

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Welcome back!

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RIP Henry Vale



JARMAN

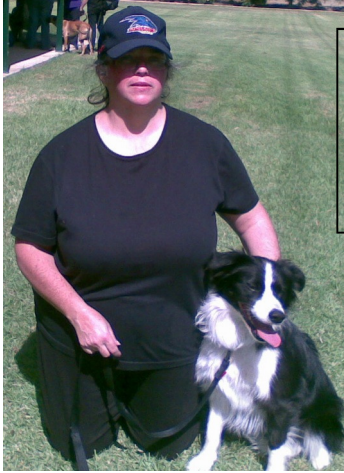


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**Obedience Graduations: Team Of Month  
Congratulations on your hard work!**

**Class 3-4 Monica & Piper**



**Class 4 - 5 Gill & Bree**



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\*\*\*Henry \*\*\* 28/11/2000 - 31/01/2013

Henry never missed a Dog School day in the twelve years he came to the club. Sunday was the highlight of his week, meeting all his friends, human and canine alike. I was blessed with the most loving, loyal friend that anyone could have wished for. He was sadly taken from me very suddenly and unexpectedly. Many people were sad to hear this news and I can only say that he gave me many precious memories which I will treasure forever. I enjoyed him for all of his twelve years and two months that he was with me, my constant, loyal companion. RIP Henry, I miss you so much, thanks for the many happy moments you gave me, your loving mum, Anne.

## 2013 Presidents Report January 2013



Hi All,

The club is off to a good start in 2013 .

We have had two good Sunday's with moderate temperatures. It appears all disciplines are experiencing new attendances. Obedience on Sunday's has had large numbers of both enquiries & new members join, puppy classes are overflowing. Thanks must go to all the instructors having patience with the influx.

Agility is going well due to changes with the way classes are run, thanks to Chrissy & her team.

Hopefully this year we will see membership numbers increase. Thanks must go to the office staff Chrissy, Mary, Linley & Sharon for their efforts.

The canteen seems to be running well, we already have seen interest in new members offering to volunteer. Ben will be contacting some of those that have shown interest in helping, this will mean less shifts for all the helpers.

I look forward to the year ahead & meeting the new members.

### February 2013

After a few weeks of hot weather & a long weekend we are back into training. Hopefully soon we will have a number of graduations in all levels of both obedience & agility.

Ray & I have signed a request to council for funding, to enclose the verandah at the end of the shed, to assist storage of Flyball equipment etc. to free up the section of the building we wish to convert into a permanent shop.

I have drafted a letter to Bunning's Parafield, to see if they can assist us with a donation to fund the purchase of a couple of hose reels. We wait to hear back from them regarding this.

Martin our Head Flyball Instructor has come through again by getting some star droppers donated to the club, thanks again for organizing this, Wayne is trimming these for the club also, thanks must go to him for his help.

Thanks to all of the committee for their support, without you & our Instructors the club would fail to function.

Regards Greg Davey  
President P.D.O.D.C

**P.D.O.D.C 2012 CLUB TITLES**

Catherine & Wayne	Rocket	FM				
Rebekah Foord	Jade	FMX				
Julian Stokes	Jasper	FMCh	ADM			
Gaynor Kennedy	Wally	FMX				
Martin Watt	Cosmo	FMX				
Vanessa	India	FM				
Mary	Brea	AFCh				
Kay Gosnold	Desti	FD FDX	FDCh			
Alex Stapledon *	Noah	FM				
Michelle	Scarlett	FD FDX				
Leigh Stretton *	Asha	FD FDX				
Martin Watt *	Astro	FD FDX				
Wayne Window *	Sheraz	FD FDX	CCD			
Dale Compton *	Zoro	FD FDX				
Vanessa	Chia	JD	AD	JDX	ADX	ADM
Linda	Ashwyn	JDO	ADX	HTM.S		
Sharon	Winston	DWDF.S				
Tammy	Macy	AD JD	ADX			
Chrissy	Cassie	ADM				
Rachael	Narla	JDO	JDM	ADM		
Kim	Bindi	JDX				
Joy	Pippa	RN				
Brian	Banjo	RN				
Margriet	Gamble	CCD				
Ronnie	Mika	CCD				
Fred	Kwinti	CDX				
Dorothy	Tishka	CCD				
John	Oscar	CCD				
Melissa	Jarman	CD	CDX			
Rebekah Foord	Kiana	CCD	JD			
Michael	Bam Bam	CCD				
Obedience Encouragement Award		Michelle & Shadow				
Flyball Encouragement Award		Linley & Emjay				
Agility Encouragement Award		Joy & Megz				
DWD Encouragement Award		Sandra & Maggie				
Melissa		OC				

**Highest scoring points 2012**

**Obedience = Adam Sebastyan & Dreamstar Crackerjack,  
handler Melissa Simmons.**

**Agility = Vanessa Loughlin & Glenmave Chain Reaction.**

**Dances with Dogs = Irma Crews & Sisko.**

HEAD INSTRUCTOR/  
VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT

The application for a Salisbury Council Grant to enclose the shed verandah to provide storage space for the Flyball equipment has been filled in and lodged with council.

