

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Slipcollar

New Year 2011—Welcome back!



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Dog/Handler Etiquette



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



MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

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

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

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

PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INCORPORATED

General Club Rules



1. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
2. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
3. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
4. Dogs and handlers must not use equipment without permission of Instructors.
5. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
6. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an appropriate adult at all times on Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit
8. 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.
9. Smoking is not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
10. No alcoholic drinks are permitted in class or in Club buildings.
11. If you arrive late, do not enter your class. Wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.
12. Members must wear sensible shoes – no thongs or bare feet.
13. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress.
14. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
15. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.

16. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary lesson. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
17. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend training until they are officially cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
18. Your membership badge must be worn in class. Replacement or "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
19. There will be no training for Obedience if the Saturday night forecast for Sunday is 32°C or over for the **Elizabeth area**.
20. There will be no training for non-triallers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C or over for the **Elizabeth area**.
21. There will be no training for beginners in Flyball if the Sunday night forecast for Monday is 32°C or over for the **Elizabeth area**.
22. Any class may be cancelled due to stormy or inclement weather at the discretion of the Head Instructor(s).
23. Sun protection is encouraged for you and your dog.
24. All injuries must be reported and recorded.
25. Class instructors, in consultation with the discipline Head Instructor, reserve the right to send a dog back to a lower class if it is to the advantage of the dog and/or handler.



Full Copies of the Club Rules are available in the office or from the Club website at <http://www.paradogtraining.com>

HOT WEATHER POLICY

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

- There will be no training in any discipline on a long weekend (where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday).



- **Sunday morning classes:**

If the estimated Sunday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Saturday night)

is 32 degrees or higher, training will be cancelled.

- **Friday night classes:** If the estimated Friday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Thursday night) is 32 degrees or higher, all NON-TRIALLING CLASSES will be cancelled.

- **Monday night classes:** If the estimated Monday maximum temperature for Elizabeth (Channel 9 News, Sunday night) is 32 degrees or higher, training will be cancelled.

If the weather is stormy or inclement, training may also be called off.



Letter from the editor

Welcome back everyone!



The Para club team hope that you had a peaceful break and have returned well rested, fully energised, and ready for a fun-filled year of training with our much loved 4-legged friends! Whilst many of us will be reflecting on exciting events that have happened over the holiday period, the people of Queensland, as we all have seen and heard, will have only stories to share of loss and sorrow. P.D.O.D.C will be donating a sum of money to the RSPCA floods appeal in Queensland, to help dogs and animals in need.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Leigh Stretton and I have been attending the Para club for the last 2 years. Initially, I began obedience with my Border Collie Jack ,who is a rescue dog and is 5 years old going on 2 months! Towards the end of last year however, you may have spotted that Jack, had a new buddy, a black and white fluffy ball of freak energy! This is 6 month old Asha. This little peanut is at that age where she thinks her world is indestructible and that Jacks ears are on his head exclusively for her to monkey swing from whilst mimicking Tarzan! Over the past 4months, this devious terror has taken ownership of some items around the house and has stored them away in a secret hiding place, to which I still cant find! These include 5 socks, 2 tea towels, 1 sneaker and 2 pairs of foam ear plugs!

If you have any funny stories, articles or photos you would like to see in SlipCollar, please email them to the editor at Leigh_1980@hotmail.

We have a few new volunteers who will be working in the office on Sunday mornings. It will be very busy in there in the new year, so please be patient and remember we are all volunteers.

Good Luck with your training and trialling, enjoy every minute of it and think positive, even when the going gets tough!

Leigh

President's Report (end 2010)

G'day. It's now the end of dog training for another year and what a year it has been with all disciplines within the club being very busy.

I would like to thank the current committee for the work they have put in over the last 12 months. The office bearers have done an incredible job in their chosen fields and this has made the day-to-day running of the organisation very smooth.

I do not believe in singling people out on the committee for praise as everyone does their best, but I must thank Karen Tanner, our Secretary, and Ronnie Schmidt, our Treasurer. Both of these members have gone way beyond the call of duty in carrying out their duties. It is sad that these girls are standing down but I'm sure the new office bearers will do their best to fill their shoes.

I would also like to thank all those instructors and helpers who donate their time and experience to help on training days, working bees and trial days. The success of this club is a reflection of your dedication and, whether said or not, it is appreciated, even if at times you may not feel it. If you think I have forgotten to thank you, I have not. It is just that it would take way too much space to mention everyone. I feel proud and humbled to be the President of such an amazing group of people.

Our club has a strong obedience background and it is gratifying to see so many dogs coming out on a Sunday morning for training. It is always a thrill to see dogs coming in as loopy puppies and growing into mature dogs that are a pleasure to have and be around.

