

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Slipcollar

March & April 2009



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(see p.33)

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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



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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| <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 Report



Well, we are back into another year of training. How do we fit everything into our lives?

We were all shocked and saddened by the recent devastation caused by the bushfires in Victoria. I am proud to say your Club donated \$150 to the fund. This represented \$50 each from Agility, Flyball and Obedience. Whilst it doesn't sound like a huge amount of money, we are a not-for-profit, volunteer organisation and \$150 is a lot of recycled cans or sizzled sausages. As I was already travelling to Victoria for an Agility trial the week after the fires, I put out the word for donations. Many people from our Club donated money, food and items. Donations were

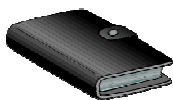
dropped off at my house and people at my work also contributed. It took a little while to fit all the goodies into the car. There was not a lot of room left for the furkids, and Buffy, Demon and Summa only had half of the back seat to share (both in width and height), while Gypsie was in a crate in the front, the base of her crate being level with the dash. The cargo carrier on top was full of towels, quilts, blankets. In the car there was 4 x 20 kg of biscuits, 6 x 2 kg of biscuits, over 100 cans of food, a dog bed (the full size of the back seat), 2 foldable crates, an air travel crate full of goodies, and masses of bowls, leads, collars, toys, balls, treats, etc. There was even a box of cat goodies, plus there was heaps of assorted people stuff. When we were unpacking the car, I collapsed in giggles. Stuff just kept coming out. It was hilarious. I'm sure I heard the car sigh with relief when it was emptied. Fortunately I did not travel through any of the affected areas; however, whilst in Melbourne there was a heavy layer of smoke in the air and the sun was an amazing red/orange colour. I noticed when driving back to Adelaide that The Grampians were veiled in a thick mist of smoke and were merely presented as an outline instead of displaying their usual grandeur.

Preparations for the April Obedience trial and the May Agility trial are well under way. If you would like to offer assistance for a couple of hours to help set-up the rings, or work in the canteen or sizzle some sausages, or maybe steward in a ring, please see Jan Mitchell for Obedience or Rachael Fagan for Agility. If you don't know these ladies, any instructor or committee member can point you in the right direction. Stewarding is particularly useful for someone who is about ready to trial. It gives you a feel for ring etiquette and provides an insight into trialling, plus the experience will really help to reduce those nerves for your first trial. Stewarding or helping out at a trial is a great way to feel more like part of the club and to get to know more people. It is also a way to give back a little to those who give up their time week after week to help you achieve your training goals.

I would like to ask all handlers to be more aware of their dogs. What do I mean? Well, every time I wander around the grounds during training, I see people not being aware of their dog's behaviour. Please do not let your dog just go up to another dog. Not all dogs want to be social. Be aware of the signs your dog displays. Very few dogs run off or are aggressive with no warnings. Those warnings might be very slight but it is up to you to learn how to understand your dog and prevent the preventable.

Enjoy your training, enjoy your dogs and (even if you have to really look hard) take away a positive from every training session.

Vicki Josephs



What's on?



- 4 April Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Agility trials
- NO TRAINING EASTER LONG WEEKEND***
- 11 & 12 April Blue Lake Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Obedience & Agility trials
- 18 April Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Obedience trial**
- 19 April SA Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Agility trials
- 25 April Munno Para Dog Obedience Club
Obedience trial (Anzac Day)
- 28 April PDODC Committee meeting**
- 2 May German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.
Agility trials
- 9 May Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience
Club Inc.
Agility trials
- 16 & 17 May Port Pirie Obedience Dog Club
Obedience & Agility trials
- 17 May RSPCA Million Paws Walk Flyball Comp.
hosted by PDODC—***NO TRAINING***
- 23 May German Shepherd Dog Club of SA Inc.
Obedience Trial
- 24 May Dover Gardens Kennel & Obedience Dog
Club Inc
Obedience Trial
- 30 May Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.
Agility/Games trials**

ADVANCE NOTICE:

21 June (1 p.m.) PDODC Mock Agility/Jumping trial

Communication and your dog

by Debra Millikan

Dogs communicate in three ways; using auditory (vocal), visual (postural) and olfactory (scent) methods. For us to learn more about canine communication, we should try to understand how these types of signals help our pet to communicate with other dogs and with us. In this issue we will look in detail at the first of these methods.

There are five types of auditory styles that your dog will use: 'infantile' sounds, including crying, whimpering and whining; 'warning' sounds, including barking and growling; 'eliciting' sounds, such as howling; 'withdrawal' sounds, like yelping; and 'pleasure' sounds, which also include moans.

Barking

Domestic dogs bark in order to announce a presence, territorial dominance or identify an individual, but more commonly barks can be associated with greeting, interactive play, alarm, hunting, tracking, herding, vocal alerting, defence, threat, care seeking, distress, contact seeking and group vocalisation.

Puppies begin barking at about 2-4 weeks of age and use it initially as a form of play. Aggressive barking in puppies does not appear much before 8-12 weeks of age, and by 4 months aggressive barking is normally used in the defence of food, towards strange dogs or as an indication of a presence, rather than as a warning.

