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## PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

### General Club Rules

1. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
2. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
3. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
4. Dogs & handlers must not use equipment without permission.
5. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
6. Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult at all times on the Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls on the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit immediately. Poo bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, you rinse it off with water.
8. Smoking is not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
9. No alcoholic drinks are permitted in class or in Club buildings.
10. If you arrive late, do not enter your class. Wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.
11. Members must wear sensible shoes – no thongs or bare feet.

12. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress.
13. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
14. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
15. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary class. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend until they are cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
17. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.
18. Your membership badge must be worn in class. "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
19. There will be no training for Obedience if the Saturday night forecast for Sunday is 32°C or over for the Elizabeth area.
20. There will be no training for non-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.

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## **President's Report**

Welcome everyone!

The first thing you may notice is that we have had a couple of changes on the committee. Due to personal reasons, Ray Gunter has stepped down from committee. We would like to thank Ray for all he has done in the past years and are grateful that he will stay on as an instructor, council liaison and fulfilling the other duties that he has done for many years. This means that I am stepping up as President and we now need a new Vice President. Someone has stepped up and we should formalise this position soon.

There has been some great positive feedback on the club Facebook site. It is great to hear all the comments as it helps the club grow in the right direction.

We would like to welcome several new experienced instructors and aspiring instructors on the ground. They will help us move forward and, whilst this is appreciated, we still need help in the canteen. Ben is only able to open it every second week, so if you would like to help, please see Ben.

On a personal note, my wife Michelle and I would like to thank club members for the support we received after the passing of our dog, Tully, who passed after a short illness. We knew it was coming but that still didn't make it any easier.

Well, that's all for now. See you at the club. Happy training!

**Julian Stokes**

# **“Tully” — Cover Story**

## **‘My Years at PDODC (Para)’**

*Hi everyone. I’m a red merle Australian Shepherd, also known as an ‘Aussie’. When I joined Para 10 years ago I was only the 2<sup>nd</sup> Aussie to join the club. Look around now and we are everywhere. Must be a good breed!*



*Jasper, my big brother, a Kelpie, started training at the club with dad, Julian, 2 years before I came along. After puppy pre-school I couldn’t wait to start at big school with my mum, Michelle. I loved to learn and worked hard and was in Grade 4 by 10 months of age. Lots of treats and praise along the way helped. At 6 months I started to learn Agility – what fun! Then when I was a year old I got to play Flyball – again, wow, what fun!*

*So for 10 years every Monday, Friday and Sunday (except for the Christmas break), off we went to Para to learn Flyball, Agility and Obedience. What a life! I have learnt so much and had the best time. Everyone could tell because I was the one barking my head off all the time – not so much in Obedience though. I often heard people say ‘Tully’s here!’ What can I say? I love life!*

*Just a few little snippets about me. When I was 6 months old I was in a television commercial. You might know the one; the SA Lotteries ad to the music ‘Born Free’ where the pound worker sets all the dogs free. I got to run across the North Adelaide Golf Course with a couple of other dogs, and mum and dad even got paid for it. How cool! Another time the trainer of Koko, the star of ‘Red Dog’, came to our club looking for extras for the movie. Some of my 4-legged friends got to go on the set and join in the filming. Lucky them. Apparently I was ‘Too pretty’. Funny! They didn’t want Jasper either because he looked too much like the star.*

*So, what have I got from 10 years at Para? Firstly, many fantastic 4 and 2-legged friends and lots of great times. Didn't we have fun on our many interstate trips for Flyball competitions to Victoria? 'Best Friends Retreat' in the Gippsland region was a highlight, an annual holiday. Mum and dad and their friends almost made as much noise as me at times. I think they had fun too. Good times!*

*After a few years of training mum decided to enter me in some trials, so off we went on many weekends to different clubs around SA with our friends. Along the way, I even got a few letters after my name:*

*CD (Companion Dog - Obedience);*

*AD (Agility Dog);*

*JDM (Jumping Dog Master);*

*FM (Flyball Master);*

*SPD (Strategic Pairs Dog – my friend Wally and I were even State Novice Champions!);*