One of my favourite dogs this year concerns a butterball of a lab called Bella. Now, Bella had been given a hard time by a person and had become quite anti-social towards both people and dogs. She had also been failed by other clubs as a bit of a lost cause. When Bella and her owner first came to the club they used to sit up the end of the car park, staying out of harm's way, so to speak.

Over the last year we have worked patiently with Bella and her handler, helping her learn how to handle Bella's behaviour and modify it. She has followed instructions to the letter and it has paid off big time.

It is now a pleasure to see Bella with no muzzle on, rolling over for a tummy rub, wagging her tail wildly with a grin on her face, and no longer sitting down the end but now mixing with other dogs outside the club rooms. Not only that, her owner now has pride and

confidence in her dog. She should be an inspiration to us all and a credit to the professionalism and dedication of the instructors. After all, this is what we are here for – to teach and to help.

Another inspiring story is Leigh with her dog Chelsea. Early on I taught Leigh in agility. Now Leigh has great fun with Chelsea but the easiest way to confuse Leigh was to make her change direction. She used to get frustrated and didn't think she would get anywhere, but didn't mind – it was all still fun. Then on the weekend of the State Agility Championships she not only qualified for the Sunday finals in Novice Jumping – she won! Talk about grin. I thought her head would split, she just couldn't believe it. It was amazing though and she thoroughly deserved it. Right person, right time.

Congratulations to all those people who got titles in their chosen discipline this year. I'm sure you've worked hard for them.

I hope everyone has a great Xmas break and comes back refreshed and full of energy next year. See you soon.

Julian Stokes

President

P.S. I will try and do more yiros in future.

Vice President' Report (end 2010)

I would like to thank members for giving me the opportunity to have served the club over the last 12 months as Vice President although in all honesty I cannot say that I've done a lot other than serve on committee.

However, on behalf of committee, I have applied for a Salisbury Council grant of \$20,000 to build a new verandah to replace our existing one which now has a number of leaks that are only getting worse. The new structure (if we get the grant) will be a bit higher than the existing one and will have a pitched roof.

In my capacity as Council Liaison Officer I would like to thank the many staff of Salisbury Council that have helped the club during the year. They do things that most members don't see or take for granted, like making sure the grass is cut for trials, the extra rubbish bins and most importantly the pumping out of the septic tank. All these details are vital to help make our trials run more smoothly.

A big thank you to Llana and Neil, Val and Richard for their excellent running of the canteen, I cannot thank them enough, and while on the subject of the canteen, Llana and Neil have retired so next year we need a volunteer to run the canteen every other week. It is not possible to name all who have worked for the club during the year and if I try I will definitely forget someone (I'm getting old and forgetful) so I will just say thank you one and all.

Karen and Ronnie will both be stepping down from their positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Both have given the club sterling service and they will be sorely missed. I wish them both well for the future, so we need two able volunteers to fill these positions, which I might add are the two most important positions on committee. Both are vital to the running of the club.

If members are willing I will stand as Vice President again as I would like to bring to fruition the new verandah and I have some other projects in mind that I feel would enhance the club's amenities. The projects I would like to pursue are the expansion of the canteen, expanding the grounds towards the Little Para River (this will give more space for extra rings at trials), a concrete apron at the entrance of the storage shed and paving the area between the office and the shed.

I wish all members and their families a safe and happy Christmas and new year and look forward to seeing you all in 2011.

Sincerely Yours,

Ray Gunter
Vice President

Secretary's Report (end 2010)

I can hardly believe it is the end of another year!

Thanks must go to BARF, Devondale and Petstock for their valuable contributions, as well as Tennis SA, Simmons & Clarke and last but by no means least Biztek Digital.

I would like to thank committee for being such a fun, compassionate and understanding group of people. Many times I have required assistance and there have been many people who have jumped in to help. One in particular is Sharon; she has done many a task for me when I feel sure she would rather have cursed my name. I would also like to thank my husband Matt for being so supportive and understanding.

Being on Committee, and in particular being Secretary, has been a wonderful experience. It has allowed me new friendships and I have developed skills that I feel have assisted me in my career.

I feel sure many people understand the role of Secretary and Treasurer are ones of infinite responsibility, given the nature of the tasks, time consuming also. This also makes it difficult on family and partners when combined with a full-time job. I would like to thank Ronnie for being a wonderful Treasurer for many years. This role in particular is very time consuming.

Unfortunately I need to take a step back from having one too many hats. Never fear, you will still see me down the club on Sundays instructing or helping with the other disciplines as required at trials.

I wish the new Secretary the best of luck and my full support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe Christmas break and a Happy New Year so that you can come back refreshed and invigorated for 2011.