A higher tone of barking is used for greeting and play, whilst lower tones are used as a threat. As canine guardians, we can better understand the vocal communications of our dogs by putting them into context with the postural (visual) communications that go along with the vocalisation.

It is generally believed that varying tonal qualities exist within the vocal range of dogs, allowing more than one message to be communicated at a time. Also, it is possible that, because the bark does not seem to carry any one specific signal, it may be used as a means of attracting attention to visual signals that a barking dog is also using.

Growling

Although perceived to be an aggressive noise at times, the growl is in fact a more complex communicator than that. Growling can be used to sound an alarm, for defence and distress, as a group vocalisation, as a greeting and also in submission.

The growl is often misunderstood and often ends in the dog being reprimanded, causing it to stop using growls to signal, for example, an imminent attack. When his growling signs are ignored, a dog will very likely go on to bite when his attempt to warn of displeasure is ignored.

Tragically, this misunderstanding can lead to heartache for you and your dog, so it is important to understand the signals your dog is sending you.

Howling

Howling by the domestic dog has been compared with what is known as the 'behaviour display' in wolves and may help us to understand why it occurs in some dogs, in particular in certain breeds.

Wolves are believed to howl to aid in the assembly of the pack, particularly before a hunt, while an individual wolf will howl in order to seek contact with other pack members, or to attract other wolves during the breeding season.

However, with domestic dogs, we think that they howl when alone, maybe to seek social contact with their human pack or other dogs. Also, a dog might howl at a siren because that noise is similar to a group sound, leading the dog to imitate it. When a dog 'sings' with his guardian he probably thinks that he is joining in the vocalisation of his pack.

Screaming, groaning and yelping are three further vocalisations that express distress, pain or submission. However, yelping can also be used in the context of contact seeking and defence.

Problems that arise from excessive vocalisation are a major source of anxiety. When considered from a canine perspective, barking is perfectly normal behaviour. However, guardians (or their neighbours) are not always prepared to tolerate such conduct.

Humans often unintentionally reinforce barking by praising a dog for being a good watchdog, hoping to increase what is an instinctive, protective course of action.

Although annoying to some, barking is a normal communicative behaviour and just one of the ways in which dogs try to communicate with others about their neighbourhood.


All dog vocalisations should be read in context, such as whether or not there is also postural information being shown, what is happening around the dog at the time, the conditions in which the vocalising happens, etc., as well as in conjunction with your knowledge of the dog in question.

Adopting such an attitude will help you to understand better what it is that your dog is trying to 'say' to you.

*Source:
Dog Blog n' Cat Chat magazine
Christmas 2008 Edition
p.6*



Just A Dog



From time to time people tell me, “Lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or, “That’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for “Just a dog.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog.” Many hours have passed with my only company being “Just a dog,” and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by “Just a dog.” In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its “Just a dog,” you will probably understand phrases like “Just a friend,” “Just a sunrise,” or “Just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man or woman.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog,” smile, because they “Just Don’t Understand.

~ Author Unknown



PLEASE NOTE



Office hours will now be:

Sunday mornings: 9.15—11.15 a.m.

and

Friday nights: 6.30—7.30 p.m.

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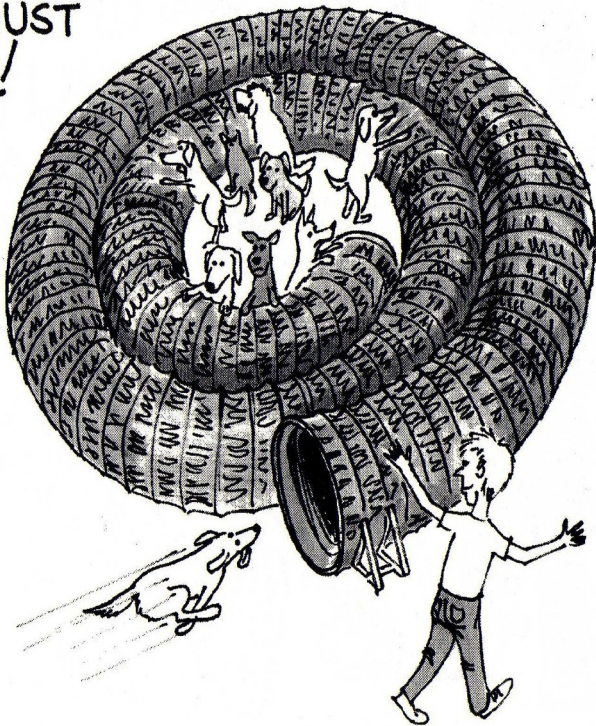
All persons attending any club activity — Obedience, Agility and/or Flyball — **MUST** present their dog's current vaccination certificate to the office for sighting on renewal of membership.

