

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Slipcollar

May & June 2009



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Alison Dawson
(see p.31)



Next Slipcollar deadline:
Sunday, 19 July 2009

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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>
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<i>Double Pensioner</i>	<i>\$50</i>
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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

by Vicki Josephs



I was struggling with a topic for my report for this edition of 'Slipcollar'. That was until Friday night when a Club member yelled at me, called me disgusting and demanded to know why I was 'changing everything'. It is with a somewhat heavy heart that I write an open response to these questions.

I am very disappointed that some Club members view Committee fulfilling its responsibility in administrating the Club as 'changing everything'. I am even more disappointed that some Club members think that I am the person who is 'changing everything'. I can assure you, this Club is not run as an

autocracy. Whilst I might be Chair of your Committee, I am not the decision maker. Our meetings are semi-formal with everyone having the opportunity to add items for discussion. Everyone has the opportunity to have their say, Committee votes and we walk out of the meeting united in our decisions. For those of you who are suggesting that I alone have all the power, please consider what you are actually saying about the other Committee members.

Your 2009 Committee has already contributed much value to your Club, yet a small thing like asking for all Club property to be returned to the Club in order for Committee to establish an Asset Register has caused angst amongst some Club members and has led to me being abused. I deal with challenging and difficult people all day in my employment, I do not expect to be yelled at or treated disrespectfully at our Club.

I would like to remind members that we are an incorporated Club and that it is 2009. That means we have rules and regulations by which to abide and we must administer the Club according to the Constitution.

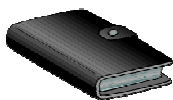
The only reason I am your President in 2009 is because I attended the 2008 AGM intending to nominate for the role of Agility Trial Manager, however, as no one would nominate for the role of President I put up my hand. When I undertake a role, I take it seriously. That means abiding by the rules and not just accepting that things can stay the same as they have for many years because 'that is the way it has always been done'.

Several of your 2009 Committee are new to their roles so we refer to the Club Constitution as our guide. This may lead to things being done differently to the way they have been done previously. I ask members to recognise that changes occur because Committee thinks it is the right thing for the Club. Please embrace change and see if it works rather than being negative and obstructive.

I ask members to stop trying to find fault with their Committee and to respect the commitment each Committee member demonstrates to the Club. Most of your Committee work full-time, give 10-20 hours to the Club each week, often do not seek reimbursement for the goods they purchase and donate raffle prizes. Many of them also instruct and all of them are on hand to assist at Club trials and events.

Despite what I have said, I am enjoying my role and find that being on Committee is very rewarding. It is just unfortunate that humans, unlike our canine friends, are very quick to point out negatives but find it very difficult to provide positive feedback. Think how energised a simple 'well done' and a smile makes you feel. Think about the way you employ positive feedback to teach your dog.

In closing, I would like to remind you that we are all members of a dog club. We all have dogs, we pick up their poop. Next time you are feeling a little superior to someone, just remember the time a little bit of your dog's poop got under your fingernail and smile.



What's on?



- 6 & 7 June Spencer Gulf Obedience Dog Club
Obedience & Agility trials
- NO TRAINING QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND**
- 13 June Agility Dog Club of SA
Agility trials
- 15 June Royal Show Flyball time trials—**NO TRAINING**
- 20 June Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club
Obedience trial
- 21 June (1 p.m.) PDODC Mock Agility/Jumping trial**
- 22 June Royal Show Flyball time trials
- 27 June Munno Para Dog Obedience Dog Club
Obedience trial
- 28 June Gepps Cross Dog Training Centre
Obedience trial
- 4 July Combined Districts Obedience Dog Club
Obedience trial
- 5 July Gawler Dog Training Club
Obedience & Agility trials
- 11 July Munno Para Dog Obedience Club
Agility trials
- 12 July Northern Districts Kennel & Obedience
Dog Club
Obedience trial
- 18 & 19 July Dogs SA State Agility Championships
- 21 July **PDODC committee meeting**
- 25 & 26 July Riverland Obedience & Kennel Club
Agility trials

