

Para District Obedience Dog Club's

Slipcollar

End of Year 2008



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Slipcollar will be issued on the 1st Sunday of each month and the deadline will be the last Sunday of each month

Cover dog: Raz
Owned by: Wayne Window
 (see pp.30 & 31)



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PDODC BREAK-UP DATES FOR 2008

(no training will be conducted on break-up dates)

FLYBALL—Monday, 24 November 2008

A good social evening for dogs and handlers. Please bring a plate to share. On Monday, 17th November all Flyballers (from beginners to triallers) will advise/discuss what they will bring for the shared supper. Be there at 6.30 p.m.

AGILITY—Friday, 28 November 2008

A fun evening of relay agility games for dogs and handlers. Please bring a plate to share. Be there at 7 p.m. to set up for a 7.30 p.m. start.

OBEDIENCE—Sunday, 30 November 2008

Come down at 9.30 a.m. ready for trophy presentation at 10 a.m. BYO picnic lunch, chairs, shelters, etc. Enjoy a relaxed day at the club with fellow club members and dogs for the last time in 2008.

RETURN TRAINING DATES FOR 2009

(subject to weather, as set out on p.30)

OBEDIENCE—Sunday, 1 February 2009

FLYBALL—Monday, 2 February 2009

AGILITY—Friday, 6 February 2009





Getting To Know

Assistant Head Obedience Instructor

Ray Gunter

Dogs

German Shepherds (Is there any other?)

Holly CD CDX—9yrs

Abby CD (CDX a work in progress) - 6yrs

A bit about myself

I'm semi-retired and run my own electronic repair business. I've had horses and dogs for as long as I can remember. Sadly my last horse died aged 33 years early this year. I had him over 28 years. I am pretty much an animal lover. If it's got feathers, fur, fins or scales I have probably had it for a pet at some stage of my life.

My involvement with PDODC

I have been a member at Para since 1989 when I joined to train my first female shepherd Sheba. I became an obedience instructor about 3 years later and eventually got talked into going on committee (one of the best things I've ever done). Then 4 years ago I was elected to the position of club President, a position I held until this year. I am now the club's official council liaison officer and also phone contact for club enquiries.

What have I gained from Para

I gain a huge amount of pleasure from seeing members I've trained coming back from a trial over the moon because they passed, not necessarily because they got a placing (that's the icing on the cake). I have also made many friends of both the two and four-leg variety and I have also had the pleasure of being trained over the years by the nicest and best instructors one could meet. I only hope I ever get to be half as good.

Advice to people new to dog training

Look, Listen and Learn. Look at what your instructors are showing you to do. Listen to what your instructors are telling you. Learn from your instructors' experience. Remember your instructors have been there and done that probably with several different dogs that they have trained, and if one instructor can't answer your question then another probably can. Remember between all instructors there is a huge pool of knowledge for the new handler to tap into.



Your Club



Registrar Hilda Lomas



Dog

Ryan—5-year-old Miniature Schnauzer

My involvement with Para

I joined in May 1971!! At Halbury Road Reserve, Salisbury, which had a toilet block (2) which held all the obedience equipment and a tea tent (with cups and saucers and a gas bottle). The treasurer also operated in the tent. I helped out there until we moved to our present home and then went in the canteen. I was on the committee for years and on a very successful social committee

which raised a lot of money by having a cabaret every second month, which was the 'in thing' in those days. The money helped pay off loans for the buildings we now have.

I have been Registrar for 19 years. My husband was an instructor and head instructor when he passed away in 1981. In fact, the club was our lives, and still is mine.

I started training one Labrador, that increased to four, then I had three Shelties, Jessica having a CDX title and Bracken his UD. That was the highlight of my training and trialling. I had lots of acquaintances at the club and other clubs who also helped me with advice on utility. He also had his AD title (jumping wasn't in then). I was given an Australian Champion Miniature Schnauzer, 6 years of age, Gus, when I lost Bracken. He was a lovely dog. I was devastated when I lost him at age 9 to cancer. Then I got Ryan and he has been a dream. He has a fantastic temperament and is a real fun dog. I am thankful to Wendy for training him and trialling him to his AD and JD titles, then Victor took over and I am grateful to him also for gaining his ADM and JDM. They have given Ryan something I couldn't do and he loves it.