Agility

Trials & Tribulations

by James Liddle

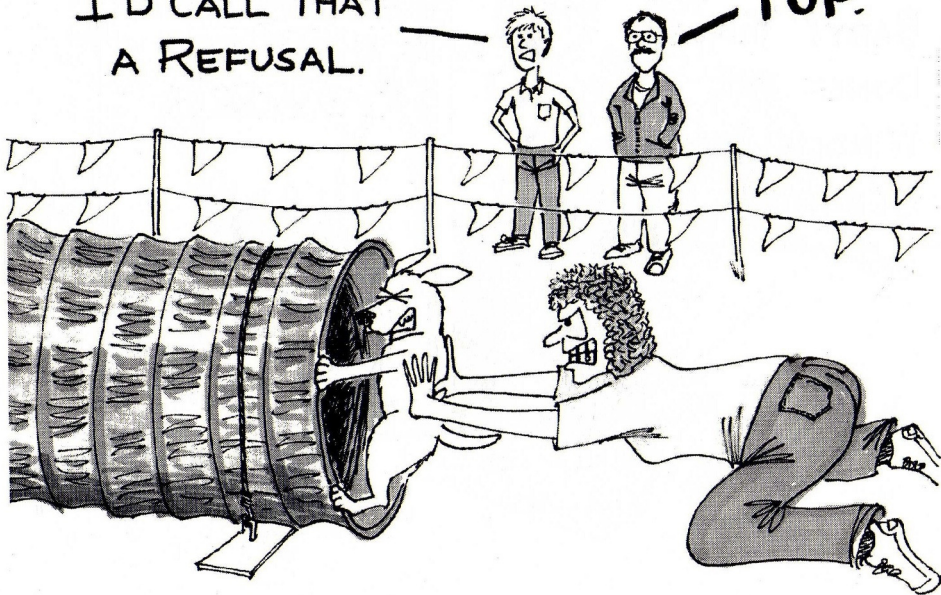
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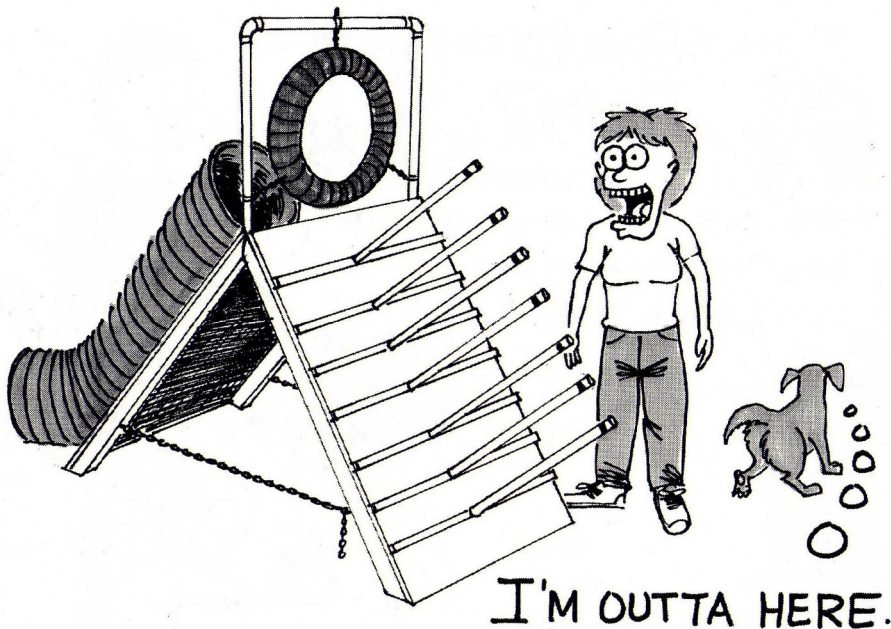
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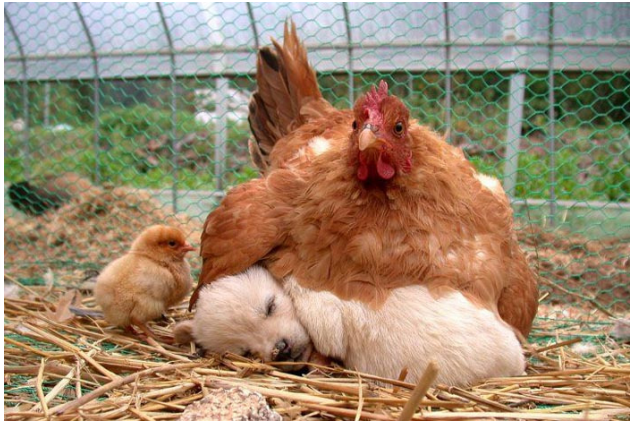
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“Dear RALPH!”

Thanks to all those that wrote in to me! I can't respond to all the letters at once, but those that didn't get published this time will be published in future editions.

Dear Ralph,

My mum keeps bringing home midgets. I don't know why 'cos I love her so much and I am sure I am all she needs. Please, Ralph, I keep curling my nose up at the other dogs but mum doesn't seem to get the hint. How can I make her love just me?

From Buffy



Well, Buffy, I'm not a great fan of midgets either, however you are lucky you have a mum that loves dogs soooooo much! These midgets may not have been as lucky as you, and may have come from bad homes. As much as you don't like sharing your human, please try to realise that she is doing a wonderful thing by giving them a loving home, and you are part of that. I'm sure she loves you very much. Perhaps if you can at least tolerate these midgets, you can all be one big, happy family.



Dear Ralph,

Some people greet me and say I'm fat, some people say I look OK. How can I tell if I'm being fed too much?

