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# PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INCORPORATED General Club Rules

- 1. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
- 2. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
- 3. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
- 4. Dogs & handlers must not use equipment without permission.
- 5. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
- 6. Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult at all times on the Club grounds.
- If your dog fouls on the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit immediately. Poo bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, you rinse it off with water.
- 8. Smoking is not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
- 9. No alcoholic drinks are permitted in class or in Club buildings.
- 10. If you arrive late, do not enter your class. Wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.
- 11. Members must wear sensible shoes no thongs or bare feet.
- 12. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress.
- 13. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
- 14. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
- 15. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary class. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
- 16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend until they are cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
- 17. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.
- 18. Your membership badge must be worn in class. "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
- 19. There will be no training for Obedience if the Saturday night forecast for Sunday is 32°C or over for the Elizabeth area.
- 20. There will be no training for non-trialers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area. There will be no training for non-trialers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area.
- 21. There will be no training for beginners in Flyball if the Sunday night forecast for Monday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area.
- 22. Any class may be cancelled due to stormy or inclement weather at the discretion of the Head Instructor (s).
- 23. Sun protection is encouraged for you and your dog.
- 24. All injuries must be reported and recorded.
- 25. Class instructors in consultation with the discipline Head Instructor, reserve the right to send a dog back to a lower class if it is to the advantage of the dog and/or handler. 2

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# PDODC Agility Class Times Fridays (pm)

6:30pm Set-up

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

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



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

There will be no training on a long weekend for all

disciplines

# **CLASS TIMES AND SESSION INFORMATION**

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

**Obedience Class Times: Sunday Mornings** 

8.30am.Utility

9.30am. Puppies/First Timers, & Class 5

10.20am. Class 6

10.20am. First Timers (New Members) Information Session

10.30am Learners & Class 2

11.15am Class 4

11.20am Class 3

11.25am Class 1



OFFICE OPENING HOURS Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am

Membership Fees 2013 New membership pay an additional joining fee of\$5 Junior (10-17yrs) \$35 Single \$55 Double/Family \$65 Single Pensioner \$45 Double Pensioner \$55 (Full Pension Card) required)

Agility, Flyball and Dances with Dogs classes have an additional cost of \$2 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog, to cover lighting and up keep of equipment. Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November.

#### Dances with Dogs (Since 2011)

#### What is Dances with Dogs All About?

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

#### But, what is Dances with Dogs?

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

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

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

In Front of the Green Shed at 6:30pm: All classes. Contact Person: Sharon Page <u>sharpage4@bigpond.com</u>

IF THE ESTIMATED MONDAY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR ELIZABETH (ON CHANNEL 9 NEWS, SUNDAY NIGHT) IS 32° OR HIGHER,

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

6.30pm Set-up and Dog assessment
6.45pm. Beginners
7.30pm Intermediate / Triallers

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





# **Competition: Saturday 31 August**

We have a competition at the club on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August starting at 2pm, this is after obedience training so stay around and watch what happens at this new sport. There are various jobs to do so if you think you can help please see me and I will allocate you a



# Report

As winter is approaching and we are down on numbers, our Monday nights have been called off several times as the weather has been wet, windy making the grounds unsafe at times and /or just plain awful lately

working spot

We hope to get back on track once the weather brightens up.

A newly formed DWD's club has now formed in SA and we wish them every success with the new venture.

Hoping to see some new faces at our August completion.

For more information: Dances with Dogs Websites are plentiful.

Example: = <u>danceswithdogsaustralia.com</u>

musicaldogsport.org & www.worldcaninefreestyle.org

**Regards Sharon Page ( Head DWD Instructor ) PDODC.** 

#### RALLY OBEDIENCE TRAINING

A reminder that Rally Obedience training is offered on a Sunday morning at 8:30am on those weeks that I am not away trialing with my own dogs. Here is the schedule for training for the next few months as best as I can get it based on what trials I know about:

July  $20^{th}$  – no training (Sled Dog Racing) July  $27^{th}$  – training available August  $3^{rd}$  – training available August  $10^{th}$  – training available

August 17<sup>th</sup> – training available

August 24<sup>th</sup> – no training (Sled Dog Racing)



August 31<sup>st</sup> – training available depending on Crows game If you haven't tried Rally O and would like to know what it is about please feel free to come down to the training and have a go. It is a relaxed way to have some fun with your dog while still working on your obedience skills. Any dog that is grade 2 and up could start working towards their first title as there is no stand for exam or recalls. The only stay is you walking around your dog at novice level and it is all on lead for your first title.

There is a double Rally trial to be held on October 4<sup>th</sup> at Southern Districts which gives people new to the sport plenty of time to practice. We have already had a lot of success with people getting their titles this year but it would be great to see a few new faces in the Novice grade at this trial from PDODC to continue the growth of the discipline at the club. The sport is also well suited to timid or older dogs.

