3 at the final count.</p>	
<p><b>DogsSA Annual State Agility Awards</b></p>	
<p>The presentations will not be until November 28 – so again we cannot announce any results – but we have traditionally had award winners in past years – and although I am not in a position to pre-empt – I will be very surprised if on the day PDODC member names are not amongst the finals.</p>	

In Closing – I again emphasize that it has been my absolute pleasure and honour to have led the Agility Team for 2011 – it feels sad – but there is a time and place for everything – and next year is neither my time nor place to lead PDODC Agility – I am however truly honoured to have been asked. I wish the next person every success as PDODC Agility continues on its proud tradition.

2012 has many jobs for me to do within PDODC and DogsSA – and I look forward to doing those.

Irma Crews

## Agility Training Session Times



**Set up for 1<sup>st</sup> Session – start  
6.15pm**

**New Starters – 6.30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month**

**6.45pm – 7.25pm**

Puppies, Advanced Learners & Novice Agility /  
Jumping

**(Novice -- 20 minutes swap Agility and Jumping)**

**7.35pm – 8.15pm**

Learners, Pre-Novice & Excellent Agility/Jumping  
**(Excellent/Open -- 20 minutes swap Agility and**

**Jumping)**

**8.25pm – 9.05 pm**

Masters Agility / with Jumping & Games Training  
(optional)



## **Flyball Report – End of Year 2011**

### **Another busy year for Flyball!**

Our annual demonstration at the Angaston Show in February was cancelled due to hot weather, which was a shame as this is always a fun day and a great opportunity to not only promote Flyball but also Para District Obedience Dog Club.

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Para District Obedience Dog Club was involved in 4 Competitions during 2011.

Come What May Competition, which is held on Para Grounds on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May. Dover Gardens Dog Club also attended this competition.

Para again ran the South East Flyball Challenge at Portland Obedience Dog Club in Victoria on the 12<sup>th</sup> June. We had 14 teams over 4 divisions with 4 Clubs from Victoria joining us. Once again a big thank you to Rebekah Foord and all at Portland Obedience Dog Club for all their help and support in running this competition.

We then had what seemed like a break, as the next competition wasn't until the Royal Adelaide Show, but we were kept busy training and doing time trials to ensure we had the correct times on our entry forms. The Royal Adelaide Show Competition was held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September back on the Dairy Cattle Lawn with Dover Gardens and 2 Clubs from Victoria joining us. The Royal Show Competition was also the practical assessment for Martin to become a Flyball Judge and we are happy to announce that he is now an AFA Flyball Accredited 2 Judge.

Our last Competition will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at Para Grounds. We are going to run a State Champion trophy in the afternoon session; this will be a first for SA. Wish us luck!

Our yearly trip to Yarram in the south east of Victoria in October was cancelled due to wet weather; this will now be run in March, so hopefully Para can get enough people interested in travelling to compete in this Competition.

Para District Obedience Dog Club was also represented at the Dogs SA Open Day on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Dogs SA asked us to do a Flyball Demonstration in which we were happy to comply with. This was a great opportunity for one of our Intermediate dogs, Zoro, to go into a Competition like atmosphere, without the pressure of an actual competition. We are proud to say that Zoro did extremely well and should be trailing next year. We had lots of enquiries on the day, not just for Flyball but also general dog training, so hopefully will see some new faces around next year.

Big thanks to Catherine & Martin for Judging the Competitions held at Para this year.

We will be back next year to run Flyball so hoping to see you out there on a Monday night.

Chrissy Dalla Valle & Rebecca Knapp  
Co-Head Flyball Instructors 2011



**MONDAY (PM) FLYBALL**

Set up for 6.30pm

Beginners -6.45pm

Intermediate-7.30

Triallers-8pm

# Head Instructor Para Paws Report 2011

Our first introduction to Dances with Dogs was during the Christmas Break 2010 /2011. We brought along a portable CD player, invited Jenny McLoughlin to show us some basics while we danced under the trees.

Then for a number of months – it was Sharon and I. Initially we trained at her home. I attended every Dogs SA Working Party Seminar and travelled down to Sellicks Beach to learn as much as I possibly could. Many Weekends saw me committed on both days to DWD Seminars and the like. I personally purchased a cabinet full of DVDs and the odd book. I learned how to change music to fit our needs and lots more – the learning is still ongoing.

Luckily, Sharon from day one – also loved the sport. We ensured that DWD was always mentioned at every meeting. Our Committee was always supportive –and eventually DWD became an official PDODC discipline. About July - after hearing from Dogs SA that our Liability Insurance would cover us - provided our discipline is minuted as being accepted --we were ready and able to invite members to PDODC newest discipline.