Signed, Scales

Dear Scales,

Too many treats from Nanna over Xmas, hey!!!! Look, it's simple. When your human pats you, get them to run their hands down your sides where your rib cage is. If they can feel your ribs, as long as they are not visible, you should be about right. You should also have a waist that curves in nicely. Get your human to look at you from above. You should have an hourglass figure - rather than a coffee table! If it's the latter, well, I guess it's time for a diet and some more exercise!



Dear Ralph,

My mum looks at me when we are doing stays and it makes me worry that I'm doing the wrong thing, so I get up to go and see her, but that is wrong too. What can I do???

Signed, Bronx

Hey Bronx,

Don't worry - you're not doing anything wrong, mate. Sometimes humans just don't get the whole body language thing!! Your mum is looking at you because she is worried you'll do the wrong thing. She may not realise that staring at a dog is intimidating. You just stay put and your mum will gain her confidence. My human looks just above me, up at the trees, so she can still see what I'm doing, without glaring straight at me. This makes us both feel better, and the stays are over before we know it - and then I get a yummy treat, or a play!

All letters will be replied to by Ralph and published in 'Slipcollar'

Please address all mail to:

“Dear RALPH”

**dearralph@hotmail.com or post to
PO Box 497, Salisbury SA 5108**

MOCK AGILITY & JUMPING TRIAL

**Para District Obedience Dog Club
Jenkins Reserve
Saints Road, Salisbury**

Sunday, 21 June 2009 – 1 p.m. start

Do you think you are almost ready to enter a trial?

Do you need ring practice?

Well come along, have some fun and gain some knowledge

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Hilda's News

Trial Results

Triallers please note:

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Agility Dog Club 7/2/2009

Agility

Masters

Danni & Xena 1st

Open

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Rebekah & Jade 2nd

Joy (Victor) & Pippa 5th

Jumping

Novice

Alex & Noah 1st

Vicki & Summa 5th

Open

Wendy & Hollie 1st

Danni & Xena 2nd

Masters

Danni & Xena 1st

Danni & Inka 2nd

Agility Dog Club Games 28/2/2009

Gamblers

Novice

Danni & Gabrielle 1st

Melissa & Amy 2nd GD

Linda & Zoe 5th

Joy (Victor) & Pippa 6th GD

Irma & Sisko 9th

Gill & Darcy 10th

Jan & Pebbles 13th

Vicki & Summa 14th

Excellent

Val & Georgia 2nd

Gill & Cooper 5th

Paul & Jazz 6th GD

Rebekah & Jade 8th

Masters

Danni & Inka 1st

Danni & Xena 2nd

Snooker

Novice

Victor & Ryan 1st

Melissa & Amy 2nd

Jan & Bonnie 8th

Rachael & Scrappy 9th

Excellent

Gaynor & Wally 2nd

Masters

Danni & Xena 1st

Danni & Inka 2nd

Strategic Pairs

Novice

Jane & Massey and

Melissa & Amy 1st

Helen & Tessa and

Chrissy & Cassie 2nd

Excellent

Paul & Jazz and

Gill & Cooper 1st

Joy & Pippa and

Rebekah & Jade 2nd

Rachael & Scrappy and

Vicki & Summa 3rd SPDX

Vicki & Buffy 4th SPDX

Masters

Danni & Xena 1st

STOCK IN SHOP:

Dog stakes (straight)

Nylon dumbbells

Caps

SAODC Obedience Trial
7/3/2009

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| <i>CCD</i> | | |
| Linda & Ashwyn | 96 | 2nd CCD |
| Irma & Sisko | 95 | |
| Alice & Lucy | 88 | |
| <i>Open</i> | | |
| Michelle & Jilaru | 194 | 1st |
| Fred & Hokey | 188 | 2nd |
| Karen & Kassias | 186 | CDX |
| Jan & Scruffy | 180 | 3rd |

Munno Para Dog Club Agility Trial
14/3/2009

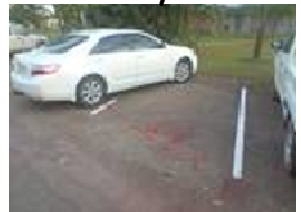
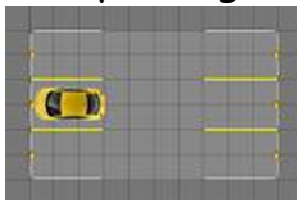
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| <u>Agility</u> | | |
| <i>Masters</i> | | |
| Wendy & Hollie | | 1st |
| Val & Georgia | | 2nd ADM |
| <i>Open</i> | | |
| Wendy & Hollie | | 1st |
| Lee-anne & Cassie | | 2nd |
| Paul & Jazz | | 3rd |
| Victor & Ryan | | 7th |
| <i>Novice</i> | | |
| Melissa & Terracotta | | 1st |
| Melanie & Trick | | 2nd |
| <u>Jumping</u> | | |
| <i>Excellent</i> | | |
| Ron & Alfie | | 1st |
| <i>Open</i> | | |
| Wendy & Hollie | | 2nd |
| Val & Georgia | | 3rd |
| Victor & Ryan | | 4th |
| <i>Masters</i> | | |
| Michelle & Jilaru | | 1st |
| Wendy & Hollie | | 2nd |
| Michelle & Tully | | 3rd |

