

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

# Slipcollar

*January & February 2009*



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# 2009 Committee Members



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General Committee Members:	Alison Dawson, Rebecca Knapp, Catherine Saberton & Michelle Stokes	

### Other club positions held by:

Magazine Editor:	Michelle Stokes	8264 0860
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Obedience Trial Secretary:	Jan Mitchell	8280 9686
Obedience Trial Manager:	Ray Gunter	8251 3274
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Cover dog:  
Wally UD AFCh

Handler:  
Rebecca Knapp  
(see p.37)

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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



<i>Junior</i>	<i>\$30</i>
<i>Single</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<i>Double/Family</i>	<i>\$60</i>
<i>Single Pensioner</i>	<i>\$40</i>
<i>Double Pensioner</i>	<i>\$50</i>
<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.*

## President's 2008 Report

Firstly I would like to thank all those members who served on committee this year.

It has been a very successful year for the club with our bank account balance increasing from \$9,264 to \$12,251. This is, in part, because this year's committee has remained focussed on administering the club but also this is thanks to some huge efforts from:

- Joy Roberts and Melissa Simmons who organised a fun day at the start of the year;
- The Agility Trial Team (Rebekah Foord, Rachael Fagan and Vanessa Loughlin) who again raised significant funds from the two agility trials and one mock trial;
- Chrissy Dalla Valle who organised sponsorship for flyball and raised funds selling team shirts;
- Michelle Potter for putting together several raffles throughout the year;
- All the canteen managers and helpers - Neil and Liana, Bob, Richard and Val; the canteen has made a huge contribution this year.



If I have forgotten anyone, please understand it is not intentional.

We have also been able to purchase some new equipment this year:

- Two new tunnels for agility;
- A new flyball box;
- 2 new laptops for club use to be held by the secretary and treasurer.

A big thank you to Ray Gunter for putting together the proposal to obtain a grant from the Salisbury Council which has enabled us to get lighting in our car park.

It is now time to hand the reigns over to a new committee to administer the club for the next year. I wish all the new committee good luck and I hope that the committee's responsibilities remain focussed on the administration of the club to enable another successful year for PDOCD.

*Vanessa Loughlin*

## Vice President's 2008 Report



As my role as VP has only been for a short while, I really haven't had to do much as our current President has only been absent for a committee meeting once. I have attended three SACA meetings on behalf of the club though. I must say that this committee has worked very hard for the good of the club this past year. The financial report has never looked better.

A big, big thank you from me for all the hard work the outgoing committee has done in the last year. You should all be proud of what you have achieved. I hope the new committee promotes good relations among

members and committee alike.

I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year for 2009.

*Kind regards  
Sharon Page*



# ***PLEASE NOTE***



Office hours will now be:

**Sunday mornings: 9.15—11.15 a.m.**

and

**Friday nights: 6.30—7.30 p.m.**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

### **Vaccination Certificates**

All persons attending any club activity — Obedience, Agility and/or Flyball — **MUST** present their dog's/dogs' current vaccination certificate to the office for sighting on renewal of membership.

## Secretary's 2008 Report

Well, another year has gone and our dogs are now 7 years older! 2008 has been an exceptional year for the club with an excellent turn out in membership and participation in all 3 disciplines, as well as a very healthy bank balance.

PDODC has been well represented with many titles awarded in Agility, Jumping, Games, Obedience & Flyball at local, state and National level which is an outstanding achievement to those dogs and handlers.

I would like to thank this year's committee; it has been a privilege to work with a great group of people. Your support and friendship has meant a great deal to me and my family over the last 12 months. Sadly, due to Ben's work commitments and an interstate move, I am unable to re-stand for Secretary for 2009.



As mentioned last year, I would like to point out to all members both new and old that it is not the job of the committee to organise and perform every role at club events. I have noticed over the last 12 months that it seems to be the same club members over and over again (especially committee members) who attend working bees, steward, help in the canteen, donate raffle prizes and offer to assist setting up and putting away equipment on competition days.

This is your club and, unless general members are prepared help out from time to time instead of leaving things to the same helpers, these members will become burnt out and you may even find yourself without trials being held on club grounds because of the lack of volunteers. I have seen many new faces over the last 3 years of being at the club and it is now time that they begin to step up into some of our club's veterans' shoes and take on new roles. And yes, they are extremely big shoes to fill!

I would also like to see some of the more experienced handlers offer their time to help steward on competition days that they are not entered in.

Please remember that the committee are volunteers. Most of them also have families and work full time and it is sometimes difficult trying to find that perfect balance.

I would like to wish the incoming committee all the best for 2009 and hope that, with the members' support, they will continue to administer the club wisely and help PDODC go from strength to strength. See you in three years time!

*Merry Christmas  
Michelle Potter*



## Treasurer's 2008 Report

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

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.

We closed the year with a total income of	\$33,045.35
Our total cost of sales for the same period was	\$ 2,384.97
Out total expenses for the same period was	\$25,213.38
(this includes depreciation of \$1,623.81)	
This leaves us with a net surplus of	<u>\$ 5,447.00</u>
Our total cash at bank as of the 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2008	\$12,251.72
Out total assets held as of the 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2008	\$36,956.04
(as per Balance Sheet, including cash at bank, equipment and saleable stock)	

I would like to thank everyone on committee this year for their fantastic efforts, as well as all instructors and club volunteers. Because of these people it has been a pleasure to be Treasurer of PDODC during the past 12 months.

Due to these efforts the club was able to purchase two brand new laptop computers for the committee, new MYOB software, a new flyball box, two new agility tunnels and a huge trial banner for use on trial days for any discipline.