Cheers,

Karen Tanner

Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31st October 2010

As in previous years, an audit of PDODC's books was carried out by Frank Perrott of MSI Tilley Chartered Accountants (previously Bishop & Bishop Financial Services) of Modbury.

I am pleased to report that Para District Obedience Dog Club has had a very successful year and has ended the year with a surplus.

We closed the year with a total income of	\$33,060.15
Our total cost of sales for the same period was	\$ 4,100.06
Out total expenses for the same period was	\$23,784.72
(this includes depreciation of \$1,872.81)	

This leaves us with a net surplus of	<u>\$ 5,175.37</u>
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Our total cash at bank as of the 31 st October 2010	\$15,696.42
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Out total assets held as of the 31 st October 2010	\$47,513.54
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(as per Balance Sheet, including cash at bank, equipment & saleable stock).

I would like to thank everyone on committee this year for their efforts, as well as all instructors and club volunteers.

It has been an absolute pleasure to serve the club in the role of Treasurer for the past 5 years. Due to personal commitments and new ventures next year, I feel it is now time for me to step down as treasurer and give someone else an opportunity to fill this rewarding role.

I am sure the club will continue its success throughout 2011.

I hereby commend this report to the floor for vote of acceptance.

Veronica Schmidt

Head Obedience Instructor's Report (end 2010)

With training over for another year again, we have no new recruits for next year.

The weather has not been too cruel to us so far with only one session called off due to the persistent rain earlier in the year. Last year most of November was cancelled due to the HOT weather. This may also apply when we return in February 2011. If the temperature is forecast to be 32c or over we will not be training. Please be patient with all the instructors as they are ALL volunteers and give up their free time to teach you and your dog/s when they could be out training their own dogs instead. Please help your instructor with the class whenever you can, and if you think you might like to become an instructor please see myself or any of the instructors. We will always welcome any help you can give to the club. We will be short of instructors again in 2011 and classes will be larger than they are now. I will again be Head Instructor for Obedience next year.

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

I'd like to personally thank all instructors, helpers and committee members for their donated time they have given to the club. Without these people we would not have the most successful club in SA. Results over this last year have been very good in all four disciplines. That's Obedience, Agility, Jumping and Flyball.

The Obedience results are as follows this year:

3 CCD (Community Companion Dog)

6 CD (Companion Dog)

1 CDX (Companion Dog Excellent)

No UDX (Utility Dog Excellent)

1 UD (Utility Dog)

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

From my personal side of things it has been the most difficult and my saddest year at the club that I can remember.

Just before Christmas I lost "Aussie Jack" CDX.ADX.JDX.FDX. sadly put to sleep and then in September of this year my beautiful kelpie "Cassie"ADM. JDM. SPD. AFCh.

It has at times been very hard to come on a Sunday and act as if everything is normal, trying hard just to get through the morning. I'm not alone there as many of my friends have lost their mates too for various reasons. Take care of your precious four-legged friends over the break and come back refreshed for 2011.

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

Sharon Page

Agility Head Instructor's Report

This year has been a busy one for all and sundry, what with training being called off when it was raining or too hot. A compliment must be given to all the instructors for doing a very good job.

As you may know our previous Head Instructor, Julian, retired having done the job for two years. A meeting was held at the end of last year to vote for a new person to take over for this year's job of Head Agility Instructor. Everybody was falling over each other to take the position, "I wish". So silly me stuck my hand up. I have struggled through with lots of help from other instructors and especially from Sharon (thank you). If it wasn't for her, those of you that did well in trials wouldn't have got their badges let alone their EOY trophies.

I do have to thank Michelle Stokes also for reminding me about Auslink. A bit late but we got there.

Titles gained in 2010 are: 6 AD, 7 JD, 2 AD0, 5 JDO, 5 ADX, 5 JDX, 5 JDM 1 ADM.

Games titles: 1 SD, 1 SPD, 1 SDM, 1 GD, 3 GD.

The Head instructor for 2011 is Irma Crews

with Vanessa and Victor assisting.

Ron Skelton



Head Flyball Instructor's Report 2010



Another year has gone by and, as per last year, has been a great year for Flyball.

The year started out with two interstate competitions, the first at Canberra in February then attempted Ballarat in March, but was unfortunately washed out.

We then held our yearly demonstration at the Angaston Show. This was a great experience for our then intermediate dogs. Another demonstration was held at SACA Park as part of the Autumn Festival.

The next Competition was held at Para Grounds with our "Come What May" competition with 5 Para Teams and 1 from Dover.