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|---------------|-----|
| Jane & Massey | 4th |
| Val & Georgia | 7th |
| Victor & Ryan | 9th |

Gawler Dog Training Club Agility Trial
21/3/2009

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| <u>Agility</u> | |
| <i>Novice</i> | |
| Karen & Morgan | 1st |
| <i>Open</i> | |
| Michelle & Jilaru | 1st |
| Wendy & Hollie | 2nd |
| Paul & Jazz | 4th |
| Rachael & Scrappy | 5th |
| Sue & Codie | 6th |
| Jane & Massey | 10th |
| <i>Masters</i> | |
| Wendy & Hollie | 1st |
| Danni & Xena | 3rd |
| Paul & Jazz | 4th |
| Jane & Massey | 6th |
| <u>Jumping</u> | |
| <i>Masters</i> | |
| Wendy & Hollie | 1st |
| Paul & Jazz | 3rd |
| Victor & Ryan | 6th |
| <i>Open</i> | |
| Danni & Xena | 2nd |
| Wendy & Hollie | 3rd |
| Danni & Inka | 4th |
| Paul & Jazz | 5th |
| Victor & Ryan | 9th |
| <i>Novice</i> | |
| Melanie & Trick | 1st |
| Neil & Sascha | 2nd |

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such as **arthritis** and help
slow functional decline in **senior dogs**.

Massage can be soothing & calming or
stimulating & invigorating.

BALANCE FOR BODY ~ HARMONY FOR MIND

What Is A Title?

by Sandy Mowery, Wisconsin

Not just a brag, not just a stepping stone to a higher title, not just an adjunct to competitive scores. A Title is a tribute to the dog that bears it, a way to honour that dog, an ultimate memorial. It will remain in the record and in the memory for about as long as anything in this world can remain. Few humans will do as well or better in that regard, and though the dog himself doesn't know or care that his achievements have been noted, a Title says many things in the world of humans, where such things count.

A Title says your dog was intelligent, and adaptable, and good natured. It says that your dog loved you enough to do the things that please you, however crazy they may have sometimes seemed.

And a Title says that you loved your dog, that you loved to spend time with him because he was a good dog, and that you believed in him enough to give him yet another chance when he failed, and that in the end your faith was justified.

A Title proves that your dog inspired you to have the special relationship enjoyed by so few, that in the world of disposable creatures, this dog with a Title was greatly loved, and loved greatly in return. And when that dear short life is over, the Title remains as a memorial of the finest kind, the best you can give to a deserving friend, volumes of praise in one small set of initials before or after the name.

A Title is nothing less than love and respect,
given and received,
permanently recorded.



What do the letters after a dog's name mean?

Obedience

(3 passes required for each title)

CCD – Community Companion Dog

CD – Companion Dog

CDX – Companion Dog Excellent

UD – Utility Dog

UDX – Utility Dog Excellent

Agility

AD – Agility Dog (3 passes required)

ADX – Agility Dog Excellent (5 passes required)

ADO – Agility Dog Open (5 passes required)

ADM – Agility Dog Master (7 passes required)

Jumping

JD – Jumping Dog (3 passes required)

JDX – Jumping Dog Excellent (5 passes required)

JDO – Jumping Dog Open (5 passes required)

JDM – Jumping Dog Master (7 passes required)

Agility Games

(3, 5 & 7 passes respectively required)

SD, SDX & SDM – Snooker Dog/Excellent/Master

GD, GDX & GDM – Gamblers Dog/Excellent/Master

SPD, SPDX & SPDM – Strategic Pairs Dog/Excellent/Master

Flyball

FD – Flyball Dog (5 points required)

FDX – Flyball Dog Excellent (20 points required)

FDCh – Flyball Dog Champion (50 points required)

AFCh – Australian Flyball Champion (150 points required)

FM – Flyball Master (400 points required)



RSPCA's MILLION PAWS WALK

**Sunday, 17 May 2009
Elder Park, Adelaide**

Million Paws Walk is a fun day for any animal lover. Whether you're a pet owner or not, it's a great day out.

The main purpose of the event is raising funds and, with over 144,000 animals finding shelter at the RSPCA annually, every dollar counts. As well as the walk, there will be entertainment, displays, stalls, giveaways and a host of other activities.

Million Paws Walk is a terrific day out for all and an important fundraising event for the RSPCA. Funds raised through entry fees and the sale of merchandise help assist the RSPCA to operate its animal shelters, support its Inspectorate services and provide community education on animal welfare issues.

Taking part in the Million Paws Walk is a great way to help animals in need. Each year the RSPCA in Australia investigates more than 43,000 complaints of animal cruelty and neglect.

So, brush off your walking shoes, pull out your pet's leash and bring along your "best friend" to Australia's premier pet event. The Million Paws Walk will take place in all states and territories on Sunday 17 May 2009.

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Canberra Royal Show
Flyball Competition
February 2009

At the end of February, we sent a team to the Canberra Royal Show for a two-day action-packed Flyball competition. We stopped over at the Hay Caravan Park (on the main highway) for the night just to break up the trip. It is a small park with tiny cabins but they allow dogs at the park (not in the cabins).