Once again, our membership has increased, closing the year with approx. 330 members. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our Trial Managers, both our Agility and Obedience trials have all run smoothly, with excellent entry figures. A special thanks to Rebecca Foord, Vanessa Loughlin and Rachael Fagan, our Agility Trial Managers. The trials that these three girls organised throughout the year have probably been by far the most successful the club has been host to in some time and these girls will be greatly missed in this position.

During 2008 the club held a BBQ fundraiser at Pet Stock, an Agility Fun Day and also a Mock Trial, which brought approximately \$1000 back into the club.

Also, thank you to our Head Flyball Instructor, Chrissy Dalla Valle, who organised sponsorship through Devondale for Flyball t-shirts, which were donated to PDODC and sold back to our members, raising an amount of approx. \$400.

I would also like to recognise and thank our sponsors and supporters - Aussie Pooch Mobile, Pet Stock, Devondale, Big Bucket Car Wash, Crews Computer Assistance, Natrad and BARF SA. Without them we would not have prizes, raffles and donations coming back into our club.

A big congratulations to Ray Gunter (our past President) who managed to organise a council grant for the sum of \$15,000 for the club. This has been put to good use to organise car park lighting for the club, which has been long overdue. And also thank you to Wayne Stroop who quoted on doing this job and got the ball rolling for us.

This year we also launched a brand new website, designed and maintained by Kym Dunbar, who did a fantastic job of portraying the club and what it has to offer. We have received lots of wonderful feedback and increased memberships due to the traffic that this web site now attracts.

We also saw an increase in canteen income this year thanks to a lovely couple, Neil and Liana, whose creativity and hard work created many more sales of scrummy morsels.

And, of course, thank you to all our members and anyone else I may have forgotten!

All in all, 2008 has been a very rewarding year for both the club and myself in the position of Treasurer. I hope the club continues its success throughout 2009.

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

*Ronnie Schmidt*

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My role has been to show how an obedient dog works, how to approach a dog safely and how a well socialised dog fits into a family and society. A comprehensive show of dog tricks was done mostly by Jack who loves to wave a flag, pick up pens, pegs and coloured buckets and always willing to fetch his dumbbell and squeaky toy. He has had over 500 pupils pat him and he has enjoyed every one of them. The teachers thought he was amazing and very patient. My thanks goes to my dogs who have done me proud again, Jack at school and Cassie at Flyball. She is now titled "Cassie" ADM JDM SPD & AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion) which she gained at the Royal Show in September of this year. I hope you all enjoy your summer break and be safe so as to come back refreshed in 2009.

*Sharon Page*





## Head Obedience Instructor's 2008 Report

With training over for another year again, we have been recruiting new instructors for next year so we should be a little better in 2009. Roger Green has been busy in that area and ongoing meetings and training should all help for a more consistent panel of instructors. We have a new instructors' manual and I must thank Jan Mitchell for coordinating that for us. So it should be a little better next year.

Please be patient with the 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 Roger Green.

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 is, Obedience, Agility, Jumping and Flyball.

Flyball has really come along in leaps and bounds this last two years and we will be hosting our second Flyball competition on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

The Obedience results are as follows:

- 7 CCD (Community Companion Dog);
- 4 CD (Companion Dog);
- 2 CDX (Companion Dog Excellent);
- 3 UDX (Utility Dog Excellent).

I count Danni and Xena as the first to pass in SA and Victor with Bronte and Fred with Hokey. A huge congratulations to the three teams above. They were the only teams in South Australia to gain their UDX titles.

My two dogs and I have still been attending various primary schools to enhance children's understanding of animals and teach them about responsible pet ownership. PetPEP is a national education program developed by the Australian Veterinary Association and is funded by Tea Tree Gully Council's community grant. Other relevant organisations are the Dog & Cat Management Board, Animal Welfare League, interested vets and other local councils.

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## Head Agility Instructor's 2008 Report

G'day.

It has been a big year with agility this year with many new members to the club starting out with agility. It is good to see these new faces as they bring fresh ideas to the sport and the club.

I would like to thank all of the instructors who make Friday night training run smoothly. It certainly makes things easy when everyone knows their job and gets on with it. All of the instructors are equally important, but I would especially like to thank my Co-Head Instructors, Victor Jordan and Ron Skelton, and also to my floater, Joy Roberts, who has stood in many times when instructors have not been able to make it.



Our working bees to update equipment organised by Victor have been well attended, but it would be nice to see a few new faces helping out, not just the same regulars.

Agility trials have been well attended by our members with many people gaining titles. It says a lot about our club when you see the name 'PDODC' consistently in the results.

Thank you to Vanessa Loughlin, Rachael Fagan and Rebekah Foord for organising our agility trials this year. You guys have done a great job and will be a hard act to follow.

This year the following agility titles were gained: 8 AD titles; 6 ADX titles; 5 ADO titles; 1 ADM title; and 1 Agility Champion title, by Danni with Inka. Also, the following jumping titles were gained: 8 JD titles; 11 JDX titles; 5 JDO titles; 2 JDM titles. Well done to all of these dog and handler teams.

I hope to see everyone back next year to enjoy our sport and our club's friendly atmosphere.

Thank you.

*Julian Stokes*

## Head Flyball Instructor's 2008 Report



2008 has been another year of growth for Flyball. This year we have had more competitions. The Million Paws Walk is always a great competition run in conjunction with the RSPCA. The Royal Adelaide Show competition is great for bringing the interstate competitors. Our Xmas comp is a fun and relaxed competition held on our home grounds.

More travel:

We always have at least one team travel to the Tarra Valley (in South East Victoria) for this

October long weekend competition, and with the sport growing we envisage more travel interstate.

We are now able to fly in an interstate judge, Eric van Zuyden, to help Catherine judge and also allow her to run her dogs.