This year we held our first South East Flyball Challenge Cup, which is to be held at Portland, Vic, on a yearly basis over the June long weekend. This was the biggest competition Para has held to date, with 16 teams over 6 divisions. A big thank you to Portland Dog Obedience Club for allowing us to use their grounds as it is a halfway point for SA & Vic. We had 12 Victorian teams, coming from Ballarat, Eastside, Croydon, Keilor, Western Wieners and Bellarine, plus 4 teams from Para.

It was a fantastic comp and I can only see it getting better every year. Also a big thanks to Beck & Helen for being the go-betweeners for Portland & Para – the comp wouldn't have happened without you!

September came and it was Royal Show time. This year we were a bit concerned that we may not have had a competition due to a break-out in the Dairy Cattle Lawn Area, but thanks to Catherine and the Royal Show we were moved to the Beef Cattle Judging Lawn and had great exposure. Again we had 5 Para Teams, 1 Team from Dover and 4 Teams from Victoria coming from Ballarat and Keilor.

As October came around, Para had 2 teams go to Yarram, south east Victoria, for the annual Best Friends Retreat competition. It was a great weekend and the weather couldn't have been better.

As 2010 comes to an end, Flyball has 2 more competitions to go. The Nationals in Victoria on the 13th & 14th November with 2 teams travelling over and our yearly Xmas Flyball Romp which will be held on Saturday 4th December at Para Grounds.

PDODC had another fruitful year with 28 titles gained, the break-up being

FD – 4 (Flyball Dog)
FDX – 5 (Flyball Dog)



FDCH – 4 (Flyball Dog Champion)

AFCH – 8 (Australian Flyball Champion)

FM – 4 (Flyball Master)

FMX -3 (Flyball Master
Excellent)



Thank you to my Instructors and Competition Organisers; (Martin, Rebecca, Helen, Veronica, Allison, Rachael) in helping make 2010 such a success.

Also, thank you to those Club Members who assisted in helping throughout the year during training and also for volunteering to steward for our Competitions. Also to Catherine for Judging the Competitions held at Para instead of running her own dogs.

Chrissy Dalla Valle
Head Flyball Instructor 2010



FLYBALL 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Monday 7 th February (weather permitting)	1 st Training Day
Sunday 27 th February	Angaston Show Demo
Monday 14 th March	No Training - Adelaide Cup Holiday
Monday 21 st March	No Training - Clipsal Weekend - proposed
Monday 28 th March	Definite Numbers for Come What May / Portland
Monday 4 th April	Time trials - Come What May / Portland Comp
Monday 11 th April	Time trials - Come What May / Portland Comp
Monday 25 th April	No Training - Easter Monday
Friday 6 th May	Close of Entries for Come What May Competition
Friday 13 th May	Portland Comp Closes
Saturday 14 th May	Come What May Competition
Monday 16 th May	No Training - Day After Come What May Comp
Monday 30 th May	Definite Numbers for Royal/Yarram/Xmas Romp
Sunday 12 th June	Portland Competition



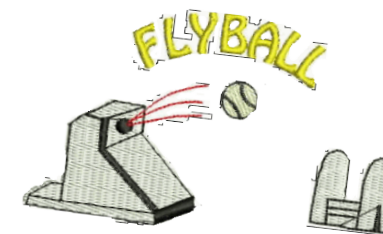
Monday 14 th June	No Training - Queen's Birthday Holiday
Monday 20 th June	Time trials - Royal/ Yarram/Xmas Romp
Monday 27 th June	Time trials - Royal/ Yarram/Xmas Romp
Friday 8 th July	Close of Entries for Royal Show Competition
Monday 11 th July -	Compulsory training by all triallers
Monday 29 th August	Royal / Yarram /Xmas Romp Competitions
Saturday 10 th September	Royal Adelaide Show Competition
Monday 12 th September	No Training - Monday After Royal Show
Monday 3 rd October	No Training - Labour Day Holiday
Monday 21 st November	No Training - Break-up Evening
Saturday 3 rd December	PDODC Xmas Flyball Romp V

Please Note: other Training Sessions may be cancelled due to incremental weather or other circumstances if unsure please check with Chrissy (0417 877 249)

*** Flyball Nationals

2012 Canberra

Royal Show February ***



Head Flyball Instructor's Report—New Year 2011

Flyball

Welcome to 2011, hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year.

2011 is another packed year for PDODC Flyball, we have 2 home ground competitions this year, with the first being on Saturday 14th May and the second being on Saturday 4th December. We also will be at this year's Royal Adelaide Show on Saturday 10th September and will be hosting a competition at Portland, Victoria on Sunday 12th June.