Finally in Canberra some of us pitched tents at the showgrounds whilst others stayed in a very nice B&B, Birch Corner.

On Saturday morning we got to the competition area very early to set up our camp under the pine trees. We were in a lovely spot almost in the middle of the two rings. This helped us immensely as it was an open ring format. This meant that our division was not assigned a ring, it was just the next available ring.

After the Team Captains talk we found out we were in Division 4 along with 8 other teams. Two of the teams we were running against also included Michelle Potter's new club, Belconnen Bullets. We soon found the competition fast and furious with 90-second changeovers and the high standard of the other teams. Overall we had a great two days of competition with eight races each day. The poor dogs certainly slept well each night.

Our overall placing was 7th with a best time of 25.419 seconds.

The other teams and competitors were very nice and helpful. I would like to thank Eastside Flyers, especially Ann, who box loaded for us. Belconnen Bullets also helped box load and ball shag. Suzette from Southern Cross also box loaded for us too. Without their help we would not have been able to compete in Flyball.

I would highly recommend this two-day event for those willing to travel to Canberra. If anyone is interested, I would love to get another team together for next year. It is held every year on the last weekend in February.

Cheers,
Catherine Saberton

Ballarat Begonia Ball Bash
Flyball Competition
Sunday, 8th March

Sunday, 8th March was the Ballarat Begonia Ball Bash Flyball Competition. PDODC had 3 teams (18 dogs in total) travel to Ballarat for this competition.

The teams were:

Para Shooters

Jasper
CeCe
Raz
Binky
Rocket
Cougar

Para Gliders

Miischka
Holly
Cosmo
Dusty
Miah
Zoey

Para Troopers

Tully
Buffy
Jade
Narla
Cassie
Hallie

Some travelled earlier in the week and had a couple of days rest while others took advantage of the long weekend and travelled on the Saturday, raced on the Sunday and travelled home again on the Monday.

The weather was good for the dogs racing, being an overcast day and very windy (not so good for the handlers – it was sooo cold). Each of our teams were seeded bottom of the divisions they were in, but did really well as all dogs ran clean races.

Even though we didn't win in our division, the Para dogs did get some valuable points with the following gaining their next title:

Hallie (first ever comp) gained her FD
Narla gained her FDCh
Buffy gained her AFCh

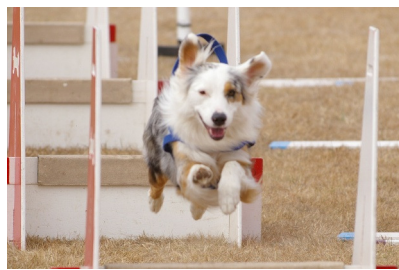
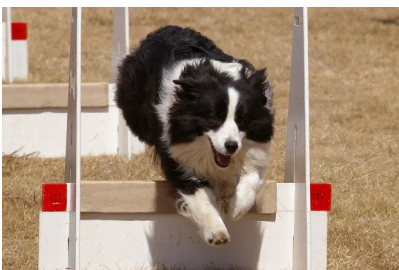
Congratulations to those dogs and handlers.

The results of the competition were:

| Division | Place | Team | Seed time | Best Time |
|----------|-------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| 3 | 1 | T-KEILOR SLAMMERS | 23.1 dec | 22.742 |
| 3 | 2 | BELLARINE BAYSIDERS | 22.0 dec | 21.559 |
| 3 | 3 | BERWICK BITS & PIECES | 22.7 | 22.709 |
| 3 | 4 | CROYDON ROCKET BLASTERS | 22.4 dec | 23.203 |
| 3 | 5 | <i>PARA SHOOTERS</i> | 23.3 | 22.497 |
| 3 | 6 | <i>PARA TROOPERS</i> | 23.312 | 23.29 |
| | | | | |
| 4 | 1 | WESTERN WEINERS CORN DOGS | 23.853 | 23.202 |
| 4 | 2 | BERWICK BLITZ | 23.807 | 23.719 |
| 4 | 3 | BELLARINE BARQUERS | 24.353 dec | 24.379 |
| 4 | 4 | T-KEILOR SUNRISES | 24.589 | 24.549 |
| 4 | 5 | <i>PARA GLIDERS</i> | 24.673 | 25.176 |
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Our next Flyball competition will be at the RSPCA Million Paws Walk on Sunday, 17th May at Elder Park. Come down and support us. If you are interested in helping us on the day by stewarding or timekeeping, please see me.

Chrissy – Head Flyball Instructor



FRIDAY NIGHT AGILITY CLASSES

Are you enjoying obedience and would like to try something a little more active that you can do with your dog? Why not come out on Friday nights to learn the exciting dog sport of agility?