Flyball titles were again well earned this year with the following titles earned:

- FD (Flyball Dog) - 5 titles
- FDX (Flyball Dog Excellent) - 4 titles
- FDCh (Flyball Dog Champion) - 5 titles
- AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion) - 7 titles
- FM (Flyball Masters) - 3 titles

Flyball Masters is a hard title for us in SA to earn as you have to accumulate 400 points. There are 2 dogs that have been competing for 8 years who have not yet achieved this title. This is the reason that gaining this title is quite an achievement. So congratulations go to Wayne and Raz, Julian and Jasper and Chrissy and Cassie. These are the first 3 to gain FM titles in SA.

2009 promises to be an even bigger year with more travel and hopefully more at-home competitions. The involvement of the ANKC will hopefully help the sport of Flyball grow throughout the State and with the growth of Flyball we will have more PDODC teams.

*Chrissy Dalle Valle*

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT—2009



Hello and welcome to a new training year.

There have been a few changes to committee for 2009 and I would like to introduce myself as The Club's President – my name is Vicki Josephs.

I have been training at Para for about 5 years. I drifted into Agility and Obedience through Flyball which my Buffy and I began when it was still located at Golden Grove.

I have four furkids, who are all rescues, and we are collectively known as 'Team Jsphs'.

Buffy is my first-born, she loves Flyball and would do it 8 days a week; Gypsie is the problem child of the family and, due to a recent knee reconstruction, is now worth \$750 per kilo; Summastorm is the family joker, she loves life and is always happy; and Demon is the only boy, he is the youngest and still wearing his training wheels.

My furkids train and compete in many of the canine sporting disciplines. Between them we have experience in Agility, Agility Games, Earthdog, Flyball, Herding, Jumping and Obedience and last year I was successful in gaining my Agility and Jumping Judges Licence.

Your 2009 Committee is already at work hoping to ensure you, the members, gain the most positive experiences you can from our Club. There may be times when your Club needs to ask for your help. Please consider volunteering a little of your time to help at trials, assisting in the canteen, setting up or packing away equipment, or maybe even becoming an aspiring instructor. I promise you will get back way more than you put in and you may even make some lifelong friends.

As your President I intend to be visible and available. If you have any matters you wish to raise with committee, please feel free to email me at [vlj@bigbutton.com.au](mailto:vlj@bigbutton.com.au) and the matter will be raised at the next available committee meeting.

It's usually around now that one sprouts some words of wisdom about training techniques which will bring you success. Well, I will say learn how to listen to your dogs. They will tell you what you need to know.

Please treat your instructors with respect.

Remember they volunteer their time to help you and your canine friend become the best team you can be.

*Vicki Josephs*

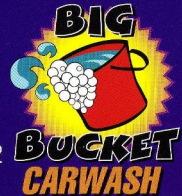


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SITUATIONS:**

- 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.



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## OBEDIENCE TRIALS – 2009

Saturday, 7 March	SA O.D.C. Inc. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 28 March	Southern Districts Kennel & O.D.C. Inc. – 6 p.m.
Saturday, 11 April & Sunday, 12 April	Blue Lake O.D.C. Inc. ( <i>Easter</i> )
<b>Saturday, 18 April</b>	<b>Para Districts O.D.C. Inc. – 10 a.m.</b>
Saturday, 25 April	Munno Para D.O.C. Inc. – 10 a.m. ( <i>Anzac Day</i> )
Saturday, 16 May & Sunday, 17 May	Port Pirie O.D.C. Inc.
Saturday, 23 May Sunday, 24 May	German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc. Dover Gardens Kennel & O.D.C. Inc.
Saturday, 6 June & Sunday, 7 June	Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc. ( <i>Queen's Birthday weekend</i> )
Saturday, 20 June	Noarlunga City O.D.C. Inc.
Saturday, 27 June Sunday, 28 June	Munno Para D.O.C. Inc. Gepps Cross Dog Training Centre Inc.
Saturday, 4 July Sunday, 5 July	Combined Districts O.D.C. Inc. Gawler Dog Training Club Inc.
Sunday, 12 July	Northern Districts Kennel & O.D.C. Inc.
Sunday, 9 August	German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.
<b>Saturday, 15 August</b>	<b>Para District O.D.C. Inc.</b>
Saturday, 22 August & Sunday, 23 August	Riverland Obedience & Kennel Club Inc.
Saturday, 29 August	Dogs SA State Obedience Championships

### ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW, 4 – 12 SEPTEMBER 2009, OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIALS

Sunday, 20 Sept.	Port Adelaide O.D.C. Inc.
Sunday, 27 Sept.	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc.

Saturday, 3 October	Southern Districts Kennel & O.D.C. Inc.
Sunday, 4 October	SA O.D.C. Inc.
Sunday, 11 October	Dover Gardens Kennel & O.D.C. Inc.
Saturday, 24 October	Blue Lake O.D.C. Inc.
& Sunday, 25 October	
Saturday, 31 October	Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc.
Sunday, 1 Nov.	Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc.
Saturday, 14 Nov.	SA O.D.C. Inc.
Thursday, 31 Dec.	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc.