I am hopeful that this grant will be successful and will be step one towards creating a permanent shop for the leads and collars etcetera between the canteen and the office, this will do away with unpacking and repacking goods on a Sunday morning.

The alarm system has had a new back up battery installed as well as a full test of the system it had problems a few weeks ago and this was the result of a cut phone line, steps are in place to make tampering with the phone line more difficult.

That was my VP hat now for my HI hat-----not a great deal to report as we have not had a full months training due to hot weather and a long weekend, how ever classes appear to be functioning rather better than I had thought they would and comments from some members are that though classes may be a bit on the large side they are happy with the standard of training they are getting.

Unfortunately because I am busy taking a class in the first session I have not been able to monitor the puppy class but I have been told it is settling down nicely and that the standard of puppies graduating to Learners has improved greatly.

Again I must thank Julian for his efforts in managing the puppy class the early results would indicate that he and his team are on the right track, also I thank Sharon for her organizational skills and Jan as well they both make it happen.

Ray Gunter  
VP/Head Obedience Instructor



**Obedience Graduations: For Your Information**

There seems to be a lot of confusion as to when graduations take place. The grade 1 & 2's are graduated on the first Sunday of the month and the grade 3 & 4's are done on the last Sunday of the month, however this may not be possible every month due to HOT weather, long weekends, (snow LOL) rain, inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. So there will be exceptions made if and when, there needs/ has to be. Please help your instructor in every way possible by not complaining when you don't graduate to the next class, there is usually a good reason why your graduation hasn't taken place. Your instructor will be able to tell you the reason why, and then you can work on what has held you back, in readiness for the next scheduled graduation.

### **Why Was JARMAN So Special???**

Jarman was a young German Shepherd Dog. He was bred by Ms Sandra Pilgrim of 'Dreamstar' Kennels and was born in October 2010. His pedigree name was 'Dreamstar Crackerjack'.

He was brought along to Para District Obedience Dog Club as a young pup of about 4 months of age by one of our club instructors, Melissa Simmonds (he really belonged to Melissa's partner, Adam Sebastyan, but you suspected that Melissa had already put her foot down on who would be in charge of Jarman's training).

As a person who loves German Shepherd Dogs as a breed and has a particular interest in their training, Jarman caught my eye as a very nice young pup who was full of mischief and that cockiness that young male dogs can have. He was quite a little 'charmer'. He struck me as having heaps of potential (unfortunately, as years have passed, I had seen the same in so many young dogs before, but so often their potential remained unfulfilled).

He grew into an attractive and confident dog with a generous length of coat, an intelligent head, and a wagging tail that made him look even more attractive. His temperament was excellent, even if there was a touch of stubbornness and a determination to do things his way.

You could see that he had a pretty idyllic existence at home, sharing the backyard with Melissa's other dogs – each who have obedience backgrounds; the sedate and dignified German Shorthaired Pointer and 'backyard princess', Amy (OC Heiderst Winter Spirit); and the tolerant Kelpie, 'Cottee' (also CDX).

Melissa used positive reinforcement throughout Jarman's training and progressed unhurriedly through his training classes. You could see him come along in leaps and bounds as they spent time together. The bond they developed together was really impressive and his enthusiasm and responsiveness to his training regime was obvious.



We put Melissa and Jarman through the ring on a number of occasions and modified the trial routine to suit his experience. You could see the potential you had seen as a pup developing into something really special in obedience terms. We would joke that he only looked so good because his longer coat flounced about and swished as he heeled along.



Occasionally, minor issues arose along the way and we would talk about them and they always seemed to disappear without much fuss (but you knew that Melissa would be working things out patiently and methodically with him at home).

Melissa started Jarman off in the Canine Companion Dog (CCD) class in July 2011 and they qualified in 3 trials straight, winning each one to gain his CCD Title with minimal fuss. They took out the Dogs SA Top CCD Dog award for 2011 for their efforts.

They progressed into Novice Trials where they gained their Companion Dog (CD) Title in July 2012. In an outstanding performance, they topped the Novice rings in the 2012 State Championships on both trialling days and were part of the successful Para District ODC Team that won the Club Challenge. Daniella McCulloch and Vanessa Loughlin made up the team with Melissa on what was an obedience high point for our club for the first half of the year. At year's end, Jarman came second in the Dogs SA Top Novice Dog Award for 2012.

Just to show that they could overcome new challenges, Melissa handled Jarman through his Open trials, gaining his Companion Dog Excellent (CDX) title in October 2012. They were also one of the first teams in South Australia to qualify and title in Rally Novice Trials.

They immediately started practicing for Utility trials and you could see that they would be equally successful when they consolidated things in 2013.

I was rapt for Jarman and Melissa when they took out the 2012 Top Obedience Trialling Dog Award for Para District ODC at the AGM in November, last year. They had been an incredible team and deserved their win so thoroughly.

Jarman looked a picture when being photographed with his trophies.

On the day of the presentation, however, Melissa informed me that Jarman was terminally ill. I was devastated for her and it seemed so unfair that this brilliant dog and handler team was going to be broken up so early in their trialling career.