*GD (Gamblers Dog).*

*Through our training at Para we got to go to the Royal Adelaide Show every year to compete against Victorian teams in Flyball (sooo much fun), and for a couple of years we even did demos on the main arena as part of Dogs SA's Superdogs Agility demo team. That was pretty cool. We also did Agility, Flyball and Obedience demos at various events around the State. The Kingston Show was always a favourite,*

*especially being on holiday right by the beach. More good times! If it wasn't for my training at Para, I wouldn't have had the opportunity to do any of this great stuff.*





*Anyone that knew me a few years ago would know I was always a lover of puppies. How great was it on Sunday mornings with up to 50 dogs in the Puppy/Beginners class? I tried to go and meet them all. So in the end mum gave in and got me my own puppy, Scarlett, another Aussie (and my cousin), who is now 4 years old. I was soooo happy being a mum. I must say, though, she did start to wear me out, but I love her, and Jasper of course.*



*My Agility and Flyball trialling was sadly cut short. At 7 years of age I ruptured a cruciate ligament, and within a year I ruptured the other one, so early retirement for me, no more jumping. I really missed it, but I got to go on lots of walks and could still go to the beach after I recovered. Oh, the beach. Is there anywhere better in the world? I think not. I could never stop barking from the time I got there until the time I*

*left – I was so happy. Loved going with all my friends. I could burst with excitement.*

*Occasionally mum would put me in the Fun Class on Sunday mornings where I could do a little bit of Obedience and then some little jumps and tunnels. You probably heard me out the back running around barking my head off. Recently, mum and some friends started up what we call ‘Grade 7’. Mum, Jasper and I would join some long-time friends, who like me are less agile nowadays, and would go for gentle walks. Just being with my friends and their humans enjoying each other’s company is what it’s all about. Special times!*

*When we weren’t at the club I would follow mum around at home all the time, just like all good Aussies do, getting underfoot. Mum would sometimes complain I was in the way, but she loved it really – I know! Shower, toilet, doing the dishes, I would be there in the way. Mum called me her ‘Shadow’. Dad just called me ‘Tully Pully Pilly Pally Polly Poo’,*



*Anyway, as you can probably tell, the last 10 years with my family and friends has been the best - enjoyable, rewarding and fulfilling. I've had so many experiences and learnt so much with a great group of dogs and people. Para is our 2<sup>nd</sup> home, considering the amount of time we have spent there doing the things we love. So, what more can you ask for?*

*I am sorry to have to end this story on a sad note. A couple of months ago my vet friend told us my heart was not doing too well, as well as some other complications. We tried medication for a month, which helped for a while, but then didn't really help. Everything, even breathing, wasn't so easy anymore. One day it all got too hard so I gave Mum and Dad 'the look' and, with heavy hearts, together we all went for one last visit to my vet friend, then I was no longer in pain. So, although you won't hear my 'seal' bark anymore at the club, I will be there in spirit keeping an eye on you all and hoping to see you having fun.*

*Finally, I say to you: Live life to the full just like I did and you'll have no regrets, only great memories! Miss you all.*



### **Tully Stokes**

**5/12/2004 – 10/4/2015**

In loving memory of Tully

Rest in Peace beautiful girl

Forever in our hearts

Michelle, Julian, Jasper & Scarlett

## 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**

A cartoon illustration of a brown dog sitting upright, facing left. It has floppy ears, a red collar with a white bell, and is holding a white sign with black text. The sign is positioned in front of it, partially obscuring its chest.

**Rally Obedience  
Sunday Morning  
9:15am**

#### **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

*Got any items sitting at home not being used that would be suitable for raffle prizes? Why not donate these items to the club?*

*Donations are appreciated to help raise money for the club at trials held at your club throughout the year.*

*Please deposit in the office.*

## **WALK TO FIGHT ANIMAL CRUELTY!**

### **Million Paws Walk - Sunday 17 May**

RSPCA's biggest fundraising event is back! The 2015 Million Paws Walk is the most important event on the canine calendar. On the day, you and your four-legged friend will be treated to entertainment, displays, food outlets, giveaways, competitions and a host of other activities. Million Paws Walk is a great day out for the whole family while raising funds for animals in need.

Whatever the age, size, breed or ability – all dogs are welcome for a fantastic doggy day out! No four-legged friend? Not to worry, even those without pooches are welcome to join in the fun.