If there is any sudden changes to this schedule then posts are made on the Para District Facebook page.

Look forward to seeing you at training. Carmel

#### **Agility Report**

Good luck to all those travelling to Queensland for the Agility National Championships which will be held from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June, especially to the SA Team the Awesome Paws.

- Then July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> will be the SA Agility State Championships and good luck to those that have entered.

Agility at Para is going well with the 1<sup>st</sup> session being well attended and a lot of good upcoming dogs and handlers. We held the second quarter Auslink in May, though, maybe due to the full moon only 1 dog got a clear round. This was a jumping course and was good to break it down after and train on where we went wrong. The next course is now available and is an Agility course which can be run from July.

Unfortunately there has not been much training lately due public holidays and bad weather. Keep an eye on the Para District Facebook Page to see if training is cancelled. I will attempt to have it up there by 5pm on a Friday night.

Para is holding a Mock Trial on 26<sup>th</sup> July to assist the Agility Advisory Committee in raising funds for the 2016 National Agility Championships which will be held in SA. More information will be available soon.

We have our next trial coming up on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you want to help out either in the canteen or stewarding, please see an agility instructor / committee member and they can direct you to myself or Michelle– all help is appreciated.

If your dog is at least 6 months old, come down at 6:30 on a Friday night and give it a go!

Chrissy Head Agility Instructor

#### Bless you! Learn more about reverse sneezing in dogs

Before you freak out, you should know that reverse sneezing (also known as Pharyngeal Gag Reflex or Paroxysmal Respiration) is fairly common in dogs, and that breeds, especially those with a



flat face (Boxers, Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Pugs, and Shih Tzus), are more prone to the condition than others. If it happens to your dog, there's no need to scoop him up and rush him to the vet. Let it pass – a reverse sneeze can last anywhere from a few seconds to a minute, and he'll return to normal once it's over.

When humans sneeze, we push air rapidly out through the nose. Not so with a dog's reverse sneeze. Instead, the air is pulled into the nose, making a loud honking or snorting noise that can scare the bejebus out of an owner. Here are a few other telltale signs of reverse sneezing in dogs:

- Standing still with elbows spread apart;
- Bulging eyes;
- Backwards head motion.

# What Causes Reverse Sneezing In Dogs?

Caused by a spasm of the throat and soft palate, reverse sneezing in dogs can be set off by an irritation in the throat, pharynx, or larynx. It can be hard to pinpoint what sets off your dog's reverse sneezing episodes, but a few of the most common causes include environmental odors (smoke, household cleaners, perfume, room sprays, dust, pollen), exercise, weather changes, tight collars and sudden movement from a leash.

I know that during a reverse sneeze, my dog shakes – he doesn't like the experience at all. That's why it's important that I stay calm and comfort him. I know that first time it happened I was just as scared as he was. But it's important that your dog doesn't see you panic, as it will make him anxious. Now that I know that the reverse sneezing is not a • Use a calming voice: Talk to your dog in a calm, soothing voice, tell him that he's a good dog and that everything is going to be fine.

• Pet him: Keep constant contact, petting his back, head, ears, etc.

• Massage his throat: Gently message his throat to stop the spasm.

• Hold nostrils: Cover your dog's nostrils briefly (just a second or two). Your dog will be forced to swallow, which usually helps clear the irritation and stops the sneezing.



# Does This Require Follow Up Treatment?

In the majority of cases, no - it's a normal occurrence. In fact, all dogs will experience reverse sneezing in their lives. However, if these sneezes occur frequently or go on for longer than a minute in time, or if there's vellowish or bloody discharge coming out of the nose, it's time to see the vet. There could be other factors at play here. Your vet will be able to tell you if there's another issue, such as nasal mites, kennel cough, nasal cancers, polyps or tumors, collapsing trachea, or a respiratory infection, which will require medical Intervention.

# **Canine Parvovirus**

Dog poop can be deadly – especially when it carries Canine Parvovirus.

When you think about it, knowledge is power... especially when it comes to your dog's health. And knowing all the important details about Canine Parvovirus can help you diagnose, seek treatment and prevent this illness from affecting your dog.

**Canine Parvovirus** is a highly contagious viral disease. It most commonly affects puppies under the age of six months and is one of the most common causes of diarrhea in dogs. The Canine Parvovirus attacks rapidly dividing cells in a dog's body (most commonly the cells



found in the intestinal tract). It also goes for white blood cells, which can damage the heart muscle and cause lifelong cardiac problems.