A couple of weeks later, Jarman died of liver cancer. He was only 2 months past 2 years of age and yet had achieved so much in such a short period of time.

**Why was Jarman so special?**

I have been around dog clubs and been interested in German Shepherd Dogs for a considerable length of time (close to 50 years). I have seen a multitude of puppies start off and a disappointingly small number make it through to obedience trialling. In some instances, the handlers lacked dog smarts or aptitude or perseverance and in others, the dog just might not have been up to it.

My experience with dog clubs suggests that there is an unwritten 10 year rule that applies to outstanding obedience performers - each decade



an outstanding team arrives on the scene and they can dominate trialling for quite some time.



In my time, the team of Melissa and Jarman would have been amongst the best I have seen together. The bond they shared was special. The way they worked together was a pleasure to watch. In my opinion, they were on the way to becoming PARA District ODC's team of this decade and it is so sad that his trialling career has been prematurely cut short.

They offered other club members starting out on their own training career with their own dogs, something to aspire to. What they developed together was based on enjoying each other's company, mutual respect and consistency.

I hope every club member shares my sense of regret and offers sympathies



and condolences to Melissa and Adam on their loss of this very special 'boy'.



## DOGS SA STATE OBEDIENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

**MELISSA SIMONS & JARMAN**  
Dreamstar Crackerjack CDX RN (*right*)

- 24/3/2012 1ST PLACE NOVICE
- 25/3/2012 1ST PLACE NOVICE
- PERPETUAL TROPHY NOVICE CLASS WINNER
- THE BERT STOKES MEMORIAL TROPHY; TOP TRIALING DOG
- CLUB CHALLENGE EVENT - 2012 WINNING CLUB; PARA DISTRICTS



## **PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNING CLUB PARA DISTRICTS**



**Gary Smith Memorial  
Trophy:  
Fred Lumsden**

**Won top dog for 2 years at PDODC**





### **About Dogs SA**

The SA Canine Association Inc (SACA), Trading as Dogs SA, is the State Office in respect to the affairs of registered breeders, the registration of pedigree dogs and the administration of canine exhibitions in South Australia.

The Association is affiliated with the National Body, the Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC).

The SA Canine Association Inc commenced in 1952, taking over the affairs of the SA Kennel Association which had existed since 1914. Before 1914 there were several dog clubs, the oldest being the SA Poultry & Kennel Club founded in the late 1800's and still active today.

In 1951 the Royal A & H Society agreed to assume control of the SA Kennel Club and the name was changed to the SA Canine Association Inc. The Director of the RAHS became the SACA Secretary and the Royal provide use of an office at the Wayville Showgrounds.

In 1983 the SACA purchased an office in Thebarton to manage it's affairs and from there purchased 17 acres of land at Kilburn which is known as 'SACA Park'.

The Association commenced trading as Dogs SA in 2008.

- There are 95 affiliated Kennel, Group, Breed and Trials Clubs affiliated with Dogs SA which conduct shows and trials most weekends.

Dogs SA's responsibilities are:

- To maintain a register of pedigree dogs
- To promote purebred dogs and their breeding
- To promote all dogs participating in trial events
- To approve all exhibitions and promote fair competition and sportsmanship
- To conduct Judges training and licensing
- To present the members views to local and State Government authorities
- To provide recreational facilities to members
- To encourage and promote responsible dog ownership

### **Dog Shows**

Dog showing is fun and dog show people can be very helpful and friendly. Dog Shows are known as Conformation Shows as dogs are assessed on their

conformation to the Breed Standard. The Standard for each breed may be obtained from the ANKC website at [www.ankc.org.au](http://www.ankc.org.au)

There are 74 Clubs which conduct Dog Shows either for specific breeds or for All Breeds. Most of the shows are held at SACA Park, Cromwell Road, Kilburn where the facilities can cater for up to 1,200 dogs and exhibitors.

To participate in showing your dog, you must be a member of Dogs SA or Interstate Canine Control and own a pedigreed dog on the main register. All the relevant information for participating and entering dog shows is published in the magazine posted to you each month as a member of Dogs SA.

There are more than 198 dog breeds recognised by the Australian National Kennel Council which are eligible to be shown in Australia and these are divided into seven groups; Group 1 (Toy), Group 2 (Terriers), Group 3 (Gundogs), Group 4 (Hounds), Group 5 (Working Dogs), Group 6 (Utility), Group 7 (Non-Sporting)

### **Judging**

The judging procedure may seem complicated but is basically a knock out contest with winners ascending to the next level of competition. By the end of the show there is one winner from the total show entry and that exhibit is the 'Best In Show'

Along the way to this ultimate prize, there are other prestigious awards – Best in Group, Runner Up in Group, Best of Breed, Runner-up of Breed and Best in Class. Each dog is physically examined by the judge and to assess movement is gaited either in a triangle, circle or out and back in a straight line. When all the dogs in the class have been examined, the placing's are given.