Money raised through online fundraising, activities on the day and merchandise sales actively assist RSPCA South Australia to continue our operations, programs and services, as well as supporting our daily battle to stop animal cruelty. Every dollar you raise will make a big difference and will assist us in reaching our goal of \$125,000.

So make sure you register online, dust off those joggers, put your dog on a lead and we'll see you on Sunday the 17th of May. As an added bonus this year, if you register online and create a fundraising page, we'll send you a **FREE** RSPCA portable water bowl for your pooch!

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

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

**Location:** Bonython Park / Tulya Wardli

**Date:** Sunday 17 May

**On day registration:** Opens 8:30am (closes 12:00)

**Walk commences:** 10:00am

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

## Getting to Bonython Park

[Get directions from your place to Bonython Park via Google Maps](#)

Parking on event day: Upark car parks will be available from 8:00am off Port Road, Bonython Park.

Cost: \$7.50 for the day (Adelaide City Council will kindly donate half of the revenue to RSPCA South Australia.)

## Your event day checklist

- Ensure you and your pooch have a fun day

The Event Village

Before and after the walk, enjoy the atmosphere of the event village, including:

- Delicious food provided by catering outlets such as Cheesy Street, Moorish Bites, Papas Gourmet Hotdogs, Ozzie Gozleme, Pizza Co and many more.
- Exciting exhibitors like Greyhound Adoption, Woofer App, Hills Pet Nutrition and Petstock
- Free vet checks
- Yelp! Photobooth for you and your pooch!
- Aussie Pooch Mobile- with 100% of the cost of your dog wash being donated to RSPCA South Australia
- Doggie massages
- Main stage entertainment, including bands, doggie competitions and agility demonstrations
- Competitions and prizes



| <b>2014 Club Titles (amendments)</b> |          |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------|------|------|
| Sharon                               | Winston  | RN   |      |      |
| Chrissy                              | Cassie   | RN   |      |      |
| Chrissy                              | Jess     | RN   | FDCh |      |
| Wayne                                | Sheraz   | AFCh |      |      |
| Michelle                             | Scarlett | AFCh |      |      |
| Linley                               | Emjay    | FD   | FDX  |      |
| Leigh                                | Asha     | FDCh |      |      |
| Tori                                 | Anya     | FD   | FDX  |      |
| Dale                                 | Zoro     | AFCh |      |      |
| Sherrin                              | Gemma    | FD   | FDX  |      |
| Carmel                               | Gypsy    | RA   | AFCh |      |
| Lucy                                 | Hendrix  | FD   | FDX  | FDCh |
| Mary                                 | Brea     | AD   | FM   |      |
| Carmel                               | Bunji    | FD   | FDX  | FDCh |
| Linda                                | Ashwyn   | CDX  | RX   |      |
| Amber                                | Wally    | FDX  | FDCh |      |
| Lorraine                             | Holly    | CD   | RA   |      |
| Jeffrey                              | Harley   | CCD  |      |      |
| Jess / Ben                           | Abyss    | FD   | FDX  | FDCh |
| Sandra                               | Maggie   | RA   |      |      |
| Leigh                                | Jack     | FM   |      |      |
| Dorothy                              | Tishka   | CDX  |      |      |
| Ronnie                               | Mika     | FM   |      |      |
| Mel                                  | Mossy    | FD   | FDX  |      |
| Peggy                                | Myra     | CCD  | RN   |      |
| Peggy                                | Byron    | CDX  |      |      |

**S.A.'s Top Trialing Team for 2014 in Agility & Jumping as well as in Obedience ( Golden Dumbbell Award )**

**Danni McCulloch & O.Gr.Ch. Ag.Ch Gabrielle**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Encouragement Award Agility - Vicki & Koral - Kerry & Peanut                      |
| Highest scoring points Obedience - Linda Hedges & Ashwyn CDX RX ADX JDM JDO HTM S |
| Encouragement Award Obedience - Karen & Rubie                                     |
| Encouragement award Flyball - Mary Dalle Valle & Jaye                             |
| Highest Agility Points - Mary Dalla Valle & Brooksvale Jolly AD JD                |
| Highest Obedience Points - Lorraine & Holly CD RA                                 |
| Highest DWD points - Irma Crews & Sisko                                           |

## **Head Obedience Instructor's Report**

Hi all!