The virus makes its escape out of the infected dog through its stool. In fact,

that's how most dogs pick up this virus. The infected poop makes its way onto a dog's paws or fur and is ingested when your dog licks itself. It can also come into your home on your shoes or other objects.

The virus can live for months, and can be found on food bowls, shoes, clothes, carpet and floors, just waiting to be picked up. And although it can hit dogs of any age, puppies are the most susceptible to it.

As for breeds, Doberman Pinschers, Rottweilers, Labrador Retrievers, American Staffordshire Terriers and



# **Canine Parvovirus Symptoms**

Canine Parvovirus has several common symptoms, including severe vomiting, loss of appetite, bloody, foul-smelling diarrhea and lethargy. If diarrhea is serious enough, it can lead to life-threatening dehydration. If your dog exhibits any of the following symptoms, take him to your vet immediately.

#### **Canine Parvovirus Treatment**

Because this is such a serious disease, there are no home remedies. Your dog will need antibiotics, intravenous fluids and other treatments that are only available through a veterinary clinic. And if your dog does have Canine Parvovirus, be prepared for a costly bill. He'll need to stay under a vet's watchful eye for about five to seven days.

#### **Preventing Canine Parvovirus**

This disease is one tough cookie. It doesn't want to leave without a fight. Canine Parvovirus is an extremely hardy virus that can stand up to most household cleaners. In fact, it can survive outside a host for months. Now that is a determined virus! Good ol' fashioned bleach is your best bet to get rid of it. Use a 1:32 dilution and leave this solution on the contaminated surface for 20 minutes before rinsing it off.

#### **Protect Your Pup**

Because puppies are the most prone to Canine Parvovirus, a series of vaccinations starting at eight weeks of age will prevent most cases of



infection. A puppy is most susceptible to the virus from six to 20 weeks of age, which is when its natural maternal antibodies levels begin to decline. During this time until the last vaccination at 16 weeks, you should keep your puppy away from other dogs and sources of possible infection. After the initial set of shots, it is recommended that

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

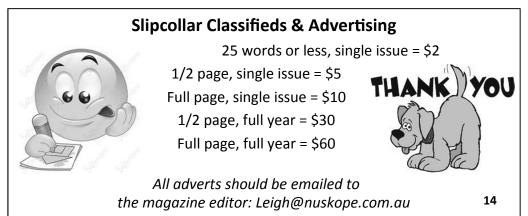
Please give your qualification cards or (copies preferred) of your qualification cards to the Registrar for recording ASAP. Please put the place, for example: 1st/2nd 3rd that you gained on as well, this year many have been handed in with no placing recorded and that makes it even harder to record the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

It is always hard work to round them all up. 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**.



# Presidents Report: Ray Gunter

Hi folks I really do not have very much in the way of new news to give you at the present time, our club renovations are still waiting to be started but I think the onset of wet weather may have caused some delays.

On thing that will interest the Agility and

Flyball people is that Salisbury Council have agreed to install concrete access ramps in front of the roller doors.

In and effort to improve sales of leads, collars etc I am still looking for feedback on what sort of goods members would like to see sold at our shop, remember profit from sales goes to help run the club and reduce the need to increase membership fees.

Now that the wet weather is here I remind members to bring a towel with them when they come to training that way your four legged friend can be dried off before getting in the car to go home.

Happy training

# **Obedience Graduations: For Your Information**

Grades 1 & 2 are graduated on the first Sunday of the month

# Grades3 & 4 are graduated on the last Sunday of the month

*However,* this may not be possible every month due to HOT weather, long weekends, rain, inclement weather or unforseen 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.



# Obedience Graduations CONGRATULATIONS!

(in no particular order) Apologies if any graduate names are not listed that should be. Trust that they will appear in the nest issue.

<u>Class 1 - 2</u> Keith and Tommy **Trevor & Cindy TOM** Adam & Indy Kimberley & Wilson

#### <u>Class 2 - 3</u>

Trevor & Cindy TOM

<u>Class 3 - 4</u> Stan & Jasper TOM Mel & Mossy TOM Kylie & Sam

<u>Class 4 - 5</u> Sharon & Win Jess & Abyss Ashleigh & Gadget Sarah & Koda









# 12th APRIL PDODC OBEDIENCE TRIAL

Huge thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the trial a success.