In each breed, males are shown first, beginning with Baby Puppies and the judging moves up through the classes (age classifications) until all the males have been judged and the Dog challenge (Winner) and Reserve Dog Challenge (Runner Up) are awarded. The judging for the bitches follows with the same judging procedure. The winning dog and winning bitch then compete for the 'Best of Breed'. Best of Breed and Challenge Certificates are awarded by the Judge to a maximum of 25 points per show.

To obtain an Australian Champion title a dog must accumulate 100 points and the title of Grand Champion is awarded to dogs which accumulate 1,000 points. A Supreme Champion is awarded to dogs which have 1,000 points and awarded 3 All Breeds. Best in Show awards or 10 Best in Group awards.

All Best of Breed exhibits are then judged to determine 'Best in Group' and 'Runner Up in Group'. Class judging for the Group then continues, beginning with 'Best Baby Puppy in Group' and works upward through the classes. The 'Best in Group' winners are then judged for 'Best in Show' and 'Runner Up in Show'. Judging then takes place for 'Best Baby Puppy In Show'; 'Best Minor Puppy in Show' and working up through the classes.

One thing to remember is that you have paid for the judge's opinion and each judge may place a different emphasis on the hallmarks and conformation that is required of the Breed Standard. This is what showing is all about and it does not necessarily mean your dog is not a good specimen if it does not win all the time. For new exhibitors a Breed club show or parade/open show is a very good learning experience as it is a more relaxed atmosphere.



**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.

**Regards Sharon Page:**

**Registrar for PDODC.**

## Agility Head Instructor Report for AGM 2012

Agility Instructors for 2012 who started and finished the year are;

<b>Irma Crews</b>	Head (&Obedience & DWD Judge)	<b>Helen Jansson</b> Instructor (On Agility Advisory Committee)
<b>Vanessa Loughlin</b>	Assistant Head &Quality Control (& Agility Judge)	<b>Danni McCulloch</b> Instructor
<b>Victor Jordon</b>	Assistant Head SACA Rep	<b>Kim Barton</b> Instructor (On Agility Advisory Committee)
<b>Mel Green</b>	Instructor & Assistant Quality Control	<b>Melissa Simmons</b> Instructor
<b>Joy Roberts</b>	Instructor (& Agility Judge & Agility Advisory Committee)	<b>Tammy Bryant</b> Started Aspiring Now full Instructor
<b>Roger Green</b>	Instructor (& Obedience & Agility Judge)	<b>Chrissy Della Vale</b> Started Aspiring Now full Instructor

My special thanks to all Instructors who have worked harmoniously together all year – helped and supported each other. This year – has seen the unprecedented effort by the entire Instructor Team – each signed the same document which was presented to the Committee confirming that they believe in the 2012 methodology and most also attended (as a group) at the same Committee Meeting when the document was presented to answer any questions – and also to support their Head Instructor.

**Later in the year – the proof of the pudding was in the eating – and it tasted wonderful –**

**State Championships saw the club fill 6 out of 8 Champions available – and many other placing beneath the Champion Title also filled by PDODC members.**

What do I hear you say – yes but special breed and existing handlers? – NO – New Handlers and one dog is a large GSD (unlikely breed to be winning Agility State Champion) still green in the ring – Won!!!!

### **Other Results for 2012**

We brought home the following titles this year AD =2, JD =3, JDX =2, JDO =2, JDM =1,ADX =3, ADM =5. Games = SDX=1, SPD=1, SD=1, **Agility Champion = 1**

**Vanessa** led the run – with her young Puppy Chia – at 18 months they are allowed to start competing – and within this year – Chia started at the beginning and ended up at the very top – by achieving;

**AD, ADX, ADM, JD, JDX in less than 12 months.**

Compare that with most triallers – who have been literally trialling for YEARS to get to Masters Agility – Vanessa's Chia simply sailed there. DogsSA awards are coming up – I visualise some great results there<sup>1</sup>

We had huge success on the competitive field but it was felt - by some – that we should cater more towards less rules and guidelines and less quality control. This presented a problem for us – and we certainly had plans to work on it – to see if we could find ways and means to please more of the members.

As per usual based on last 2 years – the hard work of planning and re-designing structure – would have been done over the Christmas Break  
An amended model would have been presented to Agility Instructors for their input and eventual decisions and then once in place – the 2013 season would have commenced hopefully pleasing our members who did not like the 2012 methodology.

BUT – Patience did not win the day – the objections by the same people were ongoing – in the end – we had no option but to say – enough is enough – we have had enough – we will not continue next year.

At time of writing this report – 7 full time instructors have officially indicated that they will not be instructing at Agility next year – some will not be instructing in other disciplines either – and – will not continue any port folio which they held or assisted with for 2012.

**It is with a heavy heart – that we had to move on before we could finis what we really wanted to do.**

The good news is – we are still united and still believe in what we do – in how we do it – and why we do it – that same principle applies across all disciplines – and we will continue with it – within our respective disciplines (for some in multiple disciplines).

To that end – we will continue to help and support each other and provide our dogs with what we believe to be the best training methodology – only difference being the location – where this is being taught.