## AGILITY TRIALS – 2009

Saturday, 7 Feb.	Agility Dog Club Of SA Inc. – Twilight Agility trial
Saturday, 28 Feb.	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc. – Twilight Games trial
Saturday, 14 March	Munno Para D.O.C. Inc. – Agility trial
Saturday, 21 March	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. – Agility/Games trials
Saturday, 4 April	Noarlunga City O.D.C. Inc. – Agility trials
Saturday, 11 April & Sunday, 12 April	Blue Lake O.D.C. – Agility trials ( <i>Easter</i> )
Sunday, 19 April	SA O.D.C. Inc. – Agility trials
Saturday, 2 May	German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility trials
Saturday, 9 May	Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Club Inc. - Agility trials
<b>Saturday, 30 May</b>	<b>Para District O.D.C. Inc – Agility/Games trials</b>
Saturday, 6 June & Sunday, 7 June	Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc. – Agility trials ( <i>Queen's Birthday weekend</i> )
Saturday, 13 June	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc. – Agility trials
Sunday, 5 July	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. – Agility trials
Saturday, 11 July	Munno Para D.O.C. Inc – Agility trials
Saturday, 18 July & Sunday, 19 July	Dogs SA State Agility Championships
Saturday, 25 July & Sunday, 26 July	Riverland Obedience & Kennel Club Inc. – Agility trials
Saturday, 1 August	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility trials
Sunday, 16 August	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc – Games trials
Sunday, 30 August	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. – Agility trials

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW, 4 – 12 SEPTEMBER 2009, OBEDIENCE AND AGILITY TRIALS



- Saturday, 12 Sept. Munno Para D.O.C. Inc. – Games trials  
 Sunday, 13 Sept. German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility trials  
 Saturday, 19 Sept. Dogs SA State Games Championships
- Saturday, 10 October Para District O.D.C. Inc. – Agility/Games trials**  
 Saturday, 17 October Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club Inc. – Agility trials  
 Sunday, 18 October Gawler Dog Training Club Inc. – Agility trials  
 Saturday, 24 October Blue Lake O.D.C. Inc – Agility trials  
 & Sunday, 25 October  
 Saturday, 31 October Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc. – Agility trials
- Sunday, 1 November Spencer Gulf O.D.C. Inc. – Agility trials  
 Saturday, 7 Nov. Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Club – Agility trial  
 Saturday, 21 Nov. Agility Dog Club of SA Inc. – Agility trial
- Saturday, 12 Dec. Agility Dog Club of SA Inc. – Games trials  
 Thursday, 31 Dec. Gawler dog Training Club Inc. – Agility trial



## FLYBALL 2009 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	1 <sup>st</sup> training day (all Ballarat triallers to attend)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Time trials – Ballarat competition – <i>No beginners/intermediates</i>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Time trials – Ballarat competition (if required)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Close of entries for Ballarat competition
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Canberra Show – Flyball competition
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Canberra Show – Flyball competition & Flyball demo – Angaston Show
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Ballarat Flyball competition
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	No training – Adelaide Cup holiday/ travelling back from Ballarat
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Definite numbers for RSPCA Million Paws Walk competition – team selection process
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	No training – Clipsal weekend
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Flyball demo - Living Loud Event
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Time trials – MPW competition
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Time trials – MPW competition
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	No training – Easter Monday
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	No training – ANZAC weekend
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Close of entries for MPW competition
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>RSPCA MPW competition</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	No training – day after MPW competition
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Definite numbers for Royal/Yarram/Xmas Romp III
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	No training – Queen’s Birthday holiday
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Time trials – Royal/ Yarram/Xmas Romp III – <i>No beginners/intermediates</i>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Time trials – Royal / Yarram / Xmas Romp III

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Close of entries for Royal Show Competition
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Compulsory training by all triallers entered in Royal / Yarram / Xmas Romp competitions
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Close of entries for Yarram – Best Friends
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Royal Adelaide Show competition</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	No training – Monday after Royal Show competition
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Best Friends Retreat – Yarram competition
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	No training – Labour Day holiday / travelling back from Yarram
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	No training - Break up evening
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>PDODC Xmas break up &amp; Xmas Flyball Romp III</b> <i>(subject to approval by committee)</i>

Please Note:

*Other training sessions may be cancelled due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances  
If unsure, please check with Chrissy (0417 877 249)*



# LIVING LOUD 2009

**LIVING LOUD** is the showcase event of the year in Salisbury and is a celebration of all that is great about our community. The event features loads of activities and entertainment for everyone to enjoy, including sport and recreation, rides and amusements, live music, art and craft, food and refreshments. The event has grown considerably since its inception in 2005, attracting an audience of more than 5,000 people.

## LIVING LOUD 2009 — EVENT DETAILS

- Date:** Sunday, 29 March 2009  
**Time:** 11 a.m.—3 p.m.  
**Location:** Salisbury Oval, Brown Terrace, Salisbury  
*(a central venue that offers excellent access to public transport and convenient free parking)*

Our club will be taking part in this event for the first time by showcasing flyball (and possibly jumping)

Come and support your local council and your club and have a great day



Coming next edition .....

## ‘Dear RALPH!’

This new feature will be a backchat column where doggy members of the club can write to ‘Ralph’ regarding training advice, handler problems, matters of the heart, or maybe just tips that have worked for them, or stories they would like to share with the rest of their doggy community!