Flyball is a relay race for dogs, in which there are 4 dogs in each team, where they jump over 4 hurdles, push down on the flyball box to release a tennis ball, come back over the 4 hurdles and when they cross the start finish line, the next dog goes. To have a clean heat, each dog must jump each hurdle, trigger the box to release the ball, carry the ball in their mouth, whilst jumping the hurdles. The handler of the next dog to go must ensure they do not release their dog too early as if they do it will not be a clean heat.

Any dog can do Flyball as long as your dog is at level 3 Obedience, over 12 months of age, is ball obsessed and is very social with other dogs and people. If your dog meets these criteria's why not give Flyball a go. We have an assessment on Monday nights at 6:30 (weather permitting as per rules).

Chrissy & Rebecca – Co-Head Flyball Instructors

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Teams of the Month

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

October 2010



Class 1-2

John & Oscar (above)

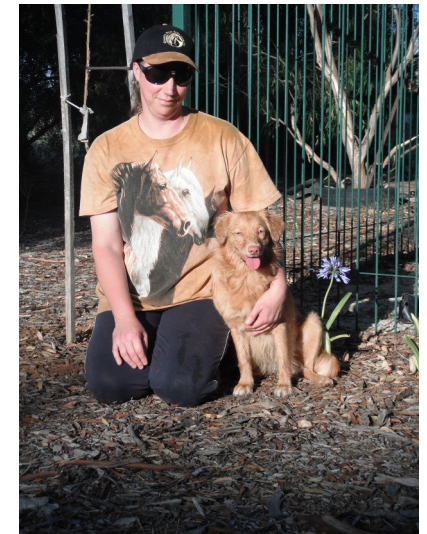
Kay & Desta
Ian & Cody
Kirsty & Cutie



Class 2-3

Cheryl & Kyrah (Photo Below)

Michael & BamBam
Michael & Holly
Kelly & Lara
Lorraine & Oliver





Class 1-2

Mary & Hudson
Vanessa & Chia
Judy & Ragnar
Amy & Belle
Karl & Chelsea
Peter & Delece
Trish & Buddy
Charley & Angel



Class 2-3

**John & Oscar
(Pictured left)**

Peter & Molly
Rebecca & Kayla

November 2010



Class 3-4

**Cheryl & Kyrrah
(pictured left)**

Christine & Charlie
Wayne & Sheraz
Roz & Nelson

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

New Year President's Report

Hi all. Welcome back to existing members and welcome new members. I hope this is the start of a great year of training for you and your dogs. It's time to get back into it and have fun and learn a lot.

The club ended the year with a fun-filled breakup day. We went back to the old format of games for dogs and handlers and fun was had by all. If you didn't make it last year, you missed out on a great day. Thanks to everyone who helped.

To fill you in on what has happened since the club closed at the end of November, our AGM was set for Tuesday, 7 December (you may remember the day with the massive storm Adelaide experienced) and unfortunately we did not have enough members attend to make a quorum (a minimum of 25 financial members), which meant, according to the constitution, it had to be rescheduled 2 weeks later on Tuesday, 21 December, not a great time of year being the week before Xmas. Thank you to all who did attend. It was disappointing that we did not see more members. We luckily made a quorum that night, but not by many.

A few words must be said about the AGM. The positions of Secretary and Treasurer were unable to be filled, which would have meant closure of the club. Ronnie (Veronica) Schmidt has held the position of Treasurer for the last 5 years and Karen Tanner has held the position of Secretary for the last 2 years. Both Ronnie and Karen were to stand down from these positions (fair enough after the many years of service between them), but as neither of them wanted to see the club fold they are both continuing with their roles. Neither of them wanted to be the cause of the club closing (not that it would be their fault), but this is extremely unfair on both of them.

They both lead very busy lives and it is time for them to have a break from the excellent volunteer work they have done over many years. We need an indication as soon as possible if anyone else in the club is able to take on these positions. A description of these positions are found on pages 32 and 33.

Thank you to the members who have volunteered their service this year. There are some other gaps to be filled though.

Gaynor Kennedy and Michelle Stokes have taken on the roles of Agility Trial Secretary and Manager for the May trial but are unable to run the September trial, which will have to be cancelled unless anyone else, or several others, can organise that trial. We could also do with another helper or 2 in the office on Sunday mornings. This is run on a roster basis and at this stage we have 3 volunteers but if we could have 1 or 2 more volunteers it would mean only 2 hours help every 4 or 5 weeks, which would be great. Lastly, we have Richard and Val continuing to run the c nteen every 2nd weekend. If anyone can run the canteen on alternate weekends we would greatly appreciate it, otherwise the canteen will be closed every second weekend.