Agility

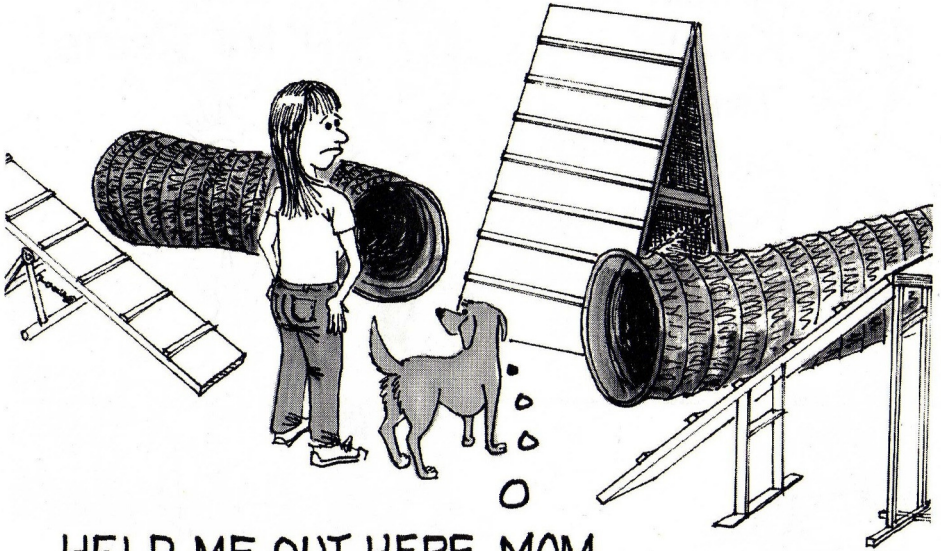
Trials & Tribulations

by James Liddle

SEE? RIGHT
HERE!... "THE DOG
AND HANDLER
FORM A TEAM."
A TEAM!!!

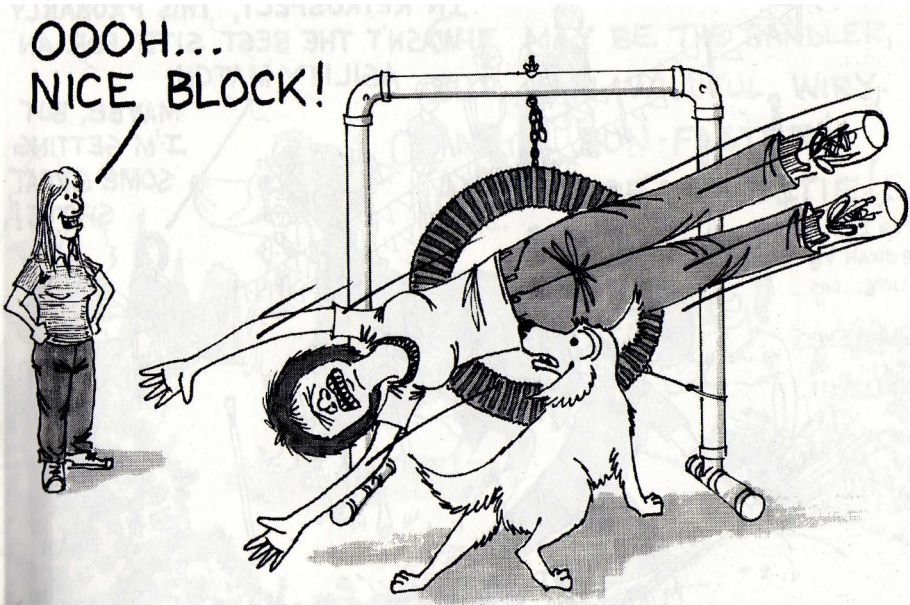


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Obedience Seminar

conducted by Sue Hogben

Friday night was very cool (weather-wise), but Sue was warmly received by all participants as the turnout was higher than expected. As we turned up there was a DVD running showing just some of the many accomplishments that Sue has had with her numerous dogs. We got into it after introductions, and most people seemed to at least know what a clicker was or had used one previously (like myself).