To demonstrate that the Agility basic foundation and skills methodology is essential and most beneficial across all disciplines – here are some more Astonishing Results for 2012 – sadly not very well known to PDODC members

This year across various disciplines – little miracles have been performed –by your Agility Instructors – and those miracles have not been restricted to Agility. I already listed above some of the Agility – and it should have been recognised more -- BUT ALSO – same Agility instructors have had other Gigantic Success -- for example - Obedience State Champions for Individuals and for Club - that should have been advertised and promoted more within the club –most do not even know we won the 2012 State Championships in Obedience – and the New Sport - Dances with Dogs - produced results - of the writer gaining the “two highest scores at the Adelaide Royal” - stunning results for PDODC.

The performance of Excellence – should be recognised – and should be allowed if people wish to aim for it.

Not essential for all to aim for it –not saying that at all – just saying that those aiming for it – should not have to “fight” in house battles to be allowed to do so.

We move on and away – but we will continue to Share our knowledge – help those who seek our help – and help each other – in the united aim of working with the best methodology available at this time - for working with our dogs.

I am sorry that I am not here to read this out to you myself – but at the time and moment of PDODC AGM -- Sisko and I are competing in Queensland – thanks to our training methodology – our dedication to dog sports and in this case also Dances With Dogs – our efforts being recognised interstate – has resulted in an all expenses paid opportunity to compete in Queensland.

Thank You again to all my Instructors for being a part of the Agility Instructor Team – for being a part of Helping Dog Sports in the vary many ways you do – thank you for being YOU.

Irma Crews Agility

## 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.



**OFFICE OPENING HOURS**  
**Sunday 9.00am—11.00am**

### Obedience

#### **Sunday Mornings**

**8.30am.** Utility

**9.30am.** Puppies/First Timers,

Class 2 & Class 5

**10.20am.** Class 6

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

**10.30am** Learners

**11.15am** Class 4

**11.20am** Class 3

**11.25am** Class 1

#### ITEMS FOR SALE AT PDODC

All items vary in price and can be purchased on Sunday mornings during office opening hours.

Tug Toys, Dumbbells, Liver Treat Bags, Slip Collars, Martingales, Clickers (\$6), leads and collars in different sizes and colours.

#### **Volunteers needed – Parafield Plaza Thrift Shop**

The Animal Welfare League is looking for volunteers to help out at its Parafield Plaza Thrift Shop. If you are interested in becoming an AWL volunteer and assisting in this store, whether it be for one hour a week or multiple days, then please register your interest now. No previous retail experience is necessary. If you would like to help fundraise for the AWL and are available to volunteer some of your time please call the AWL fundraising team on 8348 1300

#### **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.

## Dog Handler Etiquette

1. Always pick up faeces after your dog has defecated and place in the bins provided.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Do not approach dogs that are tethered and unsupervised.
5. Do not take your dog off lead, unless directed by an instructor.
6. Supervise your children around dogs and always ask permission of the owner before allowing children to pat unknown dogs.
7. Ensure your dog does not become entangled with other dogs' leads.
8. Always allow space between you and your dog and other dogs and handlers. Be aware of your environment at all times.
9. If your dog urinates on any club buildings, get some water and wash the area.
10. Listen to and observe all instruction from club officials and instructors.



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## **Letter from President 2012**

***(end-of-year report presented at AGM December 2012)***

G'day everyone. Leigh Stretton, our Magazine Editor, reminded me the other day that it was time to get our end-of-year reports into the magazine, so it started me thinking about what I should write.

I thought about writing what I got out of dog club as this is my 3<sup>rd</sup> and final year of being President. I could have written about titles gained and so on, what might be considered as dry and tedious stuff to those that don't train to compete, and then I remembered.

This year at the Royal Show, we, as in the Dogs SA Superdogs demonstration group I am part of, were in the main arena and I took the time to look around. Jasper, my Kelpie, will be 10 years old soon and is starting to slow a little, and due to a minor injury this could have been his last show, and I thought 'I can't believe this.

We are in the main arena of the Royal Show. My \$125 pet shop dog is on the big screen'. Not in my wildest dreams did I ever think we could be out there, me and my dog at the Royal Show in the main arena.

Then a couple of weeks later we were with Superdogs at the Kingston Show doing obedience and agility demos. They even pay us to go down there, and this year we led the Grand Parade. How cool!

Now, I'm not writing this to big note myself, God forbid. I'm writing this to let people know how much more there is to owning a dog than just going around in circles telling them to heel.

I never thought that I would ever be doing the things I have done with Jasper. This club has been a huge part of my life over the last nearly 10 years. There have been ups and downs, that is only natural, but it is about people helping people. I have received so much help over the years and it's only natural to try and give back to the club what I can.

So push the boundaries, see what's out there, see how far you can go. It still amazes me when people say 'I wish my dog was as good as yours'. They can be. Just persist and one day you could be at the Royal.

This year has seen the passing and retirement of many dogs that we started out with. Take time to sit on the beach and hug your doggy mate. Time has passed so quickly. I wish I could go back and do it again. It's been a hell of a ride and we're still going.

'Til then, see you at the club.