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.

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 and observe all instruction from club officials and instructors.



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29 - 31 August 2008

Well, what an extremely busy and eventful 3 days all the SA competitors had. The South Australian competitors did extremely well considering there were over 3,000 entries.

Friday consisted of Games and Open, and the first run for the State Teams Event. The teams event was made up of 4 top competitive dogs and handlers: Wendy and Hollie, Michelle and Taz, Danni and Zena, Darren and Leo and Neville and Nike. The team did well that day. Saturday was the most hectic day for all with 10 rings all running at the same time, Masters, Novice, Excellent and Open, many of us missing out on walking courses due to classes clashing, but we all did our best. The second stage of the State Teams Event was run and SA did extremely well with 4 clear rounds. Overall, in the final result, the South Australian team came 1st. Congratulations SA TEAM.

As there were so many results for SA competitors the best way to look at them if you are interested is by going onto the Nationals web site:

www.vicnationals.com.au.

Sunday afternoon was the finals. To make it into the finals you must have passed and placed in the top 7 of a class over the three days of competition. Just before the finals had started on the Sunday afternoon, massive gale force winds hit with rain and hail following close behind, many gazebos doing the Wizard of Oz, flying through the air. So to finish the 3 days off with a really good bang there were a few of us with drowned undies and swimming in our sneakers, exhausted and ready for a hot shower and a stiff drink.

We are now getting ready to do it all over again in Perth 2010. So if you are interested in trialling it can take you around Australia, it's a great experience, so get training and we hope to see new faces at the next Nationals.

If anyone is interested, there is also a write-up in the Agility News section in this month's dogssa Journal.

Rebekah Foord



Jade, handled by Rebekah Foord



Xena, handled by Danni McCulloch



Hollie, handled by Wendy Skelton



Scrappy handled by Rachael Fagan

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Thanks, Kim

Royal Adelaide Show Flyball Competition

This was the 7th time flyball has been showcased at the Adelaide Royal Show. There were a total of 9 teams entered this year across 3 divisions. PDODC had 4 teams again – one team sponsored by Aussie Pooch Mobile and the other three kitted out in our newly donated 'PDODC Flyball Team' shirts. Boy did we look smart. Also racing were 2 teams from Dover Gardens, 2 teams from Keilor in Victoria and 1 team from Eastside, also from Victoria.

A big THANKS goes to all our volunteer Stewards, Time Keepers, Box Loaders and anyone else who helped on the day. This year I was really impressed with how well and how quickly everyone pulled together to set the ring up. It was done before I could blink. Thank you also goes to our interstate Judge, Eric Van Zuyden, as both Eric and myself were running dogs and judging. Thank you to Wayne S. for towing all the equipment and to those who helped to pack and unpack the trailer at both ends.

The day was a fun, relaxed day although a little bit warm at 28 degrees. It was a successful day with wins in divisions and also gaining titles. I would like to especially congratulate Julian Stokes and Jasper for gaining the title of Flyball Master (FM). This is a huge milestone and they are only the 2nd team to gain this title in SA.

Division	Place	Team	Seed time	Best Time
1	1	Eastside Flyer Spitfires	21.483	21.384
1	2	Para Troopers	23.253	23.388
2	1	Para Shooters	24.000 d	23.173
2	2	T-Keilor Sunrises	24.500 d	23.939
2	3	Fly'd Over	24.000 d	25.158
3	1	Para-ceta-mols	25.000 d	24.902
3	2	Run'd Over	26.000 d	28.56
3	3	T-Keilor Laidbacks	27.200 d	26.611
3	4	Para Gliders	25.200 d	27.562

Catherine Saberton, Co-Head Flyball Instructor



A big thank you to Devondale for your kind sponsorship

Best Friend Retreat, Yarram, Victoria, Flyball Competition

This year Para District Obedience Dog Club had 2 teams travelling to Yarram (South East of Victoria) for the Best Friend Retreat 2008 flyball competition which was held on Saturday, 4th October. The weather for race day was perfect for racing; overcast with a slight breeze. Racing started at 9 a.m.