TRIAL MANAGER: JAN MITCHELL and GILLIAN SMITH: SACA REP.CCD JUDGE LYNNE STAPYLTON.Stewards: Val Holland, DianneNOVICE JUDGE IRMA CREW.Stewards: Tony Brennan, Lee CollinsOPEN B JUDGE ALLISON RUMBLE.Stewards: Ros Kumela, John CollinsOPEN A JUDGE KEITH MILLINGTON.Stewards: Linda Hedges, Gillian SmithUTILITY JUDGE DAVE RUMBLE.Stewards: Chris Hutchins, Fred LumsdenUDX JUDGE KEITH MILLINGTON.Stewards: Linda Hedges, Gillian Smith



# 27th SEPTEMBER PDODC AGILITY TRIAL

Hi everyone

I am getting in early on the hunt for stewards for Para's agility trials on Saturday, 27 September. If anyone is able to steward for the morning, afternoon, or all day, we would greatly appreciate it. Please let me know if you are able to assist. My number is 0402 582 928 if needed. Michelle Stokes

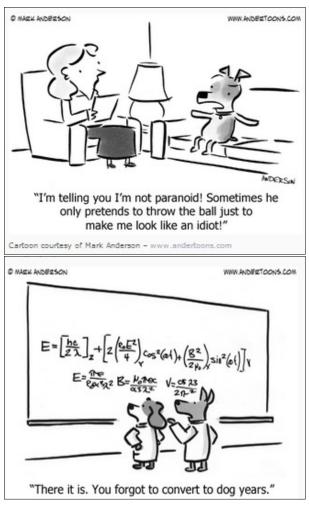
# August - September Exhibition Dates 2014

<u>August</u>	
2nd (Saturday)	Munno Para Dog Obedience Club Inc - Agility Trial 9.00 am Munno Para Dog Obedience Club Inc – Agility Trial 1.00 pm
9th (Saturday)	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility Trial 9.00 am Agility Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility Trial 1.00 pm
10th (Sunday)	German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc – Obedience Trial 9.00 am
16th (Saturday)	Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club Inc – Agility Trial 8.30 am Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club Inc – Agility Trial PM
17th (Sunday)	Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club Inc – Agility Trial 8.30 am Riverland Dog Training & Kennel Club Inc – Agility Trial PM
23rd (Saturday)	Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc – Obedience Trial 10.00 am
24th (Sunday)	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc – Games Trial 10.00 am Gawler Dog Training Club Inc – Games Trial 2.00 pm
<u>September</u> 5th (Friday)	2014 Royal Adelaide Show – Championship Show, Obedience Trial, Agility Trial, DWD (5 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> September 2014)
7th (Sunday) 13th (Saturday)	Royal Adelaide Show Sunday Special Classes General Specials Royal Adelaide Show
14th (Sunday)	German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility Trial 9.00 am German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility Trial 1.00 pm
20th (Saturday)	Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc – Obedience Trial 9.00 am Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc – Agility Trial 9.00 am Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc - Agility Trial 1.00 pm
21st (Sunday)	Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc – Obedience Trial 9.00 am Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc – Agility Trial 9.00 am Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club Inc - Agility Trial 1.00 pm
27th (Saturday)	Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc – Agility Trial 9.00 am
28th (Sunday)	Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc – Agility Trial 1.00 pm Gawler Dog Training Club Inc – Obedience Trial 10.00 am

# Dates for your diaries;

**Saturday, 13 September at 8 a.m**. – Flyball competition (Royal Adelaide Show – cattle judging pavilion, close to Leader Street)

'PDODC will be hosting Agility trials at club grounds on Saturday, 27 September from 9 a.m. Why not come down and have a look at this great dog sport in action? If you are available to help out in any way, please contact Michelle Stokes on 0402 582 928.'



'PDODC is also hosting the following trials/ competitions:

Saturday, 23 August at 10 a.m. – Obedience trial (club grounds)

Saturday, 31 August at 2 p.m. – Dances with Dogs competition (club grounds)

If you are available to help at any of these events, please speak to anyone in the office or a committee member.'

# Dogs and garlic – what you need to know

There is a lot of controversy surrounding



dogs and garlic on the Internet. Many sources believe that garlic is toxic to dogs and it should never be used in dog food. But garlic has been used for centuries as a medicinal aid by humans – can it really be that bad for canines? The answer may not seem all that cut and dry, but it's becoming a lot clearer. This is thanks to the research efforts of experts that say that garlic is actually **good** for dogs. Of course, you can't just let your dog chew on a clove of garlic.

**It's all about the amount you give your dog.** Read on to learn more about garlic and dogs, and how to make it a part of your pup's healthy diet.

# Garlic has been used for centuries as a medicinal aid by humans – can it really be that bad for canines?

# Garlic: A Family Tree

Garlic comes from the Allium family, and counts onions, leeks, chives, and shallots as relatives. Onions, and to a lesser degree garlic, contains a compound called n-propyldisulfide.

This compound can cause oxidative damage to red blood cells when taken in large enough doses. The effect creates Heinz bodies and the body will reject these cells from the bloodstream. After injecting large amounts over a long period of time, it can lead to anemia and even death.