**Julian Stokes & Jasper**

### **PDODC Instructors**

Para District Obedience Dog Club instructors are volunteers willing to give up their Friday nights (Agility) Monday nights (Flyball) and Sunday mornings (Obedience) to help you train your dog. Many owners trial their dogs in one or more disciplines. They volunteer for the love of all dogs and are willing to share their knowledge to help people enjoy the rewards of dog ownership and have fun with their dog.

**Here we introduce the PDODC volunteers who are available if you need help or advice. Just talk to them at the club or contact a committee member.**

A club the size of PDODC is always looking for volunteers. And the club is a community of people who share their skills to benefit its members. So, if you would like to aspire to be an instructor, see one of the head instructors. You are guaranteed a rewarding experience helping others with their dogs and it can help your own training.

### **2013 Head Dancing With Dogs Instructors Report**

Considering the weather this summer so far we have trained now for three weeks only on a Monday night when it has been cooler and we have had a mock comp/trial, held at SACA park in the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> March. The cooler night was much appreciated as we had endured some awfully hot days leading up to this date. It was a real success, with most entered and it was nice to see the improvement in the dancing pairs on the night. A competition was also held in the evening at Gawler on the 16<sup>th</sup> March and was successful for 2 out of our 2 members that entered.

There is another back to back comp to be held at SACA Park in April so lots of work to be done before entering that one. We have been told that there are a couple of new comers to dancing with dogs and they will hopefully attend once the hot weather has left us.

A recent audition at Australia's Got Talent in Adelaide saw Irma Crews and her dog Sisko appearing on the channel 9 news recently, and hopefully another call up to perform her DWD's routine to put the Dances with Dogs in Australia on the map. We wish her all the best in her latest endeavour and will be watching patiently to see the outcome.

Cheers, Sharon (DWD)

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

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Contact Person: Sharon Page [sharpage4@bigpond.com](mailto:sharpage4@bigpond.com)

**Cover Story**

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

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7:30pm Set-up Triallers  
8:00pm-9:00pm Triallers**

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**Flyball World Championships  
2012  
By Martin Watt**



On Thurs I arrived at the Indian State Fairgrounds at about 10.00ish after introducing myself to Leerie Jenkins (NAFA Board Member) he showed me where I could help out, we started rolling out some of the mats and then with some of the other mats that had been laid out we moved over to start making the lanes for the Yellow ring. There was also about 6-8 students from the Indianapolis Uni that where being paid to also set up the mats, after lunch we finished up the yellow ring but the other rings where far behind where they needed to be for racing the next day.

I was then introduced to Dave Walt (NAFA judges committee) who I had email contact with in the months leading up to my trip. I then helped Dave with unpacking the EJS's and plugging them in to charge up next to the ring they where assigned to which was decided by the numbers on the cases to distinguish the signals so that they did not interfere with one and another. I then went back to some more lane work on the blue, red and green rings, which where the 3 rings closest to the camera for those that watched the web stream, buy about 4.00pm I had enough and headed off to go back to the hotel but there was still quite a bit left to do for the rings to be finished. Later on when back at the hotel Geoff and Amanda Brown arrived and then Jessica Mellon and Phil Lea got there, boy was I relived to here someone talk normally for a change.

On Friday it was an early start we got to the Fairgrounds at about 7.00am after setting up with our Aussie flag in the camp it was time for the morning teams meeting, after the meeting Amanda gave us a card with the races for the teams on that day then assigned people who where not racing at the time a job to do such as pass calling, recording stats, ball shagging and so on. There was only 5 of the 6 rings being used on day 1 and the 'CanAm' teams (Division 1) where not racing either but there was still 16 & 17 sec runs going on, I spent a lot of the day looking at the racing that was going on and also looking at the stall holders at one end of the pavilion we where in.

The set up of the area was like I have seen at the Australian Nationals with an area for boxes and a ring caller and rings either side of that except there was 3 rings each side of the box area, after a long day of racing that went until about 4.00pm we headed back to the hotel and then out for dinner with the team.



On Saturday we had another early start at about 7.00am again, followed by the teams meeting and then Amanda gave us the race cards and jobs but on this day one of my jobs was to run Halo Geoff and Amanda's beautiful merle girl I was so

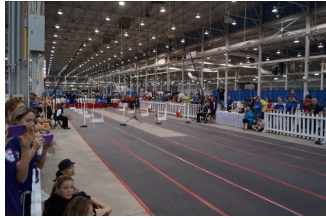
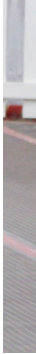


excited that I was going to race a dog at CanAm. As well as having big TV screens set up all around the building with the current teams racing in a ring, the next teams up and the next two teams after that for each ring, the exact same screen was uploaded live to the web so you could see it on your phone also, if you could see a ring conflict coming up then the team would need

to let the ring callers know so races could be moved. In the races on that day when I ran Halo I got one run at 3.9 secs running third, then a dog was making mistakes so I got moved to start with Halo and then I got a .079 and a .041, she was such a great dog to run she was just focused on what her job was it was great. Also on day 2 we got to race



in the red ring which is the championship ring and had TV screens at the end of the run and cameras over the start lines of the runs with a remote trigger that takes a photo when the pass pole, is triggered then puts the image taken up on the screen at the end, so you could see how your passes were.