As we ran through the DVD in detail there was expansion on the positive methods, how they are broken down, why they are used and how they can be applied to many different facets of positive training for your dog. One of the most important aspects was focusing on the consistent application of click and reward for positive or desirable behaviour, the clicker enabling you to pin-point with almost certain accuracy the behaviour you are seeking, which is done by repetition and short training sessions (no greater than approx. 5 or so minutes) before the dog switches off. In this manner the dog comes to you to seek training or “just make him/her click that thing”... Undesirable behaviour incurs no attention by turning the back or face and not acknowledging the dog or removal of food (in the instance of training stays and stand for exam). You then move to a different spot and perform the same task.

It was shown using demonstrations that a tug toy or clicker can be used as the reward and transferral of the clicker to tug toy or any other preferred object when the concept is grasped by the dog. Some of the demonstrations also included hand touches advancing to multiples for one click and using the hand touches for change of position, spins, finding heel position after throwing a piece of food in the opposite direction, teaching the dog to use their hind end using cones (set out in figure 8 example), and using food to teach the dog to look up at you for extended periods of time. There were some little games that were shown, which can undoubtedly be used in the ring when trialling and the results just in the demonstration spoke for themselves.

Food is an important motivator and Sue told us that it was actually thrown all over the training ground and the dogs are taught not to acknowledge it unless told to “get it”. Another interesting point was that the dogs are never trained on lead even from puppies, and actually had to become accustomed to working “on lead”.

One suggestion was also to segregate the “club” into, for want of a better word, “pets” and competition or triallers, as has been done in WA and we found by some clubs in SA.

Sunday was more advanced, showing duration in heel work, not actually working with food on you but still using the clicker and then going to a “stash” to show the dog delayed reward, improving motivation with ‘two food game’ and a lot of questions and answers based on people specific examples.

The emphasis seemed to be on segregating exercises so that each “item” is broken down and can be practiced to perfection before putting it all together. Examples of this are getting the dog to sit and ensuring that they keep all 4 feet planted and do not move while the reward is coming to them. If they do move the reward is removed immediately. This is then progressed to the handler standing over the dog (while sitting) to ensure they are comfortable when people come in over the top of them. People moving close by the dog and coming in to touch the dog are also practiced making sure the dog is solid in this foundation work before progressing to the same exercises with the stand, leading into a solid stand for exam.

There was a suggestion to have the entrance to a ring set up, as many of us know when there is no food and we step over that rope it’s “do or die” which of course transfers to the dog. This is where playing the “spin” and “touch” games become very useful.

I have had quite some success applying the principles and some of the exercises to my dog.

by Karen Tanner, Obedience Instructor

Agility Seminars

also conducted by Sue Hogben

Sue ran two agility seminars, one for low-drive dogs and one for high-drive dogs. The two seminars crossed over a lot. She covered such a lot of ground that it is not possible to cover all that she offered. Here are some of the areas she covered.

What is good for low-drive ultimately is also great high-drive dogs! She really emphasised flatwork, saying that most handlers are keen to get onto equipment when there are so many skills that should be taught before that.

She said that for low-drive dogs it is really important that sessions are kept short and really rewarding. Many people use “boring” low-rewarding food when they should be using the most rewarding food they can find with their dogs. She had some blood pudding which she said she had never had a dog refuse! She made the point that handlers should always feed on the move as that rewarded movement.

It is very useful for all dogs to respond to both food and toys. Toys have a special role in speeding up dogs as a dog’s adrenalin levels “rev up” when they play, more so than when working for food. She said that one toy she used with low-drive dogs that did not enjoy playing with toys was a sock with food in it, rewarding the dog by taking the food out as soon as the dog mouthed or gripped the sock. She also used restrained recalls, bait plates and food inside balls to get dogs moving with energy.

She used a two-food activity to keep dogs moving back into the heel position with speed. She would do a pivot turn and throw the food as she changed direction, then accelerate, but have the food in her hand to reward the dog when the dog caught up into the heel position.

She made the point that most people are way too stingy with their food rewards. Using rapid-fire rewards has much more impact.