New Members joined – we now numbered five. We worked diligently – and right from the start – as a team. Thanks to our Flyballers being willing to share the ground on a Monday night – we had a place to train.

Here is a list of our Public Performances – bearing in mind – at the beginning of the year – we knew NOTHING AT ALL about the sport – but thought it would be fun for our dogs and us.

1. **Royal Show 2011** – found a strong PDODC Début. After qualifying at formal Auditions – Sisko not only qualified for a Solo – but also selected to LEAD – not bad for the only total New Comer to the sport. At the Royal Demo itself - PDODC was there in full swing – participating in performances as well as official Video Recording – which is still being used to Promote Dances with Dogs in South Australia- and of course I need to thank the members who came for the all needed support.
2. As Teams need - a name – and we will be performing as a Team to promote PDODC and the sport –, we decided on Para Paws “r” Dancing – in short – **Para Paws**.
3. Para Paws still number 5 plus one guest - performed during **PDODC Mock Agility Trial Fun Day in September** – everyone stopped and watched – many later joined in for some fun.
4. 2 weeks later Dogs SA Working Party held its **inaugural Mock Trial** – PDODC was represented in the Judges Panel and on the floor, performing.
5. Then to top the year’s activity – during this our year of creation, learning, developing – PDODC Para Paws again all 5 - were core members performing to promote Dances with Dogs at the **Dogs SA People and Dogs Fun Day**. Our Para Paws performed morning and afternoon – On that Day – Para Paws proudly displayed their Para Paws badges.

Dances with Dogs - is still a new discipline. Currently we are training and working with our own personal equipment. Eventually we will grow – and the club will provide the tools for us to work with. For us it is fun – some of our members have already used things learned for dancing to entertain school kids (not in the name of PDODC) but it is just an example of how things which are learned while Dancing – is fun, promotes bonding with our dog, and can also be entertaining as well as educational. The competition aspect although a part of any Dogs SA discipline – is only incidental – mostly I think clubs and teams will do demonstrations to entertain – the elderly, the children, promote good dog citizenship – and just simply bond with our best friend.

The end of the season saw our number grow to 7 – I cannot wait to see how many we have this time next year. I have been elected as Head Instructor for 2012.

Irma Crews

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## Para Paws Dances with Dogs

Monday nights from 6.30pm in front of the Green Shed

Head Obedience Instructors Report

With training over for another year again, we have had no cancellations so far due to our hot weather policy rules.

This may also apply when we return in February 2012. If the temperature is forecast (at Elizabeth) to be 32c or over we will not be training.

Please be patient with all the instructors as they are ALL volunteers and give up their free time to teach you and your dog/s when they could be out training their own dogs instead. Please help your instructor with the class whenever you can, and if you think you might like to become an instructor please feel free to discuss the position and what it entails. We will always welcome any help you can give to the club no matter how small.

I will not be your Head Instructor for Obedience next year. After 11yrs its time for me to step away from the position and let someone else take the reins, however, I will still be active in other duties of club commitments that I have chosen to do instead

I hope you have achieved your goals this past year and that we will see you back next year to continue your training.

I'd like to personally thank all instructors, helpers and committee members for their donated time they have given to the club. Without these people we could not have run the club as efficiently as it was.

The Obedience results are as follows;

2 CCD (Community Companion Dog) 3  
CDX (Companion Dog Excellent )

Well done to all that gained a title this past year.

I hope you all enjoy your summer break and be safe and keep cool.

Sharon Page

<b><u>SUNDAY (AM) OBEDIENCE CLASS TIMES</u></b>
8.30am Utility
9.30am Puppies, Class 5 and Class 2
10.20am Class 6
10.20am First timers ( <i>information session</i> )
10.30am Learners
11.15am Class 4
11.20am Class 3
11.25am Class 1

**Obedience: Graduations**

All photos are Team Of Month (TOM)  
Graduates from Sept, Oct, and Nov.

**Class 1 to 2**

- Linda and Sally
- Sharon and Mace
- Glenn and Charlie
- Carmen and Gypsy
- Vicki and Whisper
- Sandra and Boss
- Fiona & Mac
- Rosemary & Willow
- David and Spartacus
- Brian and Jess
- Fran and Chelsea
- Kath and Jess







**Class 2 to 3**

- Lyn and Pip
- Stacey and Brodie

**Class 3 to 4**

- Lynda and Abby
- Margriet and Gamble
- Jason and Wellington
- Cheryl and Cobby
- Gillian and Cass



## **Dog Health: Bloat**

Bloat or stomach distension is seen most commonly in larger breed dogs with deep chests (Doberman Pinschers, Great Danes, German Shepherds). All dogs can be affected, even smaller breeds.