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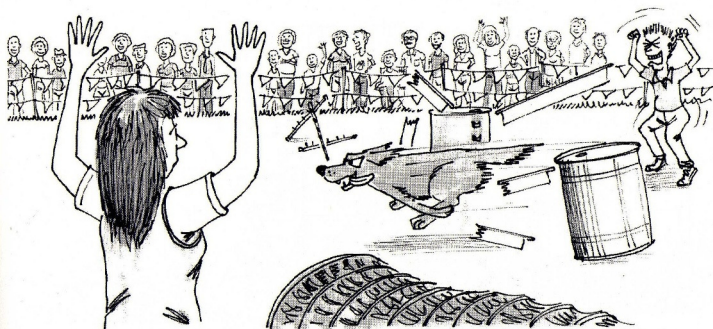
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# Agility Trials & Tribulations

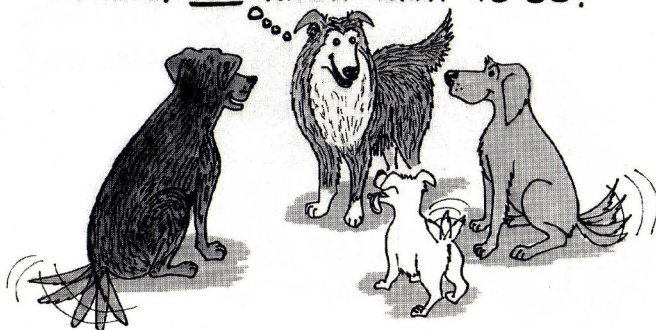
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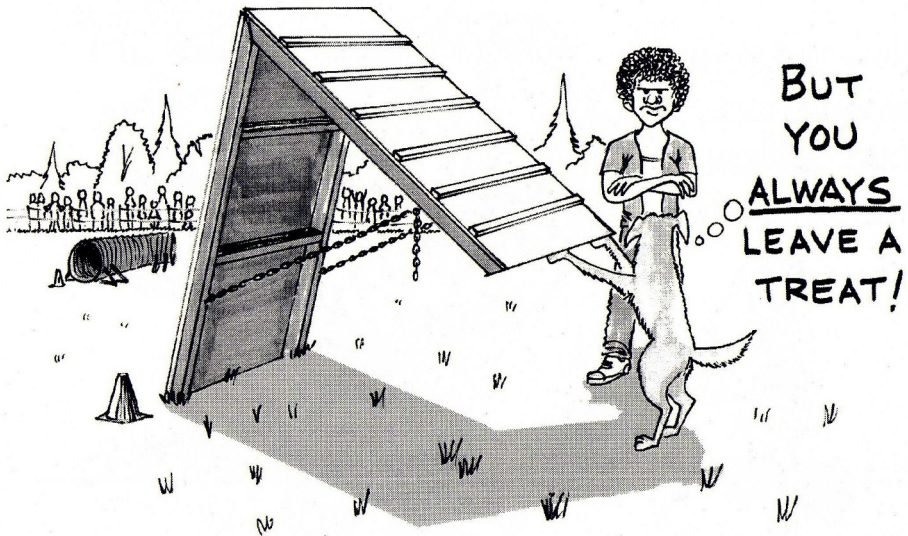


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AGILITY EVENTS, MAYHEM WAS  
NEVERTHELESS A REAL CROWD  
PLEASER.

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OKAY, THEY'RE ABOUT READY TO RUN, SO HERE'S  
THE GAME PLAN: MUFFIN, YOU BLOW ALL THE  
CONTACTS; RUFUS CAN DAWDLE AWAY HIS COURSE  
TIME; I'LL RUN OFF COURSE; AND... SPRINKLES  
... WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!





BUT  
YOU  
ALWAYS  
LEAVE A  
TREAT!

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I DON'T  
GET IT! THE  
LONGER THAT  
I DRILL HIM  
ON WEAVE POLES,  
THE WORSE HE GETS!

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# Para P i P u s



Para farewells Michelle Potter (2008 club Secretary), her fiancé Ben Gilbey, 1-year-old Riley and their fur kids, Miss Wooly and Patch. They are now resident in Canberra but hope to return to SA in the next few years.

Bye guys.  
You will be missed  
by your Para  
friends.  
Come back soon!



Introducing you to Para's mascot riding the BARF (sponsor) quad bike with Wayne Window and Mica on the back. He—or she—needs a name. If you have any *original* ideas, leave your suggestion in the Editor's basket in the office.

**PHOTOS FOR FUTURE EDITIONS, LEAVE IN EDITOR'S BASKET IN OFFICE**



# Thank You

*to all members who took time out of their Saturday on 24 January to come down to the club and help out on the working bee.*

*Maintenance of equipment is an ongoing job and your assistance is appreciated. It was a great team effort by all who attended.*

*A special thank you to Victor Jordan who has spent many, many hours at the club upgrading equipment over the last few months. Para is very lucky to have you, Victor.*



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

PDODC conducts two obedience trials per year.

Trained stewards are needed.

Can you spare a few days a year to assist your club?

*Training provided*

(Please see Jan Mitchell, Obedience Trial Secretary)

## **ALSO**

The position of Agility Trial Secretary was not filled at last year's AGM. As the committee will be busy performing other duties, we are seeking a volunteer to perform this role, which mainly involves receiving entries and preparing the trial catalogue.

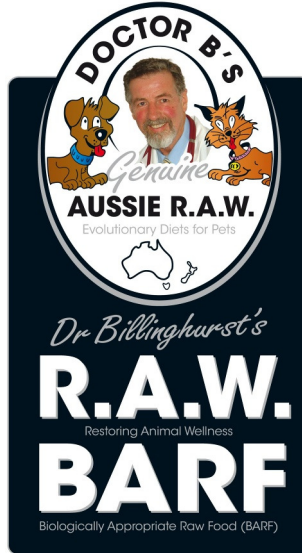
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like to order club clothing, please use the order form  
below and hand in to office.***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>Price</b>
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# ***PDODC Xmas Flyball Romp II***

On Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, PDODC held its second Xmas Flyball Romp on Para grounds. The morning was perfect with a nice breeze blowing and a brilliant blue sky.