There were 14 teams racing across 4 divisions with both Para teams (Para Shooters & Para Troopers) in Division 2. In Division 2 there were 4 teams; the 2 Para teams, the Croydon Rocket Cosmonauts and the T'Kielor Slammers (both the latter teams from Victoria). The Croydon Rocket Cosmonauts broke out 3 times in the morning and therefore were unable to place (in flyball each Division except Div 1 has a break-out time of 1 second faster than their seed time, to ensure you are placed in the right division). The T'Kielor Slammers came 1st, the Para Shooters came 2nd and the Para Troopers came 3rd.

The Para Shooters were made up of: Raz (handled by Wayne), CeCe (handled by Ronnie), Jasper (handled by Julian), Mallee (handled by Mel), Tessa (handled by Helen) and at her first race Mika (handled by Wayne). The Para Troopers were made up of: Tully (handled by Michelle S.), Wally (handled by Gaynor), Wooly (handled by Michelle P.), Cassie (handled by Chrissy), Bundy (handled by Mel) and at his first race Bandit (handled by Michelle K.).

Four titles were gained on the day. Cassie gained her FM (Flyball Master), both Tessa & Bundy gained their AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion) and Bandit at his first ever competition gained his FD (Flyball Dog). Racing finished around 4 pm with presentations following. Cassie & Chrissy received a judge's prize for getting a perfect start of 0.000 seconds (very hard to achieve for the start dog).

Saturday was also the first outing of the Para Mascot – still to be named. On Sunday most of the dogs went down to 90 Mile Beach for a splash in the water (again the day was perfect – bright blue skies). A perfect way to end the weekend.

A big THANK YOU to Ash, Linley, Ben & Jason who assisted in stewarding, box loading and ball shagging on the day. Your help was much appreciated. Also thanks to Larissa & Maria for videoing and photographing the day.

If you are interested in doing Flyball with your dog you must be at level 3 Obedience or equivalent, your dog must be interested in a tennis ball and must be very social with other dogs & humans. Come down Monday nights at 6.30 p.m. for an assessment.

Chrissy Dalla Vale, Co-Head Flyball Instructor



Just on a personal note, I would like to thank everyone travelling back on the Monday for assisting in my little mishap on the way home.

THANK YOU
Chrissy

ParaPiscis



Sharon Page's dog, Aussie Jack, on one of his many PetPEP school visits



‘PetPEP’ stands for Pets & People **Education** Program

‘AVA’ stands for Australian Veterinary Association

PetPEP provides the opportunity for all primary school children to learn about and have contact with animals.

It aims to educate our next generation of pet owners.

Jack and I have been visiting schools to provide a positive association to students. We show them how to approach a dog safely, how training and socialisation can have an impact on their behaviour. We try to enforce the needs of a pet so they can better understand them.

Jack then does a demonstration of obedience and some tricks of course. The photos show him picking up pegs and pens, putting a bucket inside another bucket, holding a flag and dancing around me. At the end of our talk and demonstration the children approach him correctly and pat him under his chin.

The program is run by the AVA with support from local councils and the Animal Welfare League.

Volunteers are always needed, so if you think you could help with the program please see me or call the regional coordinator, Barbara Gill, or Rachel Sullivan, on 8344 6337. AVA email is: avasa@ava.com.au.