She NEVER told her dogs off. She just would not offer the reward, be it food or toy.

I personally found it to be a thought provoking, rewarding seminar and thoroughly enjoyed her positive, pleasant manner.

*by Jane Lawrence
Agility Instructor*

MOCK AGILITY & JUMPING TRIAL

**Para District Obedience Dog Club
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Sunday, 21 June 2009 – 1 p.m. start

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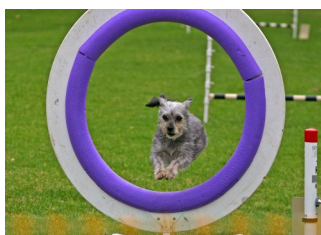
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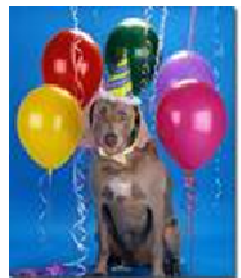
What can you do to help your club make our event on June 21st a success?

The more people that are able to help, the less time individuals need to spend 'working' and the more time they will have for 'playing'.

If you are able to donate even just an hour or two of your time, it will be very much appreciated.

Please see any Committee member if you can offer assistance in the following areas:

- *in the canteen*
- *at the BBQ*
- *building and dismantling the agility & jumping rings*
- *stewarding in the agility & jumping rings*
- *selling raffle tickets*
- *taking entries for the mock trial*
- *being a general helper*
- *smiling*





Lucky Dog

Mary and her husband Jim had a dog named 'Lucky'. Lucky was a real character. Whenever Mary and Jim had company come for a weekend visit they would warn their



friends to not leave their luggage open because Lucky would help himself to whatever struck his fancy. Inevitably, someone would forget and something would come up missing. Mary or Jim would go to Lucky's toy box in the basement and there the treasure would be, amid all of Lucky's other favourite toys. Lucky always stashed his finds in his toy box and he was very particular that his toys stay in the box.

It happened that Mary found out she had breast cancer. Something told her she was going to die of this disease. In fact, she was just sure it was fatal. She scheduled the double mastectomy, fear riding her shoulders. The night before she was to go to the hospital she cuddled with Lucky. A thought struck her: 'What would happen to Lucky?' Although the three-year-old liked Jim, he was Mary's dog through and through. 'If I die, Lucky will be abandoned', Mary thought. 'He won't understand that I didn't want to leave him!' The thought made her sadder than thinking of her own death.

The double mastectomy was harder on Mary than her doctors had anticipated and Mary was hospitalised for over two weeks. Jim took Lucky for his evening walk faithfully, but the little dog just drooped, whining and miserable.

Finally the day came for Mary to leave the hospital. When she arrived home, Mary was so exhausted she couldn't even make it up the steps to her bedroom. Jim made his wife comfortable on the couch and left her to nap. Lucky stood watching Mary, but he didn't come to her when she called. It made Mary sad, but sleep soon overcame her and she dozed.

When Mary woke, for a second she couldn't understand what was wrong. She couldn't move her head and her body felt heavy and hot. But panic soon gave way to laughter when Mary realised the problem. She was covered, literally blanketed, with every treasure Lucky owned! While she had slept, the sorrowing dog had made trip after trip to the basement bringing his beloved mistress all his favourite things in life. He had covered her with his love.

Mary forgot about dying. Instead, she and Lucky began living again, walking further and further together every day. It's been 12 years now and Mary is still cancer-free. Lucky, he still steals treasures and stashes them in his toy box, but Mary remains his greatest treasure.



Remember, live every day to the fullest, and never forget the people who make a difference in our lives are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care for us.





PLEASE NOTE



Office hours will now be:

Sunday mornings: 9.15—11.15 a.m.

and

Friday nights: 6.30—7.30 p.m.

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Para Pics



Easter at PDODC

**PHOTOS FOR FUTURE EDITIONS, LEAVE IN EDITOR'S BASKET IN OFFICE
OR EMAIL TO mjstokes@adam.com.au**

After a long day doing agility at Southern Districts, our mums (and Steven) made us line up for this photo. Aren't we good dogs???