We had 4 teams from Para:

- ◆ Para Shooters (Tessa, Raz, CeCe, Jasper, Mallee & Rocket)
- ◆ Para Troopers (Cassie D, Wally Jnr, Tully, Buffy, Bundy & Bandit)
- ◆ Para Gliders (Holly, Miishka, Cosmo, Zoey, Dusty & Miah)
- ◆ Para-ceta-mols (Binky, Jade, Narla, Cassie P, Wally Snr & Sascha)

and 1 team from Dover Gardens:

- ◆ Fly'd Over (Clare, Tolly, Jarra, Paco & Star)

Eric Van Zuyden (from Victoria) judged the event.

The teams were broken up into two divisions and each team raced every team twice over both divisions. Competition was fun and fierce, with only 0.24 secs difference for their best times between 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 1, the results being:

## **DIVISION 1**

- ◆ Para Troopers, with a best time of 23.312 sec
- ◆ Para Shooters, with a best time of 23.33 sec
- ◆ Para-ceta-mols, with a best time of 23.453 sec

## **DIVISION 2**

- ◆ Para Gliders, with a best time of 24.673 sec
- ◆ Fly'd Over, with a best time of 24.673 sec

Due to an early start, competition was finished before 1 p.m. and before the heat set in (this ensured the dogs were not running in the heat of the day).

Nine titles were achieved on the day. Congratulations to:

- ◆ Rachael & Narla on gaining their FD & FDX (1<sup>st</sup> comp for Narla!)
- ◆ Michelle & Bandit on gaining their FDX
- ◆ Leah & Miah and Liana & Sascha on gaining their FDCh
- ◆ Mel & Mallee and Rebecca & Wally on gaining their AFCh
- ◆ Ronnie & CeCe and Allison & Binky on gaining their FM

As usual this event could not have taken place without our volunteering stewards and timekeepers, so a BIG THANK YOU to Linley and Scott for time keeping, Teresa and Steven for box loading, and David, Jaymie, Kate, Hayley, Eddie, Jason & Neil for stewarding on the day. Also, thank you to Mary who helped out in the canteen and setting up the judge's and stewards' lunches.

Also, THANK YOU to Julian for preparing the judge's and stewards' morning tea and lunch, and to Ronnie and BARF SA for sponsorship and the donation of prizes.

A special thanks to Wayne and Catherine for picking up and dropping off Eric to the airport and also allowing Eric to be their guest for the duration of the competition.

A job well done to Michelle S., Michelle P., Allison and Ronnie on a great, relaxing, friendly competition.

*Chrissy Dalla Valle  
Head Flyball Instructor*

Lastly, thank you, Chrissy, for being a co-competition organiser—great team effort!

*Michelle Stokes*



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# Hilda's News

## Trial Results

Triallers please note:

Some members are not putting PDODC as their club and others who put PDODC as their second club, you are eligible for a club badge, but not end-of-year trophies.



### Southern Districts Agility Dog Club 15/11/2008

#### Agility

##### *Masters*

Lee-Anne & Cassie	Pass	1st
Victor & Ryan	Pass	2nd
Gary & Toby	Pass	3rd

##### *Open*

Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
Victor & Ryan	Pass	3rd
Nanette & Kaila	Pass	6th

#### Jumping

##### *Masters*

Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
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##### *Excellent*

Jaymie & Cooper	Pass	1st
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### Gawler Dog Training Club New Year's Eve

#### Obedience Trial

##### *Utility*

Danni & Xena	193	1st
Danni & Inka	189	2nd
Rebecca & Wally	180	UD Title

##### *Open*

Danni & Xena	195	2nd
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##### *Novice*

Rachael & Narla	178	2nd Title
Julian & Jasper	178	3rd
Helen & Tessa	170	4th Title

##### *CCD*

Linda & Ashwyn	90	2nd
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### Jumping Trial

#### *Excellent*

Vanessa & India	Pass	1st
Rebekah & Cougar	Pass	3rd

#### *Open*

Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
Rebekah & Jade	Pass	2nd
Danni & Xena	Pass	3rd
Cheryl & Ruby	Pass	7th
Melissa & Amy	Pass	8th

#### *Masters*

Danni & Xena	Pass	1st
Julian & Jasper	Pass	2nd
Cheryl & Jarna	Pass	3rd



## 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.*

*Thank you.*



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You can teach your dog to go over jumps, through tunnels, around weaving poles and many other obstacles. It is a sport in which you and your dog work as a team that is fun for both dog and handler.

Puppies may start from as young as six months old with restricted exercises, but you can start your dog at any age.

We have 3 session times starting at 7 p.m. and the last session commencing at 8.30 p.m., offering classes from puppies up to masters level. If your class time is in the first session, please come out preferably 30 minutes early to help set up your course and if your class is in the last session please stay to help dismantle equipment. Remember, all classes are conducted by volunteers so please help wherever possible. A small fee of \$2 applies per class to help to cover the cost of lighting and equipment upkeep.