I would like to say welcome to a new year of training as with the hot weather cancelling so many weeks of training it seems as though we have hardly been here.

It's great to see so many new faces at the club, especially in Puppies/Beginners. We continue to have large numbers in Puppies with up to 50 dogs at a time. The training method in place is working well, but as with everything it is always open to improvement. The other lower grades, Learners, 1 and 2, also continue to be large with numbers dropping around Grades 3 and 4. It would be interesting to know why people don't stay. You never stop learning. Any constructive feedback as to ideas to help retain members is welcome. On that note, the positive feedback on our Facebook site is excellent. This feedback allows us to modify instruction to suit people's training requirements.

We have had several new people come on board as instructors. Roy, Tony and Donna are all experienced instructors and triallers and bring a wealth of knowledge to the club. We also have aspiring instructors, Dianne, Luke and Martin, learning the ropes. Whilst they are new, I hope you're gentle with them. We don't want to scare them off just yet. Thank you for offering your time and assistance.

We have run our first Obedience trial of the year and everything went well. Thanks to the trial secretary, Jan Mitchell, and all the helpers who make these days the success they are. I apologise that at the time of writing this I don't have results to put in.

See you on Sunday!

**Julian Stokes**

## **PDODC Obedience—Class Graduations**

### **What is required of your dog.....**

#### **Learners—GRADUATION**

- Heel on a loose lead
- “Sit” on command
- “Stand” and “Down” (with guidance)
- “Sit Stay” - at the end of the lead—return to dog.

#### **Class One - GRADUATION**

- Heel on a loose lead—good positions—still two hands on the lead for guidance.
- Automatic sit
- Good stands
- Steady sit stay and down stay—handler in front. Return to the dog
- Reward the dog
- Exercise finished
- Short Recall—Still on the lead—reward the dog.
- Return to the dog
- Exercise Finished





## **Class Two— GRADUATION**

- Heelwork on loose lead
  - good positions
  - correct hand signals
  - correct foot work
  - precise left and right turns
- Automatic sit—correct heel position
- Steady Sit and Down Stays at the end of the lead
- “Recall” at 3 metres—return to the dog—no finish.
- “Stand for examination” on the lead (with guidance)
- “Finish” (with guidance)

## **Class Three—GRADUATION**

- Heelwork on loose lead—(left, right or both hands on the lead).
  - correct positions
  - precise foot work
  - precise left and right turns
- “Stand for examination” on the lead
- “Recall” at 6 metres—reward—return to the dog—no finish.
- “Stand for examination” on the lead
- “Finish” as a separate exercise
- “Stays” - at a distance of 6 metres
  - “Sit Stay” (one minute)
  - “Down Stay” (two minutes)
  - “Stays” must be steady

## **Class four Graduation requirements**

“Heel on lead” including “figure 8” with correct positions

“Stand for examination” must be steady

“Recall” at a distance of 10 metres—“Return to the dog” no finish

“Finish” as a separate exercise

“Stays” at a distance of at least 6 metres

- “Sit stay” one minute

- “Down Stay” two minutes

“Change of position” at a distance of one metre—“Return to dog” Exercise Finished

“Heel free” (with verbal encouragement and an occasional food treat) including “Figure 8” with at least one halt and one stand without the figure.

## **Fun Class Five**

For members who are not intending to compete in Obedience Trials, but still wish to train their dogs; there is a Fun Class Five. Any member who have graduated from class four OR any member who has participated in class four for a period of 3 to 6 months, may consult with the head instructor to be transferred into the Fun Class, thereby continuing training and enjoying Sunday morning with their dogs.



## **Membership Fees 2015**

**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.

### **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.

## **Dog Sports**

While PDODC offers Obedience, Rally Obedience, Agility, Flyball and Dances With Dogs, there are many other dog sports and disciplines available to you and your dog. For some of these disciplines you are required to be a member of state or national controlling bodies to trial/compete, while others you can participate in without membership/registration. Some disciplines are only available to certain breeds or cross breeds while others are open to all dogs. Below is a listing of different sports / disciplines, plus the organisations you need to be members of and where to find further details.

### ***Australian National Kennel Council (ANKC) Disciplines***

For all of the following disciplines you are required to be a member of the South Australian Canine Association (SACA) or an equivalent state controlling body of the ANKC and your dog must also be registered with SACA or equivalent . SACA is also known as Dogs SA.