# History

It all started over 100 years ago, when wild onions (in the same family of garlic) were fed to cattle, sheep, and horses and these animals showed toxicity symptoms. In the 1930s, studies showed that dogs that ate onions showed toxicity symptoms. Fast forward to the 1980s: cats that ate onions exhibited the same toxicity symptoms as dogs did. It's important to note that cats are six to eight times more sensitive to onion than dogs.

Garlic got a bad rap in 2000, when a research paper was published that based on garlic's effect on dogs. Even though the dogs tested didn't show any outward appearance of toxicity symptoms, there was an effect on the red blood cells. The researchers stated: "we believe that foods containing garlic should be avoided for use in dogs." This was when garlic was touted as a poison for dogs and started to be removed from dog foods.

# It's all about Dosage

Too much of anything is bad for you. Even minerals that you assume make you and your dog healthy can be detrimental in large daily amounts. Things such as salt, vitamin D, or Zinc are all good for you... as long as you're not overdoing it. The same goes with garlic and dogs. At some level, these things all have the potential to be toxic.

Here's a guide on the garlic levels safe for dogs **per day**, based on a dog's weight:

Fresh Garlic (from *The Complete Guide to Natural Health for Dogs and Cats* by Dr. Pitcairn)

10 to 15 pounds: .5 clove

20 to 40 pounds: 1 clove

45 to 70 pounds: 2 cloves

75 to 90 pounds: 2.5 cloves

100 pounds +: 3 cloves



# **Benefits Of Feeding Your Dog Garlic**

The reason why garlic is added to dog food and treats is because it has many health benefits. Even if you're not sure about dogs and garlic, and decide to start with a very low amount, your dog will still reap the health rewards. Its main claim to fame is the benefit it has on a dog's digestive tract.

But there are lots of other wonderful health reasons why garlic can help your dog:

• **Tick/Flea Repellent**: It won't kill the fleas and ticks, but those little buggers don't like the taste of it. One sniff and they'll be making their way off your dog.

• **Immune System Boost**: Garlic has proven to do wonders with dogs with suppressed immune systems and as well has those fighting cancer. It gives a boost to bloodstream cells that kill bad microbes and cancer cells.

• **Liver Boost**: Garlic is known to have detoxifying effects, which can help the liver get rid of toxins from the body.

• **Fights Bacterial, Viral, and Fungal Infections**: Bacteria, virus and fungi are no match for garlic! With its potent antimicrobial and antibiotic properties, it fights parasites and protozoan organisms as well.

• Lowers Blood Cholesterol and Triglyceride: Mix the proper dose of uncooked garlic with your dog's food and it can help lower blood cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

• **Cardiovascular Boost:** Wonderful in older and overweight dogs, garlic can prevent blood clots, and reduce cholesterol levels

More dogs means more love – here's how to make your multi dog household run harmoniously

You have a lot of love to give, so living with multiple dogs is a no-



brainer for you. When we add to our family, there are more things to manage - and living with numerous dogs is no exception to that rule. But your home doesn't have to descend into furry anarchy! We have a few handy tips on how to manage your multi dog household.

# Don't pick favourites.

Just like you wouldn't single out a child as a favorite, you wouldn't do it with dogs. Every dog gets equal attention and love. When you bring home new toys or treats, each dog should get something special. And when it comes to cuddling and belly rubs, leave no dog unloved. Some dogs are more cuddly then others, but that doesn't mean that you can't lavish every dog in your home with as much affection as they need. You know your dogs' personalities best, so if one needs some alone time, be sure to give it to him... and give him some love when he's ready for it.

# Siblings fight - even furry ones.

They can be getting along one moment and the next they're

Fights can be caused by stolen food, toys, vying for your attention or a dominance struggle. You may choose to have your dogs neutered, as this puts a stop to raging hormones (a big factor when it comes to dog fights). No matter what it's about, remember that you are the boss and the head of the household - if they live under your roof, they have to live by your rules

# Good manners for good dogs.

Get on top of basic obedience training as soon as a new dog enters

the household. Every dog should obey your commands and know that you are in charge. If your dogs are properly trained and exhibit good doggy manners, you'll find that your multi dog household will run smoother.



# Feeding time.

Dogs need to be fed separately. This is because one dog may finish his dinner and start hassling the other dogs for a taste of their food. This can cause fights (I'd be pretty mad too if someone tried to steal my yummy vitals). Each dog gets his own bowl and his own time to eat.

Start off with the calmest dog in the pack, and once he finishes, start with the next dog, and so on. If you can't schedule feeding<sub>4</sub>

# Marking your territory.

We don't mean you should pee all over your house, but you need to take control over the rooms and furniture. Because dogs are spatially oriented, they'll want to claim their territory. You are the boss, so this needs to be your job. There's nothing wrong with letting your dog on the couch or in the bedroom, but keep an eye out for possessive behaviour that can accompany a territory dispute. These include growling, lip lifting and baring

teeth. Don't let these signs go – take care to address them as soon as they happen. If you don't, it could lead to a serious fight. The house and everything in it belongs to you... make sure your dogs know and respect that.