Usually distension of the stomach occurs when the dog eats or overeats, along with drinking a large volume of water. The resulting entrapment of food, water, and gas in the stomach makes it difficult to empty itself. If the stomach should rotate or twist while distended, this is an emergency.

Twisting of the stomach can occur if the dog exercises soon after eating and drinking. Whether the stomach is twisted or not, distension of the abdomen is commonly seen, along with vomiting, or attempts to vomit (dry heaves).

Diagnosis is made by physical examination and X-rays; blood tests are helpful in determining general overall health of the animal, and are useful if surgery is necessary to correct the condition.

Treatment is geared towards decompressing (or emptying) the stomach of its contents. Often times a tube is passed from the mouth to the stomach to accomplish this. Long standing cases may have electrolyte imbalances (sodium, potassium, chloride) which need to be corrected. Some cases may even have heart arrhythmias (irregular heart beats), which may require treatment. If the stomach is twisted, surgery is usually necessary to de-rotate the stomach, and place it back into its normal position.

Outcome of this condition, depends largely upon the length of time the stomach had been twisted, and the accompanying complications (arrhythmias, electrolyte imbalances etc.). If the twist has been 12 hours or more, there is concern with tissue death where the twist in the stomach has occurred. Severe heart arrhythmias, electrolyte imbalances, tissue death, and release of toxic materials (stagnant substances within the twisted portion of the blood vessels) into the blood stream after de-rotation, are all life threatening conditions. If these conditions are not reversed, death of the patient is likely to occur.

Once the patient's condition is stabilized, and surgery has corrected the positioning of the stomach, recovery is generally uneventful. Afterwards, small amounts of food offered frequently throughout the day, along with restricted water intake is recommended to avoid stomach distension or bloat from re-occurring. Twisting of the stomach after surgical correction however, is unlikely to occur.

## Holiday Safety for Your Dog

### Keep your Dog Safe for the Holidays

*by Jenna Stregowski*

The holidays are all about family, friends, fun and food - but sometimes it's easy to forget about holiday safety for your dog. We all want our dogs to be part of the celebration, but there are some important guidelines to follow. Keep your dog safe this holiday season - no one wants their holiday celebration to end up at the veterinary emergency clinic!

**No table scraps!** Just because we humans like to indulge in the feast does not mean it is good for our dogs. Rich, fatty foods can seriously upset your dog's stomach and even be toxic. It is especially important to keep your dog away from the following dangerous foods:

- Onions, which can cause anaemia (high levels of garlic can, too)
- Grapes and Raisins
- Chocolate
- Cooked bones
- Alcoholic beverages
- Any foods high in fat, sodium and/or sugar

There are some human foods that are okay for dogs, so if you want to give Max or Maggie a special treat you have some options. Try a small piece of cooked turkey or chicken without skin or bones (and hold the gravy). Raw carrots and apples in moderate amounts are actually healthy for dogs. Just remember - everything in moderation.

Watch the holiday decorations! Most dogs are curious by nature, so they will want to check out any additions to the decor. Sniffing can lead to chewing, or even ingestion of foreign objects. Keep electrical cords tucked away and other decorations or holiday plants out of reach. Watch out for dangling objects that can be pulled down and cause injury. Candles should never be left unattended. Also, if you have a Christmas tree, don't let your dog drink the tree water - it can make her sick.

Don't let your dog get lost in the shuffle. Holiday parties and gatherings can mean lots of commotion. This might be fun for you, but not for your dog. Lots of people in your home can result in injury or stress for your dog. A large crowd is not the place for most dogs, so consider keeping her in a crate or quiet room - especially if she is the nervous type. If she is comfortable around a smaller group, just make sure you set down the ground rules with your company: don't feed the dog and keep the doors closed! Many pets get loose and run off during the holiday season. Though your dog should always wear a collar with current identification, this is especially important during the holiday season. Sadly, many dogs run off and become lost during the holiday season. Don't let yours be one of them.

You and your dog can still enjoy the holiday season. Be sure to watch for any signs of illness and keep the vet's number handy. Stay safe and have fun. Happy Holidays!

**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. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.

16. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary lesson. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
17. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend training until they are officially cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
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.



**Full Copies of the Club  
Rules are available in the  
office or from the Club  
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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.



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