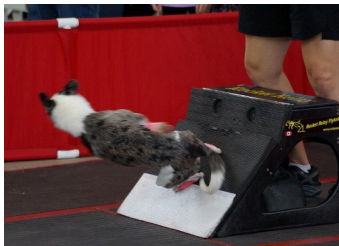
On Sunday we got there early once again and found out at the morning meeting who the teams were that had qualified for the CanAm race's, these are the championship race's and when they are run all other racing in the other



rings are stopped and only the CanAm races are on for every one to watch. The CanAm race's have the best racing I have ever seen anywhere and I was watching low 15 second runs, also on this day the 'Drug Store' across from the pavilion was open and as I found out this was a good thing because they made old fashioned Soda Creams, sundaes and all thing good with ice cream. On day's 2 & 3 each morning the Aussies that were there all got a bag of goodies to take home including a cup, car window shade and all had CanAm on them. Between the regular racing, teams racing for Dog Gone Fast (Geoff and Amanda's Club) and the CanAm race's there was great flyball racing all day, late in the day every one got ready for the CanAm Final's and the race was on to get the best position at the Red ring, the top classes are Regular 1 (Only dogs from the same club) and Multi 1 (Teams made up of dogs from



different clubs) and after the racing was done Spingloaded was CanAm Regular 1 Champions 2012.



I had such a great time at CanAm and my entire trip to the US and the flyball community in America are all so very friendly I meet lots of great people and still talk to most of them now, I really hope that I will

be able to go back one day but if not it was such a great time for anyone who loves flyball I would highly recommend the trip.

## What is Flyball?

Flyball is a relay race between two teams of four dogs. Racing side by side, one dog from each team must go over four hurdles, trigger a Flyball box pedal, catch (retrieve) a ball and then return over all four hurdles to the start/finish gate where the next dog eagerly awaits.

Flyball is a team sport. Each team consists of four dogs racing in each heat, plus up to two reserves. Reserves can be interchanged after each heat. There are between three and five heats to a race, and a team has to win a majority to win the race.



Flyball encompasses all things that dogs love to do - jumping, catching, retrieving, competing and striving to please their owners. Flyball is a sport in which any dog can participate, regardless of breed, shape or size. Flyball does not interfere with obedience training. In fact, the sport reinforces the disciplines taught in obedience class.

Besides being great for dogs, flyball is a lot of fun for people too! It is a great way to meet people locally and all around Australia. The team-work aspects bring people together as they strive to improve their team's performance. Flyball can be as competitive as you want to make it. The best part of all is just having fun with your dog, and seeing the look of excitement on your dog's face at the start of a day of racing, and the look of content at the end of the day.

A flyball course consists of two racing lanes, side by side down a 51-foot (15.54m) course. There are two sets of hurdles and flyball boxes. Each team's racing lane consists of 4 hurdles spaced at 10 feet (3.05m) intervals. The first hurdle being 6 feet (1.84m) from the start/finish line and a flyball box is placed 15 feet (4.57m) after the fourth hurdle. The flyball box ejects a ball after the dog triggers the pedal on the front of the box.



Each dog must run in relay fashion down over the hurdles, trigger the box, retrieve the ball and return over the hurdles and across the finish line so that the next dog can be released. The first team to have all four dogs complete the course, without error, wins the heat. Missed hurdles and dropped balls require the dog to rerun the course after the rest of the team has finished.

Jump heights for each team are set at 5 inches (12.7cm) lower than the shoulder height of the smallest dog in the team. The minimum height is 7 inches (17.8cm) and the maximum 14 inches (35.6cm). Competitions are run in divisions, based on where the teams are seeded. The fastest teams are put in Division 1 and the slower teams in Division 2 etc. This enables every team to have a fair go and be competitive in their division.



### **When did flyball begin?**

Flyball is believed to have begun in North America in the 1970's when a Californian, Herbert Wagner, developed the first tennis ball launcher for his ball crazy dog. After demonstrations at his obedience club, he gave a demonstration on the Tonight Show. The revolutionary idea was then introduced into Toronto and Detroit, and after a few small competitions the first formal competition was held in 1981.



### **And in Australia?**

The earliest known Australian flyball activity was in 1982 in Perth. Flyball was a demonstration-only activity until 1996, when the Australian Flyball Association was formed. The AFA grew out of Queanbeyan in New South Wales, and competitions rapidly spread from New South Wales to the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria.

Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia have more recently held competitions.

### **How has flyball changed over the years?**

Flyball has changed quite a lot over the years. The first flyball boxes were arm-style boxes, with a cup to hold the ball on the end of a moving arm. However, after a while people became worried about dogs hurting themselves jumping to catch the ball, and so they swapped to boxes with enclosed moving parts, like the wedge box or curved front box. Jump heights have varied over the years, and in some early demonstrations all dogs had to jump 16 inches. Now, jump heights are set at 5 inches below the shoulder height of the smallest dog in the team.

Today, sophisticated Electronic Judging Systems judge starts and passes that previously had to be judged by people. Anyone who has watched good passes knows that deciding by eye whether passes are legal is not easy!