Another unfortunate event is the club has been the target of several break-ins once again. This has involved Ray Gunter, our contact person for security issues, being called out to the club several times in the very early hours of the morning. Thank you, Ray. This is above and beyond the call of duty. Committee will discuss what can be done about this in conjunction with the Salisbury Council.

So with not a great start to the year, things can only improve. Let's hope it's a great 2011.

Regards, *Julian Stokes*



What's on?



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| Sat., 26 Feb | Agility Dog Club of SA Inc—Games trial |
| Sat., 5 March | SA Obedience Dog club Inc—Obedience trial |
| Sat., 12 March | Munno Para Obedience Dog Club Inc.
-Agility trial |
| Sat., 19 March | Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Club Inc.—Obedience trial |
| Sun., 27 March | Dogs SA Obedience Advisory Committee
- State Obedience Championships |



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Head Agility Instructor Report for Start of Season 2011

Our Agility Instructor Team has been extremely busy over the summer break.

The Team has met for a total of 15 hours and many individuals have done twice and triple that amount of work and ALL of this activity has been to prepare for the new and exciting 2011 Agility Instructing/Training Season.

At this start of our season 2011, I would like to address this my 1st report to all our members.

We all know PDODC motto "By Voice and By Hand" and of course, we are all aware that it relates to Handler and Dog building a fantastic teamwork relationship and training, using the voice and the hand.

In my own humble opinion I believe we can take this just one step further that is all humans using the "By Voice and By Hand" in along the path of .

By Voice - we can say Hello

By Voice - we can ask for Help and also offer Help

By Hand – we can extend the hand of Friendship to the next person

By Hand – we can offer a Helping Hand to the next person

If we all try to do this just a little bit more than we are currently doing, then the ENTIRE Club can work as a TEAM and within the Club Team, the 3 main Disciplines can function much better.

Of course, I am currently Head Instructor Agility naturally, it will be absolutely wonderful – if the PDODC motto of By Voice and By Hand is PRACTICED at every Friday night training.

PDODC is here for the benefit of all its members next time you come to visit our club please do not leave as a stranger reach out by Voice and by Hand Who Knows You just MIGHT at a minimum make a few acquaintances better still maybe even make a Friend or two, and possibly find a Training Partner .

Yours in Agility

Irma Crews

Agility Training Session Times



Set up for 1st Session – start 6.15pm

New Starters – 6.30pm on 1st Friday of Month

6.45pm – 7.25pm

Puppies, Advanced Learners & Novice Agility / Jumping
(Novice -- 20 minutes swap Agility and Jumping)

7.35pm – 8.15pm

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

8.25pm – 9.05 pm

Masters Agility / Jumping & Games Training (optional)

HOT WEATHER POLICY

There will be ***no training*** for non-trialling dogs/handlers (Puppies/Beginners, Learners, Advanced Learners and Pre Novice) in agility if the Thursday night weather forecast on Channel 9 News for Elizabeth on the Friday is 32 degrees Celsius and over.

Volunteers needed—support your club!

Our club is run solely by volunteers. That is **everyone**, the President, Committee members, Instructors, canteen workers, and Ray, who has on a number of occasions been called out to the club during the night to attend to intruders. We all want to train our dogs but someone needs to organise things for our club to operate and cater for our ever increasing members.

Many hands make light work! If you could spare a couple of hours to help the club, it would be greatly appreciated. Specific roles that need to be filled are the treasurer and secretary. The descriptions for these are below.

Treasurer

- i receive and provide a receipt for all monies paid to the Club and pay the same into a bank account of the Club
- ii set up the floats each week for the shop, canteen and office and collect the money at the end of training, balance the money taken, fill in the deposit book and deposit the money in the bank within 24 hours.
- iii paying all bills promptly, when given bills or some acceptable proof of payment eg shop dockets with the name of the shop. Using discretion whether to pay cash or cheque.
- iv present a report on the finances of the club to each Committee meeting . This means producing a bank reconciliation statement.
- v keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the Club. This includes keeping all bills and receipts in an orderly fashion for auditing at the end of the financial year.
- vi provide a yearly Balance of Account for the various club accounts and to provide a fully audited Treasurer's Report at the AGM. *(There is an accountant who does this)*
- vii Shall assist the Property Officer in valuing all Club property and determine the assets and liabilities of the Club as required. A copy of Club Property to be filed. *(Not done at present, but there should be a record of all equipment for insurance purposes. A photograph of equipment used on trial days should be allowed as evidence of ownership of equipment)*
- viii generally perform all such duties as are usually performed by a Treasurer and such additional duties as the Committee may direct from time to time.

NB The Treasurer will not have to spend all Sunday morning in the office collecting money. This job could be shared by all Committee members or the Assistant Treasurer. The outgoing Treasurer has indicated that she will be willing to assist any new Treasurer with the job for the first couple of months and will teach any skills necessary.