## 7 P.M. CLASSES

Puppies/beginners  
Advanced learners  
Novice jumping  
Novice agility

## 7.45 P.M. CLASSES

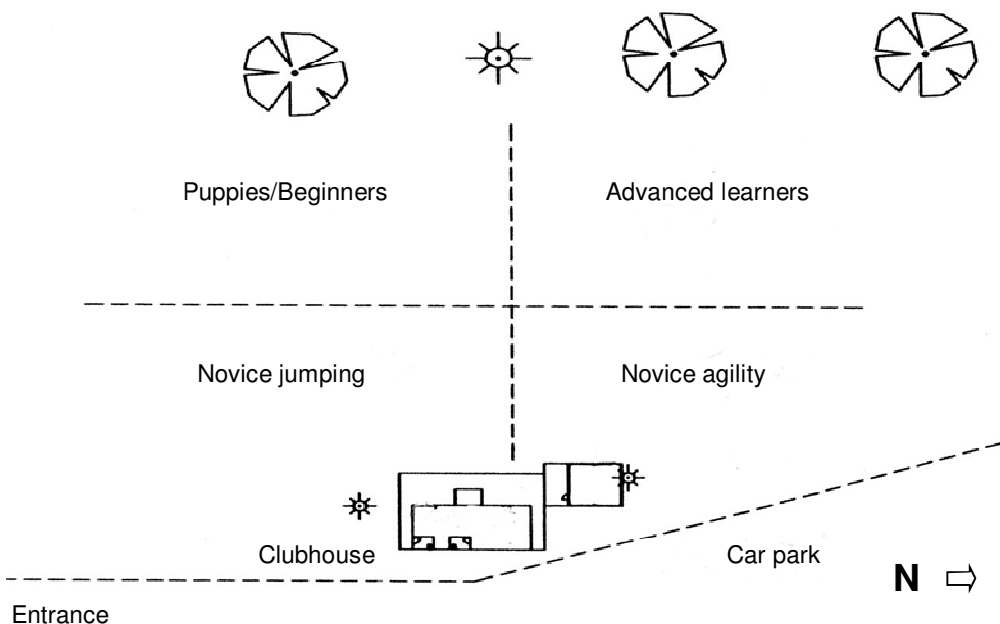
Learners  
Pre-novice  
Open/excellent jumping  
Open/excellent agility

## 8.30 P.M. CLASSES

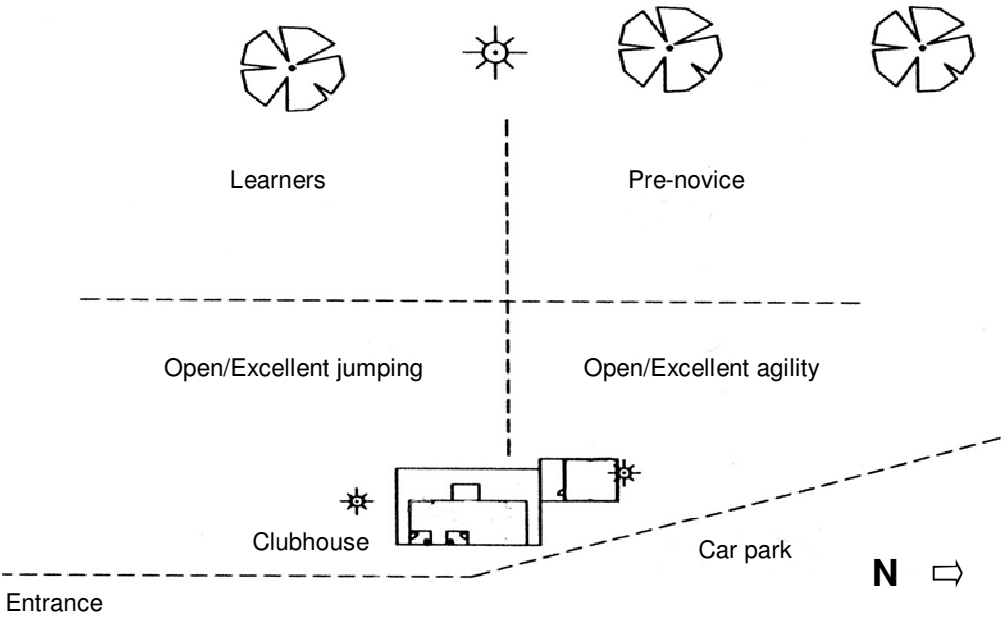
Masters jumping  
Masters agility  
Games

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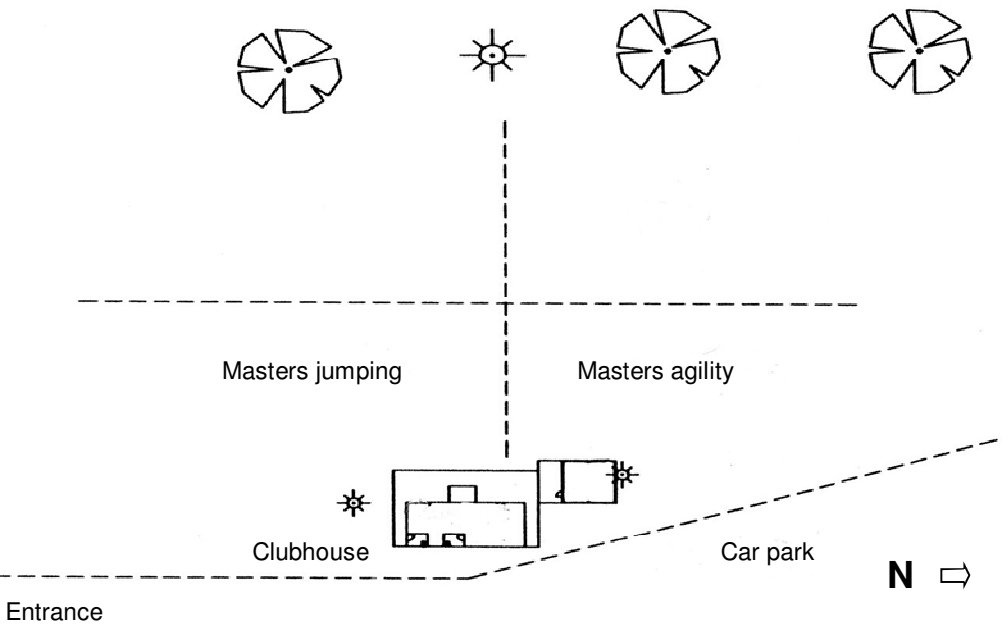
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**7.45 P.M.**