Obedience and Rally Obedience (all breeds and cross breeds)

Agility, Jumping and Games (all breeds and cross breeds)

Dances with Dogs (all breeds and cross breeds)

Tracking (all breeds and cross breeds)

Retrieving and Field Trials (gundogs or associate gundogs only)

Herding (working dogs and herding breeds and cross breeds of these dogs only)

Endurance Test (all breeds and cross breeds)

Earthdog Test (small terriers and Dachshunds only)

Confirmation (pedigree dogs only)

For further information go to: <http://www.dogssa.com.au/>

In 2015 Lure Coursing and Racing, and Sled Dog Sports were also added to those disciplines recognised by the ANKC. At the moment it is unclear if SA based clubs will offer competitions for ANKC recognised titles in these disciplines. Further information on these disciplines is provided below.

### ***Lure Coursing and Racing***

This is open to all breeds and cross breeds although if ANKC titles are offered in SA some titles are only available to certain breeds. Currently you don't need to be a SACA member nor does your dog need to be registered with SACA. You are able to participate in the discipline without being a member of the local club initially with an additional fee paid for insurance purposes. Membership is required for continued participation.

For more information go to <http://www.adelaidelurecoursing.com/>

### ***Sled Dog Racing***

This is open to all breeds and cross breeds although if ANKC titles are offered in SA some titles are only available to certain breeds. You don't need to be a SACA member nor does your dog need to be registered with SACA. You are able to participate in the discipline without being a member of the local club with an additional fee paid for insurance purposes.

For more information go to <http://www.sasleddog.org.au/> or for those on Facebook go to <https://www.facebook.com/#!/sasleddog?fref=ts>

### ***Flyball***

This is open to all breeds and cross breeds. Both you and your dog need to be registered with the Australian Flyball Association to compete in the discipline. For further information go to: <http://www.flyball.org.au/>

### ***Dock Diving***

This is open to all breeds and cross breeds however currently there are no known Dock Diving associations or organisations in South Australia. There are clubs in the ACT and Queensland only.

For more information regarding registration or membership requirements go to: <http://dockdogs.com/>

**There are a number of people around the club that participate in some of the disciplines not offered by PDODC so if you just want to chat to find out a little more just ask an instructor who can help point out the relevant people.**

## Prices for Dogs

- \$25... 20 mins
- \$30... 30 mins

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- \$35...20 mins back pad only
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- \$50...30 mins back pad plus hand unit



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



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

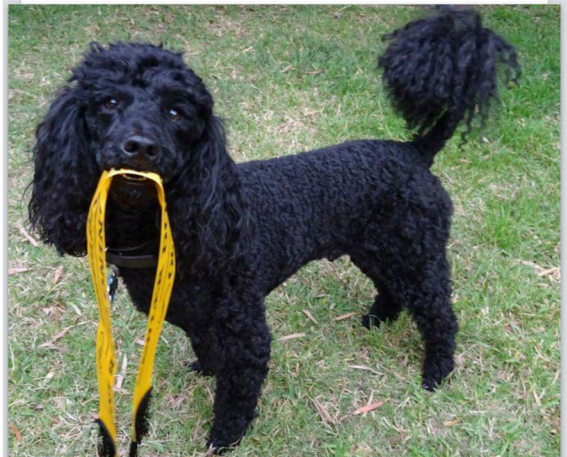
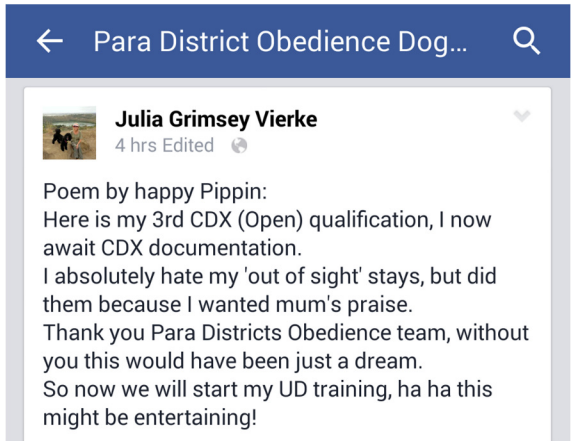
Please give your qualification cards or (copies preferred) of your qualification cards to the Registrar for recording ASAP. Please put the place, for example: 1st/2nd 3rd that you gained on as well, this year many have been handed in with no placing recorded and that makes it even harder to record the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