Secretary

The secretary shall carry out the duties of that office under the direction of the Committee and

- i keep minutes of all meetings of the Club and its Committee
- ii attend to all correspondence and issue notices for meetings (*Notice of Meetings are not issued at present*)
- iii keep a record of Exhibitions and the results thereof (*This is done by the Trial Secretary, Lynn Fielden, at present*)
- iv ensure that a current copy of the Constitution of the Association and the Constitution and Rules of the Club are available for any member to see at any Exhibition, meeting or other official function of the Club
- v ensure that such Schedules, entry forms and other documents required for the proper conduct of an Exhibition by the Association and ANKC are present at each Exhibition (*at present done by the Trial Manager*)
- vi maintain an accurate record of club membership, including buying and ruling cards for the files, transferring life members and honorary members to current year files.
- vii provide a first contact service in a friendly, courteous manner that reflects favourably on PDODC and its committee.
- viii other duties as directed by the President/committee that would constitute normal secretarial duties.

NB Every assistance will be given to the new Secretary to settle in to the job. The Secretary does not have to spend all day Sunday in the office collecting money as this task is the responsibility of the Treasurer, though possibly she/he will have to be prepared to spend part of each Sunday in the office.

Here are some common canine quandaries!

1. I've got a new puppy - what dog supplies do I need to have before I bring him home?

- A travel crate to actually transport him home. This will come in handy for future trips, including trips to the vet.
- Good food and water bowls. Stainless steel is a good idea, as they can't be chewed. And plastic bowls may over time leach chemicals into the water.
- Good quality food. If you're getting your dog from a breeder, try and find out in advance what food they raised the puppies on. It's best to start with this brand as your new pet will be used to it. You can always switch to another brand later on.

- an adjustable collar
- a leash
- puppy toys
- Bedding



2. Crate training sounds really weird - what is it?

Crate training is good for dogs that might create havoc in the house if left alone for longer periods of time. It's a good idea to get your dog used to being in the crate when he's a puppy. But it's important that it is seen as a place of refuge, and not a punishment. So, never use it when he is in trouble.

Start by putting him in there for short amounts of time, and leave the door open at first. Then you can start closing the door, but only for brief intervals initially. Gradually, leave the door closed for longer, and give him treats whenever he enters the crate. You can even give him his meals in there once he gets more comfortable with the experience.

When you get home though, it's important to take your dog out of the crate, so he can socialize with his family of humans.

3. Can you tell me about microchips?

Microchips are small devices that are injected under a dog's skin. Many dogs will already come microchipped. They're a great way for a dog's owner to be found should their pet escape from the yard. The details of ownership are stored in a database, and accessed through scanning the chip. It's a very safe procedure.



*No need to give me your number,
I'll just scan your microchip!*

4. What if my dog has worms? How can I tell?

Pets pick up worms very easily, especially puppies. Your dog should be wormed regularly. Most worms can cause gastrointestinal irritation, and potentially lead to nutrient deficiencies, and heartworm can even be fatal.

Types of worms that canines can get include tapeworms, hookworms, whipworms, and heartworms.



You may notice worms in their stool. Or they may simply not be gaining weight though they eat well. Vets can take a stool sample and check it under a microscope.

Worms are often treated as a preventative, and if your dog gets regular check-ups and more serious problems should be easily identified. The worm medicine available from vets is stronger and more effective than the worm treatments you get in the supermarket or pet shop.

5. Why should I get my dog fixed?

There's a real tendency for people to project their own feelings onto their pets with regards neutering.

Over 4 million dogs and cats are euthanized every year because they cannot be found homes. There is a massive overpopulation, and unless you are going to breed your dog professionally, get him fixed from the start. His temperament will be better, he will be less likely to spray to mark his territory, and he won't try and escape with such intent if there is a female in the neighborhood on heat. Spraying and neutering your puppy before he reaches 6 months can also lower the risk of him getting some cancers and infections by half! That's a big difference.

6. Does my dog need obedience school?

The short answer is - yes. For larger dogs, and some breeds, obedience training is more necessary than with others, however, all dogs (and owners) can benefit. Dogs are taught to do what they are commanded to, and people also learn how to communicate with their dogs in a way their canine friends understand. This can prevent a lot of frustration later on.

Another benefit to dogs is in socialization, as they are taught how to be calm when there are a lot of strangers (dogs and people), around. It's a much easier environment to do this in than the local park at peak dog-traffic time!



10 Reasons Why It's Great to be a Dog

1. If it itches, you can reach it. And no matter where it itches, no one will be offended if you scratch it in public.

2. No one notices if you have hair growing in weird places as you get older.

3. Personal hygiene is a blast: No one expects you to take a bath every day, and you don't even have to comb your own hair.