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

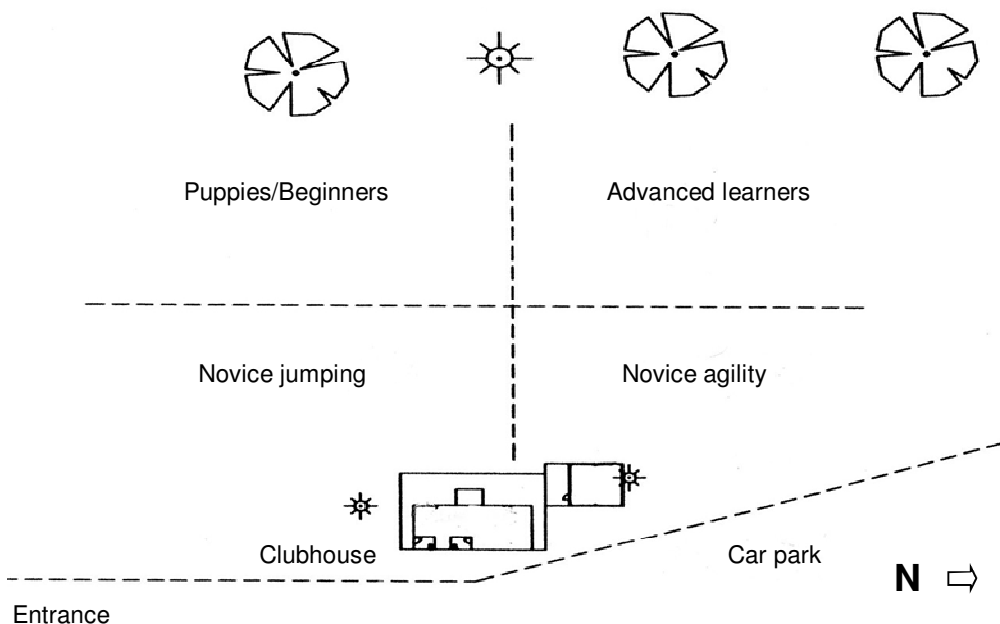
Learners
Pre-novice
Open/excellent jumping
Open/excellent agility

8.30 P.M. CLASSES

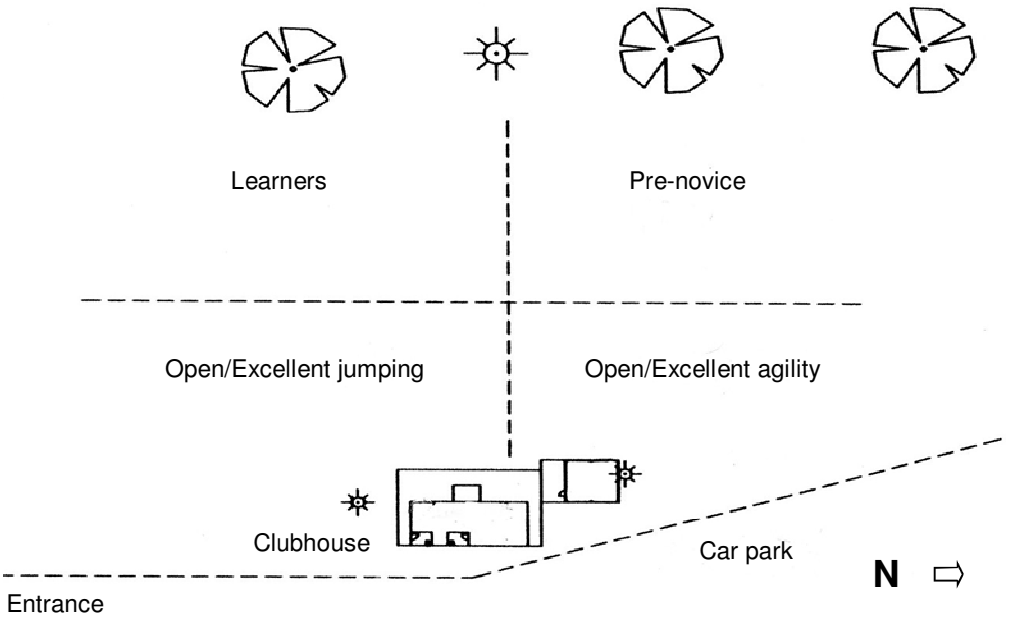
Masters jumping
Masters agility
Games

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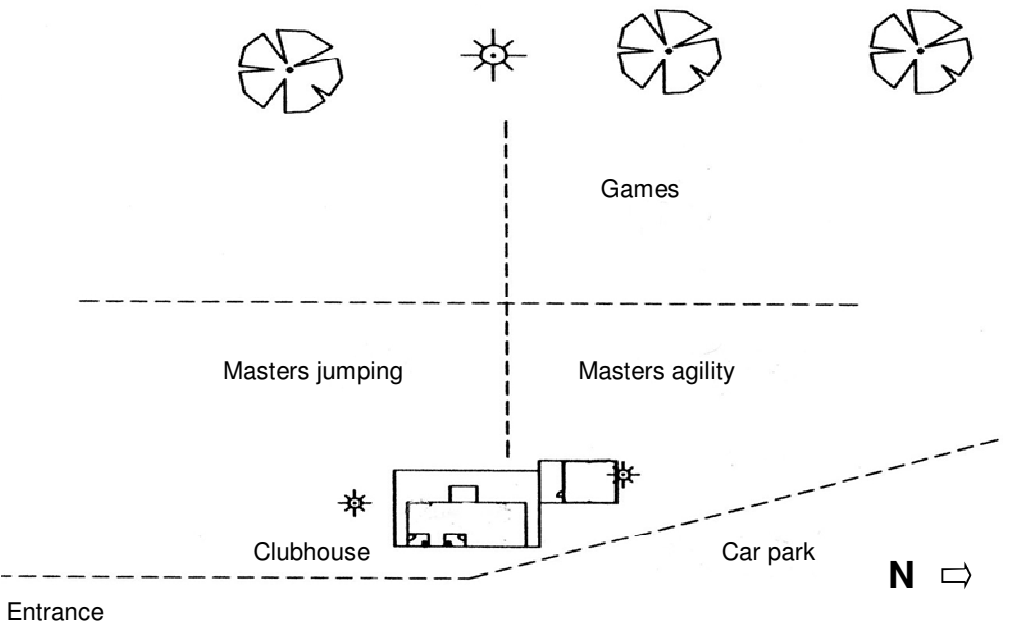
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8.30 P.M.