#### Monitor play time.

For dogs, wrestling, play biting, tugging and grabbing necks is all part of the game. You need to be watching to ensure that play time doesn't escalate to fight time. Be aware of the dogs' energy and bring it down to a manageable level if you feel that it



could escalate. This will help the dogs develop self-control and lead to well behaved play time in the future.

Living in a multi dog household can be a

# Head Obedience Instructor's Report

G'day all! There is not much to report at the moment as the wet weather has now truly set in. All the classes are going along well with large numbers of puppies still attending, although the one thing we are down on is numbers of instructors. Don't forget the people out there in the yellow shirts are volunteers. They give up their time on a Sunday morning to come down and pass on any knowledge they may have.

Whilst on that point, one thing that is always brought up when changing grades or having a different instructor is people saying 'The other instructor said to do the command this way and you've said to do it that way'. For example, I teach the stand command with my right hand coming up in front of the dog's nose, another instructor teaches it with the left hand going across the dog's face. Two different methods, both having the same end result.

Each instructor/handler has their own way of controlling/ commanding their dog worked out from many hours of practice. What works with one dog may not work with another. There is no one way of doing something. All dogs have a different personality, some loud and boisterous that you have to calm and some submissive and quiet that you need to motivate. Work out what way works for you and your dog and stick to it. We are just here to help and guide you.

On the point of instructors, we are always on the lookout for people to help in the lower grades, especially in Puppies, Learners and Grade 1. If you feel that you would like to start out helping, please approach me on Sunday to have a word. You can start out just helping with one thing. My wife Michelle does puppy recalls, but does not want to aspire and become a full instructor. Likewise with Ashleigh in Fun 5 and Carmel in Rally-O. These people provide an invaluable service to the club and deserve our thanks. We were chatting after class the other week and joking about people saying 'But my dog's so well behaved at home and then we come out here'. When you come to training there is so much more to see and smell. This is when you have to lift to become more exciting than anything else at the club. Use your voice, have a toy, better food, not dry old liver treats, unless that's your dog's thing, and most importantly be positive and reward your dog. Make him/her want to be with you, not have to be with you.

See you at training!

Julian Stokes

# Cover Story: Ashwyn & handler Victor

Ashwyn CDX RA ADX JDM JDO GDX SD SPDX HTMS . German Coolie, affectionately known as Mr Hyper .

Big Congratulations to Ashwyn & Victor winning the SA State Open Obedience Title where they combine your scores over the two days, to say we were thrilled is an understatement They were a pleasure to watch & worked so well as a team. Many thanks to Victor for competing with him.

Ashwyn has competed in Obedience, Rally, Agility, & Dancing with Dogs, is great to train just has one small quirk you never know if you



are going to get Dr Jekyll or Mr Hyde when you go in the ring.

Written by; Linda Hedges (Owner)

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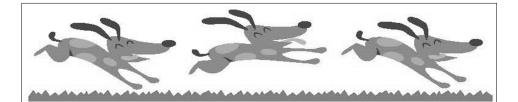






# Custom made Flyball coats and harness are also available. To order these please speak with Carmel at training.

All items are available for sale on Sundays at Obedience training. Please feel free to try clothing on your dogs for size. Please just ensure that they are dry and relatively clean. ©
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#### Note To All Competitors:

In the interests of safety for all concerned, small children are not allowed to walk the course with their parents, or be in the ring at any time during a trial. Only those entered in a class may walk the course. Interested others (e.g: one instructor with novice competitors) may ask the judge's permission to accompany a newcomer. Congestion is to be avoided, and all competitors are expected to show consideration for others while course-walking. If necessary course-walking may be split into height categories at big events. Note **To All Competitors**:

Barking dogs left unattended and close to the rings causing a disturbance, will be asked to move. Failure to comply with such a request from the Trial Manager may lead to further action being taken, with disqualification from the trial being the last resort available.

#### Proof of Desexing:

Just a reminder that proof of desexing of bitches is required at trials when collecting your numbers :Proof can be in the form of an ear tattoo, desexing certificate, or if it's on your height card. NOTE: This will be a requirement for collection of numbers at all State Championships.

Lack of Scoreboards at Trials If scoreboards are not in use at trials, competitors are asked to use discretion when attempting to look at the score sheets. If you must check your score, you are to do so without disturbing the scribe.