# **Animal Welfare League**

## **Dog Health - Health Tips**

### **Vaccinations**

Your dog's first vaccination is due at 6 to 8 weeks and they will need a booster at 12 weeks and possibly 16 weeks depending on the vaccination type and timing. It is always important to follow the advice of your vet. The main vaccinations that your dog will need are C3 (distemper, hepatitis and parvo (parvo virus) and C4 (parainfluenza) and C5 (bordatella bron-tiseptica). (Both C4 and C5 are protection against two forms of "kennel cough").

### **Heartworm Prevention**

You should start your dog on heartworm prevention by 6 months of age. You are best to check with your vet for advice on various treatment options. Adult dogs (over 6 months) must be tested for heartworm before starting treatment. This is a simple blood test to make sure they are not already infected.

### **Worming**

Adult dogs should be wormed every three months. It is best to choose an 'all wormer' which kills all gastrointestinal worms. Follow the dose directions on the packet according to your dog's weight and treat all of your animals at the same time.

### **Balanced Diet**

Your dog needs to be fed good quality commercial dog food, either tinned, dry, a combination of both. Cheaper dog foods are cereal based which can cause diarrhoea so it is important to choose a highly quality dog food (please consult your vet as to the best food for your dog) If home cooked foods are given, mix with commercial dog food to provide the necessary vitamins and nutrients. Be aware that some human foods are toxic to dogs so check with your vet to ensure any home cooked foods you are feeding your dog are appropriate.



## **Healthy Teeth and Gums**

Raw bones are good for your dog's teeth and gums but be aware that there are some risks associated with them so please consult your vet before giving your dog any. Raw bones can help strengthen, clean and reduce bad breath and make sure you provide bones in a size that relates to your dog's size. Never give cooked bones of any type to your dog. You can also train your dog to allow you to brush their teeth which is the best way to keep your dogs teeth clean and health. You can also purchase dental chews and products to help keep your dog's teeth clean.

## **Milk**

Cow's milk and weetbix are not suitable for dogs or puppies. This is not a balanced diet and cow's milk can cause your dog to have diarrhoea.

## **Flea Treatment**

There are many commercial products to treat fleas. Possibly the most effective are the liquid spot on treatments such as 'Revolution' 'Advantage' or 'Frontline', all of which are available from your vet, pet shop or online. Follow the directions on the pack in regards to dosage and frequency. Flea irritation can become a serious problem with dogs if not controlled in the earliest stages. You may have to treat other items such as bedding if you find your dog has fleas.

## **Grooming**

Long haired dogs require daily brushing and regular grooming. If your dog grooming is not regulating maintained this may in serious health problems. If you do not have the time to groom your dog, it is advisable to look into purchasing a short haired breed. You also need to regularly wash your dog using a mild dog shampoo especially if they have gone in salt or dirty water. Regularly check your dog's nails and clip when needed.

## **Desexing**

Unless you are a registered breeder, your dog should be desexed. There are many benefits of desexing your dog and you should discuss your options with your vet.

**Desexing your pet will help to ensure they live a long, healthy life as it has been proven to prevent certain cancers and can prevent negative behaviours like aggression. Having your dog desexed can also reduce their urge to wander and prevent unwanted litters.**

## **Overweight Dogs**

If your dog is overweight there are many health risks involved. Dogs can become overweight due to being over fed, feeding them the wrong type of foods and not getting enough regular exercise. If your dog is overweight there is a greater chance of them getting arthritis, liver disease and heart disease.

## **Exercise and Bloat**

Never allow your dog to actively exercise immediately before or after feeding. This can cause the animal to bloat which, if not treated rapidly, can lead put your dog in a life threatening situation. If you suspect your dog has bloat contact your vet immediately. Large chested dogs are particularly susceptible to bloat so always wait at least an hour between exercise and feeding.

## **Exercise**

Your dog, not matter is size or age will need regular exercise for physical and mental health reasons. It is important to fully understand your dog's exercise needs and make the time each day to take them for a walk and play games with them. Dogs will get bored if they do not receive regular exercise which may lead to negative behaviours such as digging.