How bad is the economy? It is definitely getting very bad.



Cats are so dramatic

Obedience Trial

Saturday, 18th April 2009

Thank you

We held our first obedience trial for the year and it was very successful, despite having the canteen broken into twice, the toilets out of action for an hour, the computer having technical problems, thus causing all the cards to be handwritten and the sponsor product not available on the day. We have since received the products, fixed the broken windows and had the toilets unblocked, to everyone's relief.

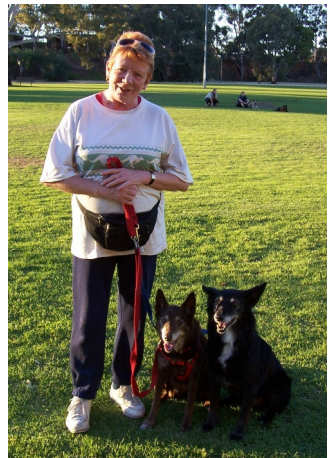
It takes a great many people to organise and run a trial and there are lots of background things that the club has to do before the day of the trial.

I would like to say a big thank you to the few people that helped put the rings up and the equipment out, such a small amount of people that I will name them. They were: Victor, Deborah, Peter, Melissa, Knappy, Bev, and helping them was Jan C., Karen T., Neil in the canteen, and Ray cooked the bacon and eggs. Llana spent the day before creating yummys to sell in the canteen and Karen T. (now called 'Chef Karen') made cakes to die for, and Jan M. did a trifle too. So we were well fed anyway. Thanks to all who helped in the office with the manual labour needed to complete the qualifying cards.

Our next trial will be in August and we will be asking members - YES, that's you - to come and help set up the grounds for a 10 a.m. start. If we had more people setting the rings up we could be finished so much earlier. We need more HELP, so keep Saturday, 15th August free to help your club for an hour or so from 8 a.m.

If I have missed anybody from the thank yous, it is not intentional. Again, thank you for helping.

Sharon Page
Head Obedience Instructor



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RSPCA Million Paws Walk
Flyball Competition
Sunday, 17th May



Sunday, 17th May was the RSPCA annual Million Paws Walk and once again Para hosted a Flyball competition.

It was an early start for the 5 Para teams (yes, you read right – we now have 5 teams) and the team from Dover Gardens, with set up from 7 am, height measuring and vetting at 8.30 am and racing started at 9 am.

A huge thanks to Ian Gauntlett (who is an AFA Judge from the Victorian club Croydon) who was in SA on holidays and took time out to co-judge our competition. This also gave Catherine an opportunity to run her own dog.

The weather started out okay, then the heavens opened up and down she came. The weather broke around 11.30 – just in time for lunch! Racing resumed again at 12 noon. The racing was fast and furious with many points gained on the day.

Although points are still to be confirmed by the AFA, Para did well, especially our 3 first-time trialling dogs: Flame (run by Rebecca Knapp); Mika (run by Wayne Window); and Cooper (run by Jaymie Clawson).

Well done to all. A huge thanks to Michelle Stokes, Veronica Schmidt, Allison Dawson, Rebecca Knapp and Helen Jansson in helping me organise this very successful competition and also to Catherine Saberton for liaising with the RSPCA.

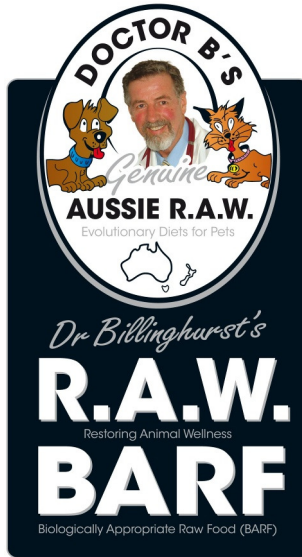
Our next competition is at the Royal Show, which is to be held on Saturday, 12th September (the last day of the show). If anyone is interested in helping us on the day, please see me.