**Framed Hoops Banned in SA Dogs SA,** in conjunction with the Agility Advisory Committee have unanimously agreed in March 2009, that framed hoops are not to be used in competition anywhere in South Australia , effective immediately. This ban remains in place in S.A. with the 2011 Rules. Trialers competing interstate should be aware that framed hoops may be used elsewhere.

# \* Competitors are encouraged to use the e-performance on-line entry format \* for which a user's Guide has been put together for your benefit.

### Nutrition & Health: When to Neuter

An evidence-based look at the pros and cons of early sterilization. By Andrew Skolnick and Claudia Gray, DVM

Now that your new puppy is settling nicely into his new home, you'll probably be checking your list of puppy needs for the near future. If your pup isn't already neutered or spayed, you must decide whether he'll be sterilized. Once you decide, you'll likely wonder when the best time would be to have the procedure done.

There's probably no better subject for our first column on evidencebased canine health care than the benefits and risks of early-age sterilization. Evidence-based medicine for dogs, as well as people, involves making health decisions based on the best, most up-to-date scientific research in addition to their doctor's opinions and experiences. There's a wealth of expert opinions, but research into the health effects of early-age sterilization is harder to come by.

Spaying (the surgical removal of a female's uterus and ovaries) and castration (the removal of a male dog's testicles) are necessary for decreasing the population of unwanted animals in shelters and rescues. Neutering, however, deprives dogs of sex hormones that have many effects on their health, some beneficial and some not.

#### Weighing Benefits Against Risks

Veterinarians know a lot more now about the health benefits and risks of neutering than they did a decade ago. They used to think removing a dog's testicles could help protect him from prostate cancer. We now know it doesn't. In fact, neutered dogs are two to four times more likely to develop the usually fatal cancer than intact dogs. Castration does eliminate the risk of testicular cancer and other prostate problems, but these are not as deadly as prostate cancer. Although spaying prevents uterine infections and ovarian cancer, it increases the risk of urinary incontinence.

Because early-age neutering has only recently become widespread, we have few studies to show us its risks and benefits. These studies show neutering at an earlier age reduces surgical complications as well as the dog's recovery time from anaesthesia and surgery. And they confirm that spaying a female before she is sexually mature substantially lowers her risk for mammary cancer—the most common, often fatal cancer in dogs. They also show neutering dogs before they mature may increase certain risks.

For example, depriving growing dogs of sex hormones can allow some bones to grow longer than they normally would. This can place unhealthy stress on parts of their skeleton, especially in larger breeds. Dogs neutered before maturity are at increased risk of hip dysplasia, of rupturing the anterior cruciate ligaments (ACL) in their knees, and some other skeletal problems, which can lead to disability, chronic pain, and large veterinary bills. And they are at greater risk for bone cancer.

People often cite the benefits of neutering on dog behavior as another reason to neuter early, but studies show the effects of neutering on aggression varies so greatly among breeds that no generalization can be made at this time.

#### Making a Decision

The risks and benefits of neutering are not the same for all dogs, which is why most experts agree that a dog's sex, age, breed, health condition, temperament, and activities must be considered when deciding to neuter.

Humane organizations neuter puppies before offering them for adoption to reduce the need to euthanize unwanted animals. But when deciding on neutering an individual pet, population control should be a less important concern than the health of that animal, the American College of Theriogenologists says.

Neutering has health benefits and risks, and both should be considered, Herris Maxwell, DVM, says. Maxwell is a diplomat of the college, which provides board certification for veterinary reproduction specialists. "There is no totally correct answer to the question about the optimum age for the procedure," he says. "Owner concerns, breed predisposition, and specific situations related to each case and patient can all be weighed in making that judgment."

To make the best decisions for the pets they love, owners should ask their veterinarians to explain the evidence for benefits and risks regarding all treatment options.

Claudia Gray, DVM, a past president of the Niagara Frontier Veterinary Society, practices small-animal medicine and surgery in Buffalo, New York. Andrew Skolnick is a former associate news editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

#### HI everyone,

Well the Portland South East Challenge V went off without a hitch. With an amazing 18 teams entered and Dover entering a team for the first time... it was a very busy day



With a shortened lunch we managed to finish a minute earlier than scheduled. Berwick Blitz took out the SE Challenge trophy this year

Now we are racing to prepare for the Royal Show, and hopefully have four teams to enter

Training is still a hit or miss affair as the weather has been unpredictable

We have also been approached by Dogs Day Out at Mawson's Lakes (see page.36) to do a Flyball demo, dated 21st Sept... so 1 week after the Royal show. Things are moving through with that. If all goes well it looks to be an annual event.

Looking at hosting our Christmas Comp late November to mid December... keep tuned for a confirmed date!!!