4. Having a wet nose is considered a sign of good health.

5. No one thinks less of you for passing gas. Some people might actually think you're cute.

6. Who needs a big home entertainment system? A bone or an old shoe can entertain you for hours.

7. You can spend hours just smelling stuff.

8. No one ever expects you to pay for lunch or dinner. You never have to worry about table manners, and if you gain weight, it's someone else's fault.

9. It doesn't take much to make you happy. You're always excited to see the same old people. All they have to do is leave the room for five minutes and come back.

10. Every garbage can look like a cold buffet to you.



Canine Life Rules

If dogs could teach us we would learn things such as:

1. when loved ones come home, always run to greet them
2. never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride
3. allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy
4. when it's in your best interest - practice obedience
5. let others know when they have invaded your territory
6. take naps and stretch before rising
7. run, romp and play daily
8. thrive on attention and let people touch you
9. avoid biting, when a simple growl will do
10. on warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass
11. on hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree
12. when your are happy, dance and wag your entire body
13. no matter how often you are scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout... run right back and make friends
14. delight in the simple joy of a long walk
15. eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough
16. be loyal

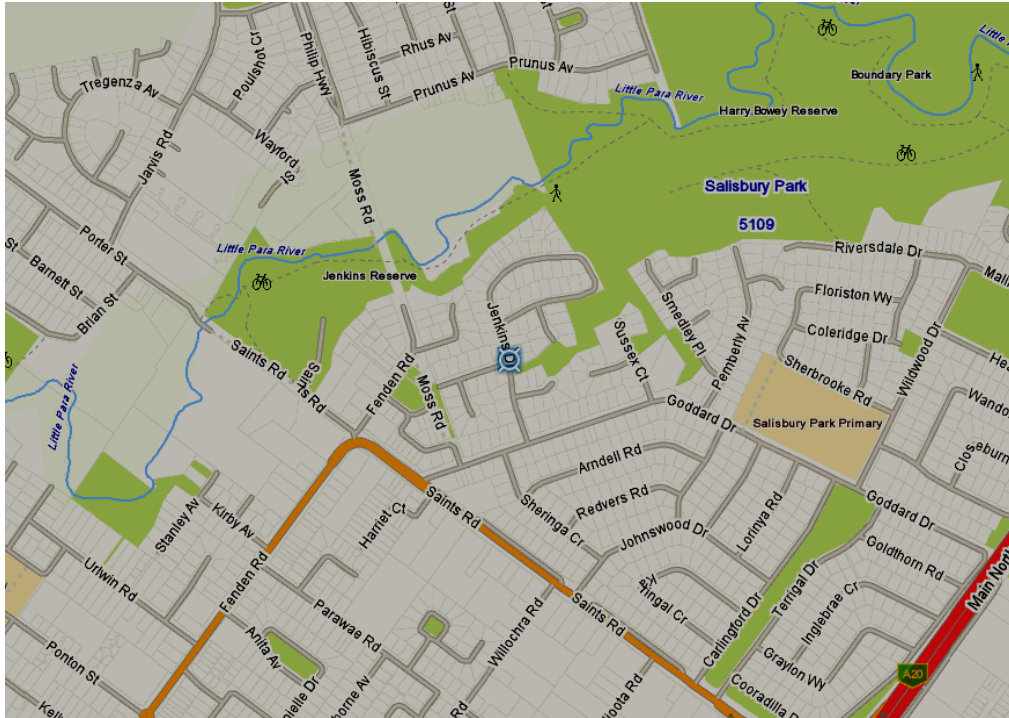


17. never pretend to be something you are not
18. if what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
19. when someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently

Applying the above lessons to your life should make it a little less RUFF!

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Obedience

Sunday (A.M.)

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

Class Times

Flyball

Monday (P.M.)

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



For Agility times, please refer to page 31.

PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB UNIFORMS



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 in to office.

Item	Size	Qty	Price
Polo Shirt			
Kids 4 - 14			\$28.00
Ladies 8 - 20			\$32.00
Adults Small - XL			\$32.00
Caps & Beanies			\$12.00
Spray Jacket			
Kids 4 - 14			\$45.00
Adults XS - 5XL			\$47.00
Polar Fleece Vest			
Ladies 8 - 20			\$36.00
Adults S - 4XL			\$36.00
Kids 4 - 14			\$33.00
Polar Fleece Full Zip Jackets			
Ladies 8 - 20			\$50.00
Adults Small - 3XL			\$50.00
Kids 4 - 14			\$38.00
TOTAL			\$

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