Chrissy Dalla Valle – Head Flyball Instructor

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Trial Results

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Southern Districts Obedience Trial 28/3/2009

<i>CCD</i>			
Karen & Jade	95		
<i>Open</i>			
Fred & Hokey	191	2nd	
Len & Sherry	187	3rd	
<i>Utility</i>			
Fred & Hokey	187	1st	

Noarlunga Agility Trials 4/4/2009 A.M.

<u>Agility</u>			
<i>Masters</i>			
Danni & Xena	1st		
<i>Open</i>			
Michelle & Taz	1st		
Victor & Ryan	2nd		
Danni & Inka	3rd		
<i>Novice</i>			
Gaynor & Wally	1st		
Loraine & Star	3rd		
<u>Jumping</u>			
<i>Novice</i>			
Neil & Sascha	4th	JD	
<i>Excellent</i>			
Chrissy & Cassie	3rd		
<i>Open</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	1st		
Danni & Xena	2nd		
Michelle & Taz	3rd		
Victor & Ryan	5th		
<i>Masters</i>			
Michelle & Taz	1st		
Victor & Ryan	4th	JDM	

P.M.

<u>Agility</u>			
<i>Masters</i>			
Danni & Inka	1st		
Danni & Xena	2nd		
Michelle & Taz	3rd		
<i>Open</i>			
Victor & Ryan	3rd		
Roger & Gabby	2nd		
<i>Novice</i>			
Gaynor & Wally	2nd	AD	
<u>Jumping</u>			
<i>Open</i>			
Gaynor & Wally	2nd		
<i>Masters</i>			
Michelle & Taz	1st		

Para District Obedience Dog Club Obedience Trial 18/4/2009

<i>CCD</i>			
Irma & Sisko	92	3rd	
Jean & Wilson	92		
Alice & Lucky	91		
Lee & Chelsea	90		
Rebecca & Flame	87		
Karen & Bronx	85		
Sandra & Maggie	83		
Kerrie & Sinku	82		
<i>Open B</i>			
Jan & Scruffy	186	2nd	
<i>Open A</i>			
Michelle & Jilaru	196	1st	
Fred & Hokey	192	2nd	
<i>Utility</i>			
Michelle & Jilaru	187	1st	

**Munno Para Dog Obedience Club
Obedience Trial**

25/4/2009

Novice

Mary & Toby	190	1st
<i>CCD</i>		
Alice & Lucky	91	2nd

Blue Lake Easter Trials

11/4/2009

Obedience

Open

Fred & Hokey	190	2nd
Fran & Ebony	187	5th

Agility

Excellent

Vanessa & India	1st	a.m.
Helen & Tessa	1st	p.m.

Masters

Paul & Jazz	2nd	a.m.
Wendy & Hollie	1st	p.m.
Roger & Gabby	3rd	p.m.

Open

Jane & Massey	2nd	p.m.
Roger & Gabby	3rd	p.m.

Jumping

Excellent

Gill & Darcy	1st	p.m.
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Masters

Wendy & Hollie	1st	a.m.
Paul & Jazz	2nd	a.m.
Rebekah & Jade	3rd	a.m.
Helen & Tessa	4th	a.m.
Danni & Inka	1st	p.m.
Wendy & Hollie	2nd	p.m.
Julian & Jasper	3rd	p.m.
Michelle & Tully	4th	p.m.
Rebekah & Jade	5th	p.m.
Roger & Gabby	7th	p.m.

Open

Danni & Xena	1st	p.m.
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12/4/2009

Obedience

CCD

Karen & Bronx	91	2nd
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Utility

Fran & Ebony	178	1st
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Agility

Excellent

Helen & Tessa	1st	a.m.
Vanessa & India	2nd	a.m.
Vanessa & India	1st	p.m.

Masters

Wendy & Hollie	1st	a.m.
Paul & Jazz	2nd	a.m.
Paul & Jazz	3rd	p.m.
Rebekah & Jade	4th	p.m.
Julian & Jasper	5th	p.m.

Open

Paul & Jazz	1st	a.m.
Rebekah & Jade	3rd	a.m.
Roger & Gabby	3rd	p.m.