Cheers

Mary Dalla Valle Para Districts Obedience Dog Club Head Flyball Instructor





#### Winter Exercise Tips for Your Dog By Cesar Millan

Yes, it's cold outside, and the number of daylight hours is short, but your dog does not hibernate, and it's important that your dog get daily <u>exercise</u>. Vital for a dog's physical and mental wellness, exercise is also a crucial part of the relationship between Pack Leader—you and dog. On those days when bad weather makes walks impractical, you can still give your pup the exercise she needs with these six ideas for great winter exercise.

# 1. Play a game with your dog.

Hide-and-seek is a wonderful way to get your dog up and moving and mentally engaged. You can hide a treat or her favorite toy, but it's better to make her come find you. Start by throwing a treat to get her to go away from you, and then hide in another part of the house. This game can really tire your pup out as she rushes around searching, and it's good for reinforcing the "come" command.

# 2. Challenge your dog's nose.

Dogs have incredibly powerful scenting abilities, so exercises that require your pal to use her nose are especially stimulating. Make her work for her dinner by creating an obstacle course she has to get through to find her food. Hide her meal in a box, or, better yet, put it in a Kong Wobbler or a Buster Ball.

# 3. Dog treadmills and indoor walking.

There are treadmills on the market designed specifically for dogs. But if you cannot afford one of these, use a human treadmill—but take the right precautions. Spend a few days familiarizing your dog with how it works. Use a slow speed and stand in front of the treadmill with a treat. Over three or four days, slowly increase the speed and the amount of time your pup spends on the treadmill. Work up to the same amount of time you normally spend on walks.

# 4. Sign your dog up for a class.

Sign up for an indoor agility or swimming class. Flyball provides good exercise, and a class comes with the added benefits of allowing your

# 5. Practice targeting.

Being indoors gives you a great opportunity to practice targeting with your dog. Teach her to touch her nose to the back of your hand on command; this will make her focus on a target. It's a great exercise because it gives you an activity you can do together. And once your pup has learned how to do this, you can use it whenever you want her to stop what she's doing and focus. For example, if you're out walking and she becomes excited when she sees another dog, you can use targeting to redirect her attention. Plus, your dog can't bark when she's touching her nose to your hand!

### The Importance of Giving Your Dog Affection

### By Cesar Millan

Love is one of the greatest gifts we can share with our dogs. Dogs are affectionate animals. Touch means a lot to them, both in their natural world and when they live with us. However, affection that hasn't been earned and is shared at the wrong time can be detrimental to a dog.

#### Give affection - but at the right time!

Remember anytime you give affection, you reinforce the behavior preceding it. Reward stability. Share your love when your dog is in a calm-submissive state.

**Share affection after a dog has...** exercised and eaten, changed an unwanted behavior into a behavior you asked for, responded to a rule or command, or entered a calm-submissive state.

**Don't share affection when your dog is...** fearful, anxious, possessive, dominant, aggressive, whining, begging, barking, or breaking a household rule.

**Don't forget exercise and discipline.** Prove your love by giving your dog what he or she needs: long walks; rules, boundaries, and limitations

Give your dogs as much love as you have! Give as much love as 35

# http://dogsdayoutmawsonlakes.com/

# A free community event for dogs & their owners



# Dogs Day Out is a FREE community event in Mawson Lakes for dogs and their owners. A fun day with dog related stalls, events, competitions and displays.

- Following on from the huge success of the first Dogs Day Out in 2012 we have decided to make this an annual event.
- Held in Mobara Park and the Denison Centre in Mawson Lakes, there are loads of stalls with everything your dogs heart desires, from pupcakes to coats to toys and treats.
- There are also lots of dog trainers, behaviour advisors, breeders and therapists to give you advice and assistance.
- Competitions that are free to enter, for most photogenic, best dressed, look alike, and best trick.
- Several dog rescue organisations will be there with some lovely dogs looking for their furever homes.
- Our local vet will be there giving advice, free vet checks and discounted microchipping.
- Displays by Dancing with Dogs, Gepps Cross Obedience Club, Trick Dogs, Sniffer Dogs, RSB dogs and much much more.
- Human food available at our hot DOG stall, coffees, ice creams, cakes.



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- Further details for all these options available on our website.



#### Members please help.

We need Volunteers for the Canteen and inspiring Instructors to help teach obedience on Sunday mornings. You will be trained.

Please chat to a volunteer if your can help.

# Where's Winston? He's hiding!! Photos from Sharon Page







Do you have any funny furry photos ? We would love to feature them in our Slipcollar. Please email to leigh@nuskope.com.au



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Name:....

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Polo Shirt Kids 4 – 14 Ladies 8 – 20 Adults Small - XL	0120	Quantity	\$28.00 \$32.00 \$32.00
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TOTAL			\$

#### **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.

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