Hi All,

Well I am still getting used to being the head instructor but we already have had some great results with the new training methods from the US. The first timers are starting out with this training and some of the other dogs are also benefiting from it. We now have four teams for the comp on May 4th at Jenkins Reserve. 2 teams have 5 dogs and 2 have 6

dogs due to all three of the intermediate dogs passing their assessment to pre-trailers.

congratulations to Emjay, Gypsy and Gemma (Plus their handlers).

<u>Juvenile Delinquents</u>	<u>Para Gliders</u>	<u>Para Ball Busters</u>	<u>Para Shooters</u>
Asha	Noah	Cooper	Roxie
Scarlett	Narla	Ce Ce	Zoro
Brea	Cosmo	Dusty	Jack
Astro	Flame	Mika	Sheraz
Jess	Gemma	Cassie	Emjay
		Gypsy	Desta

**It is looking like P.D.O.D.C will have 2 teams going to the Australian Flyball Nationals in Dandenong this year and one team may even be in one of the higher divisions.**

As some of you may have heard, we have lost one of the long standing flyball and Para members ; Brian Webb. Our flyball comps and trips away will never be the same.

Make some time to come out on May 4th and have a look at the dogs (and handlers!) doing something that they love to do.

Martin Watt  
Head Flyball Instructor  
AFA Accredited 2 Judge

**Monday Night Flyball Class Times**

**PDODC: Jenkins Reserve**

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

**6.45pm.** Beginners

**7.20pm** Intermediate

**8.00pm** Trialers



**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.

## **BLOAT**

**by Jan Mitchell**

Gastric Dilation –Volvulus-Torsion Syndrome {GDVT} is commonly referred to as “Bloat”. This syndrome is more commonly found in large, deep chested breeds of dogs and refers to distension of the stomach with gas and fluid. The exact cause is unclear however; a combination of a large meal, especially dry food, drinking water, then exercising is commonly implicated.

As the stomach begins to swell it also rotates closing both the inlet and outlet to the stomach which prevents any gas or fluid from escaping. Further swelling and rotation occur as gas from the fermenting contents of the stomach and gastric juices are excreted into the stomach. The time taken for this condition to reach a critical stage can be as little as thirty minutes. Most of the damage to the body is largely caused by the changes in blood flow to organs as the swollen stomach crushes major blood vessels including the caudal vena cava and portal veins. Abdominal organs including the liver are effected which leads to a build up of toxins which may cause” Toxic Shock”.

The Spleen in particular is affected by “Bloat” as it is dragged around by the rotating stomach, twisting and occluding the Spleen blood vessels. Pressure on the Vena Cava slows blood flow back to the heart greatly effecting the circulation to the point of causing “Hypovolemic Shock” {not enough blood circulating}

The enlarged stomach pushes on the diaphragm making breathing difficult and painful. The lung capacity is reduced so the amount of oxygen entering the blood lowers which further complicates the situation.

In the early stages of “Bloat” the swelling of the stomach may not be apparent. The dog will look uncomfortable and try to vomit without producing any stomach contents. As the distention increases, the swelling will become more obvious especially on the left side of the abdomen. When breathing becomes labored and there is constant salivation {drooling} the condition is now critical.

“Bloat” is treated by rapid intravenous fluids {drip} to correct shock. The stomach is slowly decompressed using a large needle placed through the abdominal wall. A tube is then passed down the esophagus into the stomach when pressure has been sufficiently reduced to empty the contents of the stomach. If Torsion {rotation} is present the tube may be unable to enter the stomach, in which case, the animal needs surgery to correct the position of the stomach. The stomach is then anchored to the wall of the abdomen {gastropexy} to help prevent further episodes.

Unfortunately not all dogs who have an attack of “Bloat” will survive despite receiving treatment. Shock and Toxemia may result in death before treatment can be completed. After treatment, “Heart Failure” may occur, secondary to the release compounds within the body which alter the rhythm of the heart.

Prevention of this condition can be avoided by feeding smaller meals several times a day in preference to one large meal. All food should be moistened and water intake and exercise should be restricted around feeding time.

### Obedience Graduations

End 2012 / Start 2013

#### Class 1 - 2

Heather & Nancy  
 Peggy & Myra  
 Sarah & Koda  
 Vicki & Gienah  
 Steve & Riley  
 Steven & Holly  
 Alison & Monty  
 Linda & Max

#### Class 2-3

Ray & Carly  
 Peggy & Myra  
 Heather & Oliver

TOM  
 Melissa & Jerry  
*(no photo available)*

#### Class 3-4

Ashleigh & Gadget  
 Angela & Rugsy  
 Carmel & Gypsy  
 Marisa & Jerry  
 Trish & Zoe  
 Rebecca & Sasha  
 Michelle & Shadow  
 Heidi & Suza  
 Lucy & Hendrix  
 Lynette & Brogan  
 Chris & Hudson

#### Class 4-5

Gill & Bree  
 Michelle & Minka  
 Bev & Misty  
 Michelle & Scarlettte  
 Larissa & Emjay  
 Peggy & Bryon



## **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. 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 class. 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. "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.
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