**8.30 P.M.**



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# Cover Story



*Hi everyone*

*My name is Wally (also known as Wally Senior, Wallace, Sir Walter and Grumpy).*

*I am a 10-year-old Border Collie x Labrador. My mum rescued me from the Animal Welfare League when I was 12 months old. I live with my 18-month-old (and extremely hyperactive) sister, Flame. Unlike Flame, I have a very laid-back temperament and like to take my time with everything I do. The only thing I do consistently fast is EAT!*

*Here at Para I train in Obedience and Flyball. When I first started Obedience I was quite a challenge for my mum. Because I was already one year old, I had a 12-month head start on plenty of bad habits. Whenever I had the chance, I used to run off around the oval disrupting all the other classes and totally ignoring my mum. It was great fun!*

*Nine years later I am much better behaved, but I still like to test my mum's patience – especially when it comes to Utility training. In Utility trials, I know the work I am supposed to do but I often pretend like I've forgotten or just don't feel like doing it at the time. Despite countless failed attempts and many embarrassing moments, my mum proved to be real stubborn and kept persisting with me. Eventually I put it all together and passed my 3<sup>rd</sup> Utility trial at Gawler on New Year's Eve. My mum was so happy! (and relieved that it was finally over).*

*I also recently reached my next Flyball title. With some help from my speedy teammates I now have my AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion) title. As my buddies already know, I'm not your typical frenzied Flyball fanatic. I'm more of a "slow and steady wins the race" type dog – not the ideal motto for a racing sport, but consistency counts too!*

*With my UD and AFCh titles, I am now looking forward to a lazy and pampered retirement. Thanks to all my friends, teammates and instructors who helped me out along the way.*

*Happy training and trialling in 2009!*

*Wally UD AFCh*

*Handler: Rebecca Knapp*

# **PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INCORPORATED**

## ***General Club Rules***

1. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
2. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
3. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
4. Dogs and handlers must not use equipment without permission of Instructors.
5. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
6. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an appropriate adult at all times on Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls the Club grounds you must clean up the deposit immediately. Poo bags are provided on the grounds. If your dog urinates on a Club building or structure, you rinse it off with water. Containers for water can be provided upon request if none are available.
8. Smoking is not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
9. No alcoholic drinks are permitted in class or in Club buildings.
10. If you arrive late, do not enter your class. Wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.
11. Members must wear sensible shoes – no thongs or bare feet.
12. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress.
13. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
14. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
15. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary lesson. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend training until they are officially cleared in writing by a qualified vet.
17. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.

18. Your membership badge must be worn in class. 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.

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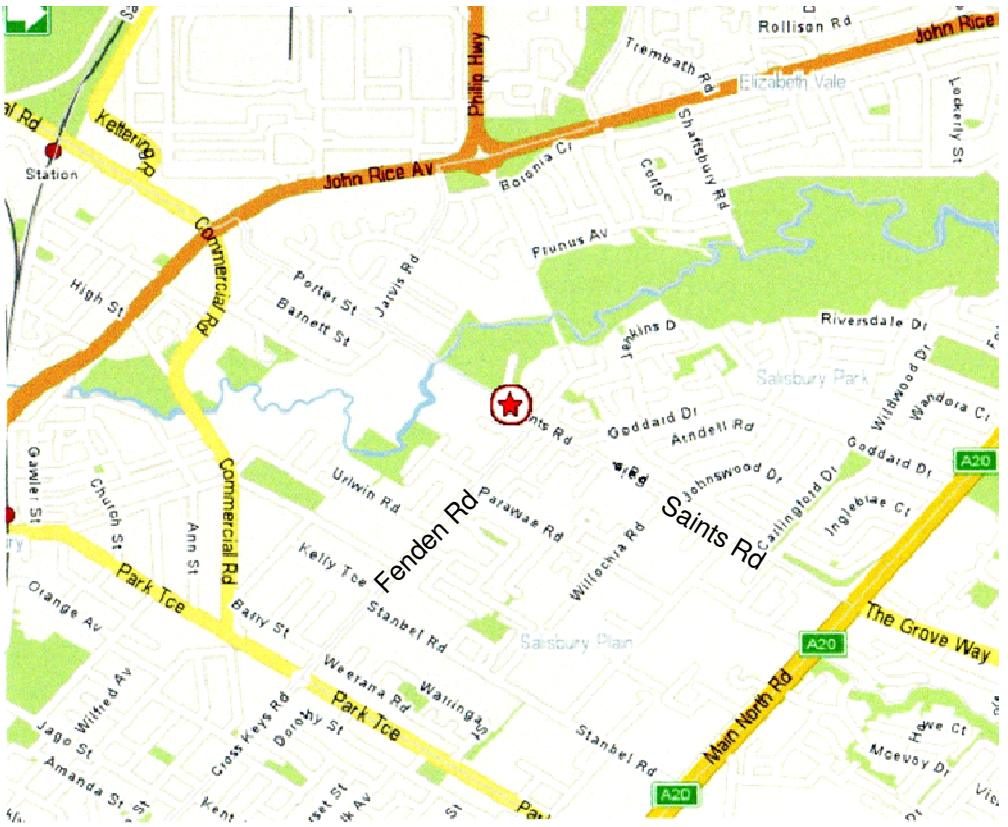
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**Obedience**

**Sunday (A.M.)**

- 8.30 Utility
- 9.30 Puppies, Class 5 & Class 2
- 10.20 Class 6
- 10.20 First timers, Learners
- 11.15 Class 4
- 11.20 Class 3
- 11.25 Class 1

**Flyball**

**Monday (P.M.)**

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

**Agility**

**Friday (P.M.)**

- 7.00 Puppies/Beginners, Advanced learners & Novice
- 7.45 Learners, Pre-Novice & Open/Exc.
- 8.30 Masters

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