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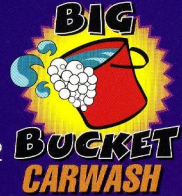
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Cover Story

My name is Summastorm but I'm also known as freaky midget, the blonde, monkey-brains, sweet girl and SUM-MAAA!!

I am 4 years old and I was 'rescued' when I was about 6 months of age. I love to run and get my friends to chase me. I love agility and am learning flyball and my mummy is attempting to train me to trial standard in obedience. My mummy is so optimistic. I am also learning how to be an Earthdog. I would love to do sheep herding with my big sister Buffy but I'm not allowed 'cos I'm not a Herding Breed, so I just have some fun when we go to the farm.



Apparently I have been a real challenge to train? I heard my mum say that she thinks I have turned the corner because I am starting to listen; I stay at the start line in agility, my stand for exams are improving and I'm not so scared of the Flyball box. I don't really know what any of that means. Like I always say, show me fritz and I'll show you a behaviour – it may not be the one you want, but I will keep going until I get that piece of food.

I have gained a few Agility Titles. I have my Snooker Dog and Novice Jumping Titles and my friend Scrappy and I gained our Strategic Pairs Excellent Titles. So I am the little dog who can't stay focussed enough to gain one pass in Novice Agility but is now 'a Masters Dog'!

My mummy says I am her sunshine and light and she doesn't have any dark corners in her life anymore. I love to wag my tail, give kisses and make people laugh.

I have made so many friends at Para and I get excited as the car is travelling along Saints Road because I know I am going to have fun.

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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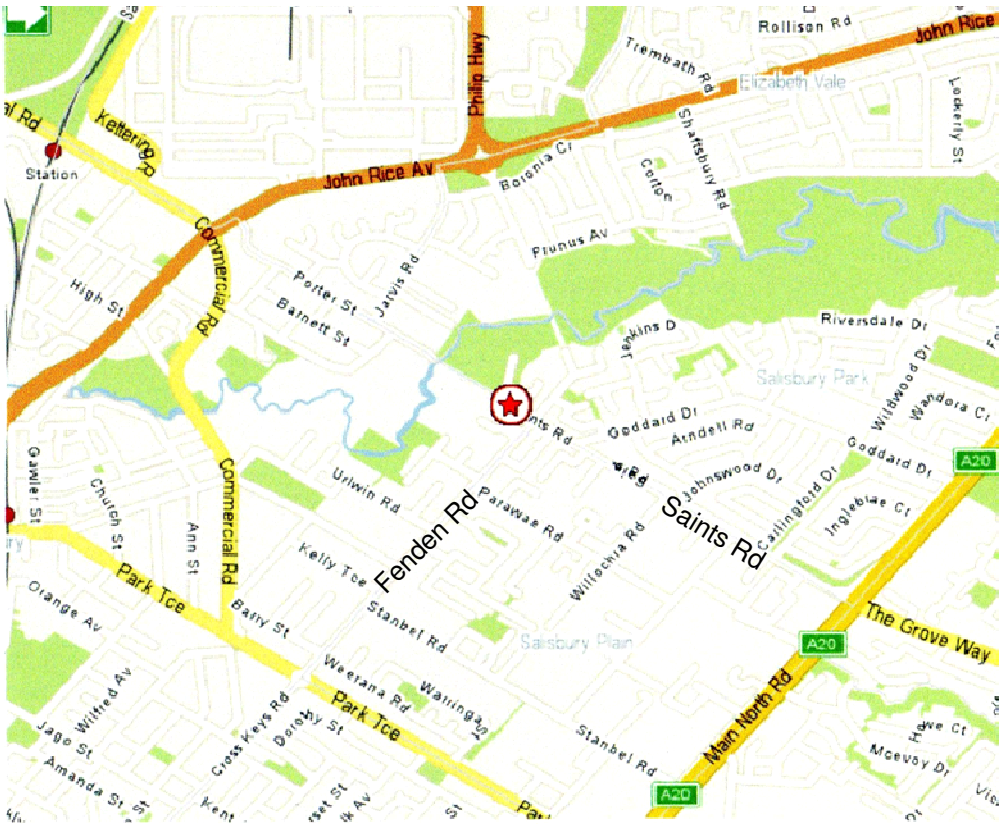
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Obedience

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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