Jumping

Excellent

Vanessa & India	1st	p.m.
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Masters

Wendy & Hollie	1st	a.m.
Wendy & Hollie	1st	p.m.
Danni & Xena	2nd	p.m.
Paul & Jazz	5th	p.m.
Rebekah & Jade	6th	p.m.
Roger & Gabby	9th	p.m.
Helen & Tessa	11th	p.m.

Open

Paul & Jazz	3rd	a.m.
Helen & Tessa	4th	a.m.
Vanessa & India	5th	a.m.
Margriet & Zepher	7th	a.m.
Danni & Inka	1st	p.m.
Danni & Xena	2nd	p.m.

Port Pirie Obedience Trials

16/5/2009

CCD

Kerry & Sinku	85
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Novice

Linda & Ashwyn	186	2nd
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17/5/2009

CCD

Kerry & Sinku	95	1st CCD
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Novice

Linda & Ashwyn	178	3rd
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**TO RECEIVE TITLE BADGES,
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Para's Agility Trial—May 2009





Top: BARF sponsor, Ronnie Schmidt, & Wayne Window, with mascot

Above: Val & Richard working in the canteen

Right: Ray Gunter cooking the BBQ

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 Ladies 8-20 Adults Small - XL			\$32.00
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Spray Jacket Kids 4-14 Adults XS – 5XL			\$47.00
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Polar Fleece Full Zip Jackets Ladies 8-20 Adults Small – 3XL			\$44.00
	TOTAL		\$

Name:

Contact Ph. No.

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LEVELS AVAILABLE: CCD, CD, OPEN, UD & UDX

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Do you have any spare baskets lying around your home taking up room?

PDODC can use them for up-coming raffles

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“Dear RALPH!”

*Hello again to all the members of PDODC!
Keep those letters coming. It's great to hear from you.*

Dear Ralph,

I'm new in the house and I used to have a bad home, but I'm really scared of all the people at doggy school, mostly of tall men or men with beards. How can my owners help me to overcome my fear?

Signed, Scared



Hi Scared,

It's great that you have a new home now! Men with beards, hmmm???? These humans are really just trying to have nice fur coverage like us! But I must admit, they can look pretty scary. Your owners can help you overcome your fear by asking male instructors, and particularly males with beards, and other people that your owners trust, to come and say hello to you at training, and gently pat you, if you want them to. If they do this every week, and sometimes give you a treat to build your trust, in time you will realise that these humans are just the same as the rest of them.



Dear Ralph,

Late last year my mum brought home a REALLY big dog. I was just wondering if you knew what breed it was and its name. I have only played with it a few times, as it is always asleep and only plays on special occasions.

Lots of Licks, from Tilly 'n' Tessa

Hi Tilly 'n' Tessa,

I think I've seen this dog down at the club on special occasions. I'm pretty sure it's of the breed "Gigantus Caninus", but I don't know its name, as it seems quite shy and doesn't say much. I think this breed dates back to ancient times when it was used as a mascot at Olympic Games and other sporting events. Legend has it that this breed was such a gigantic dog, it would use all of its energy at these special events, which means the rest of the time it spends in hibernation, building up strength for the next time it is needed as a mascot.



Letters will be replied to by Ralph and published in 'Slipcollar'

Please address all mail to:

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Scruffy CDX



I would just like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow instructors who have helped us along the way to gain our CDX title. At times it hasn't been easy with this little dog, but with patience and perseverance we got there. Amazingly, it only took us 7 trials to attain our title. A special thank you to Maryanne, who has always believed in Scruffy. She always takes the time every week to come and say hello to him. It really has helped.

Jan Cooper

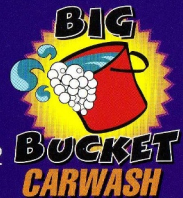
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CLASSES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY, MONDAY AND FRIDAY FROM FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER, EXCEPT IN THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

- 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.

Cover Story

I thought I would take the opportunity while Mum was busy doing trial stuff to become a cover dog.

My name is Binky and flyball is my game.

I have been doing flyball for a couple of years now and love it every bit.