## Obedience Graduations

CONGRATULATIONS!

*(in no particular order)*

*Apologies if there are any graduate names not listed that should be. Every effort will be made to ensure they will appear in the next issue.*

### Class 3 - 4

Mary & Walker

Rebecca and Sasha

**Leonie & Xanthe TOM**



### Class 4 - 5

Trevor & Cindy

**Keith & Tommy TOM**



# Obedience Graduations

## Class 2 - 3

Robert & Wally

Diana & Pepper

Jemma & Alfie

Suezi & Chaska

**Marianne & Kye TOM**



## Class 1—2

**Ingrid and Rosie TOM**



### Obedience Graduations: For Your Information

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

**Grades 3 & 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 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.

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

6:30pm Set-up

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

7:30pm Set-up Triallers

8:00pm-9:00pm Triallers

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

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

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

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

**6.45pm.** Beginners

**7.30pm** Intermediate / Triallers

## **Agility Report**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May is the date of our upcoming Agility Trial. We will have 2 rings – 1 for Jumping and 1 for Agility. If you are wondering what is involved in Jumping / Agility, then come down and have a look. The trial will commence at 9am. If you like what you see, and believe it is something you will like to try with your dog, (as long as your dog is 6 months or older) then come down 6:30 on Friday nights to see how you go.

**Chrissy – Head Agility Instructor**

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| Date     | Destination                  | Arrive                 | Depart  |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| 2nd Dec  | Sydney, Australia            | Boarding as per ticket | 1900hrs |
| 3rd Dec  | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 4th Dec  | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 5th Dec  | Bay of Islands NZ (Tendered) | 11:00                  | 19:00   |
| 6th Dec  | Auckland NZ (Docked)         | 07:00                  | 18:00   |
| 7th Dec  | Tauranga NZ (Docked)         | 07:15                  | 17:00   |
| 8th Dec  | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 9th Dec  | Wellington NZ (Docked)       | 08:00                  | 18:00   |
| 10th Dec | Pictou NZ (Docked)           | 08:00                  | 18:00   |
| 11th Dec | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 12th Dec | Dunedin NZ (Docked)          | 08:00                  | 18:00   |
| 13th Dec | Dusky Sound NZ (Cruising)    | 13:00                  | 14:00   |
| 13th Dec | Doubtful Sound NZ (Cruising) | 16:00                  | 17:00   |
| 13th Dec | Milford Sound NZ (Cruising)  | 21:00                  | 22:00   |
| 14th Dec | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 15th Dec | Cruising                     |                        |         |
| 16th Dec | Sydney, Australia            |                        | 06:00   |

## Cruise prices start from:

|          |                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|----------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Interior | \$2235 pp Twin Share | Price includes 14 nights cruising around NZ with Explorer of the Seas in your own cabin with private facilities, all shipboard main meals (excluding private restaurants) all port/govt. taxes, all Dog lovers seminars and activities, and most on board entertainment |
| Outside  | \$2685 pp Twin Share |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Balcony  | \$3165 pp Twin Share |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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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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**Contact person – Linley Nicholson**

Embroidered Club Uniforms are available to all members of PDODC. Orders are placed on a monthly basis. If you would like to order club clothing, please use the order form below and hand it in to the office.

Name:..... Contact Number .....

| Item                                                                       | Size | Quantity | Price                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Polo Shirt</b><br>Kids 4 – 14<br>Ladies 8 – 20<br>Adults Small - XL     |      |          | \$28.00<br>\$32.00<br>\$32.00 |
| <b>Spray Jacket</b><br>Kids 4 – 14<br>Adults XS – 5XL                      |      |          | \$45.00<br>\$47.00            |
| <b>Polar Fleece Vest</b><br>Kids 4 - 14<br>Ladies 8 – 20<br>Adults S – 5XL |      |          | \$33.00<br>\$36.00<br>\$36.00 |
| Polar Fleece Full Zip<br>Kids 4 - 14<br>Ladies 8 – 20<br>Adults S – 3XL    |      |          | \$30.00<br>\$50.00<br>\$58.00 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                               |      |          | <b>\$</b>                     |

### 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.