I was originally to be a companion dog in a big truck with my dad but I did everything possible to say home, where I could run and play and have heaps of fun. If you ask my mum, she would say I got in to everything I shouldn't have!

I love my mates at flyball. We have so much fun. I think mum has enough of me by the end of a comp, though! I have a tendency to bite her. But I really don't mean it. I get carried away with the fun

Not much more to say apart from Flyball is fun and, if there is anyone reading this who hasn't seen us in action, please come and have a look.



Binky



*Peter Mannix's mother, Rhonda, passed away
on 15 May 2009*

Love, her dogs, Boysie and Cindy

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

Class 1-2

Karen & Isabeau (-4)
Marina & Maddie
Dawn & Cooper
Ingrid & Georgie



Class 2-3

Irene & Sofie
Helen & Tilly
Maria & Brea



Class 3-4

Robert & Bailey
Michelle & Cujo



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Class 4 - 5
Roger & Fern

Class 1-2
Roger & Devo



Class 2-3
Rebecca & Bella
Taso & Cooper

Class 3-4
Ian & Misia
Kerrie & Sinku (-5)



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Class 4 - 5
Lee & Chelsea

If you would like a colour copy of your Team of the Month photo for \$3, just let Michelle Stokes know when your photo is taken.

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.

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

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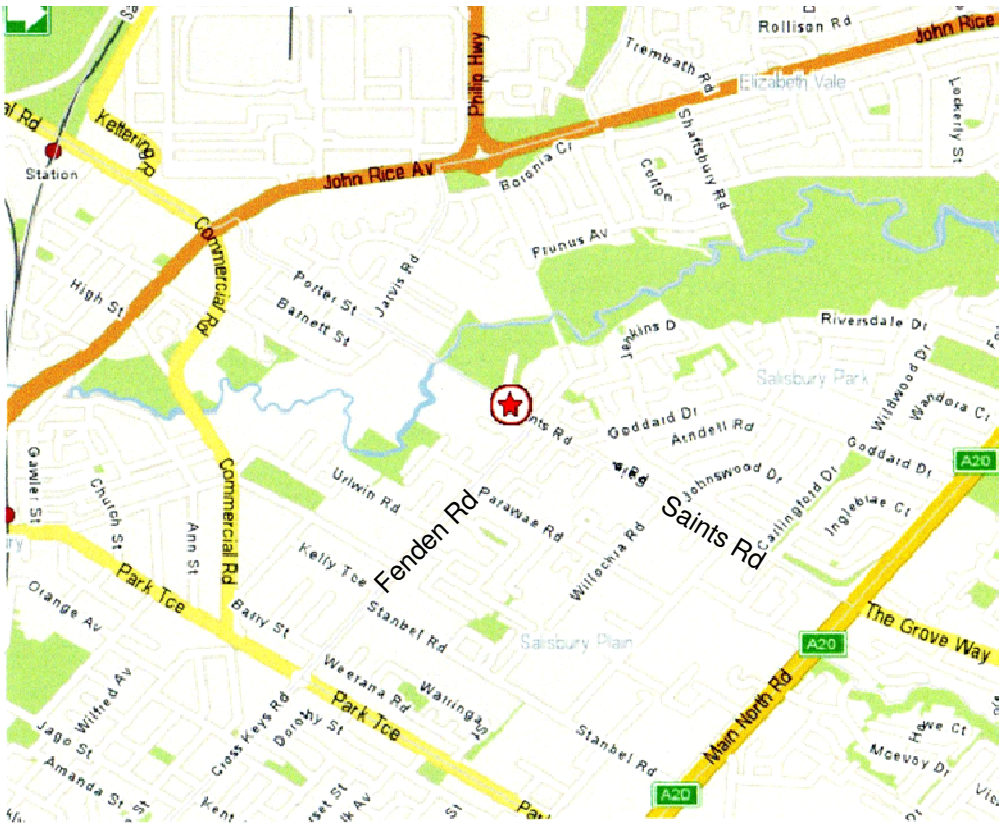
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Obedience

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

Articles for submission in 'Slipcollar':

Place in Editor's basket in the office *or* email to mjstokes@adam.com.au