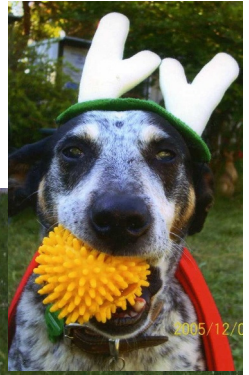
Sharon Page, Head Obedience Instructor



Tyson

Owned by: Karen Davis

Harley, Jade, Morgan & Poppy



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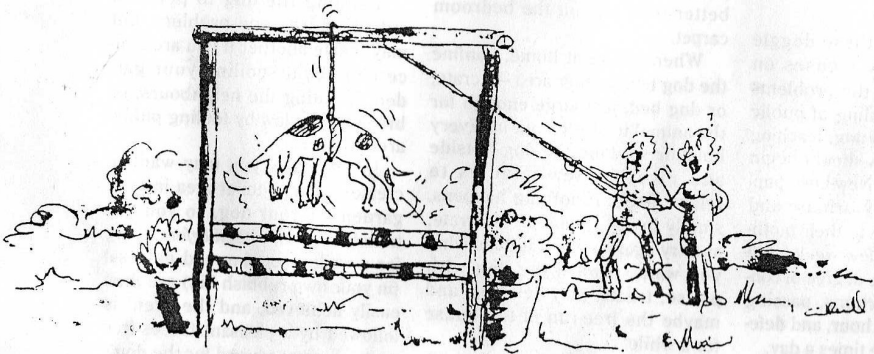
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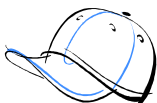
"I DON'T CARE IF HE DID HAVE A BAD DAY AT OBEDIENCE SCHOOL. I'LL DO ALL THE AFTER-HOURS UNWINDING AROUND HERE."

Agility Training



"...HOW LONG BEFORE HE CATCHES ON??..."

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.***

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Polo Shirt Kids 4 – 14 Ladies 8-20 Adults Small - XL			\$32.00
Caps (one size fits all)			\$12.00
Spray Jacket Kids 4-14 Adults XS – 5XL			\$47.00
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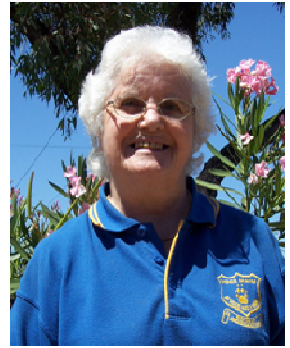


Hilda's News

Trial Results

Triallers please note:

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



Agility Dog Club Agility Trials 2/8/2008 A.M.

Agility

Masters

Danni & Xena Pass 1st

Open

Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd

Margriet & Zepher Pass 4th

Danni & Inka Pass 6th

Jumping

Novice

Gill & Darcy Pass 4th

Excellent

Gary & Toby Pass 1st

Open

Danni & Xena Pass 1st JDO

Cherie & Abbey Pass 4th

Nanette & Kaila Pass 6th

Joy & Pippa Pass 7th

Cheryl & Ruby Pass 10th

Masters

Victor & Ryan Pass 11th

P.M.

Agility

Masters

Danni & Inka Pass 1st

Victor & Ryan Pass 9th

Excellent

Joy & Pippa Pass 2nd

Novice

Gill & Darcy Pass 6th

Jumping

Excellent

Chrissy & Cassie Pass 3rd

Open

Danni & Inka Pass 2nd

Danni & Xena Pass 3rd

Wendy & Hollie Pass 7th

Masters

Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd

Danni & Xena Pass 3rd

Para District Obedience Trial 16/8/2008

CCD

Jaymie & Cooper 91 2nd

Mary & Missy 91 3rd CCD

Wayne & Rocket 90

Sharon & Tadpole 90 CCD

Melanie & Trick 90

Ronnie & Mika 88

Karen & Bronx 87

Ronnie & CeCe 81 CCD

Novice

Rebekah & Narla 183

Open B

Cheryl & Jarna 190 1st

Rebekah & Cougar 179

Open A

Fred & Hokey 186 1st

UDX

Fred & Hokey 179 1st UDX

Danni & Xena 179 2nd

Utility

Ted & Kula 180 1st

State Agility Championships Saturday, 19/7/2008 A.M.

Agility

Masters

Danni & Xena Pass 2nd

Victor & Ryan Pass 7th

Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd
 Danni & Xena Pass 4th
 Rebekah & Jade Pass 5th

Excellent
 Colin & Ben Pass 3rd

Jumping
Masters
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 1st
 Danni & Inka Pass 2nd
 Danni & Xena Pass 4th
 Rebekah & Jade Pass 9th

Excellent
 Gary & Toby Pass 1st
 Helen & Tessa Pass 2nd

Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd
 Roger & Gabby Pass 7th

P.M.

Agility
Masters
 Danni & Xena Pass 3rd
 Victor & Ryan Pass 8th

Open
 Leeanne & Cassie Pass 4th
 Rebekah & Jade Pass 6th
Excellent
 Joy & Pippa Pass 1st
 Michelle & Tully Pass 2nd
 Jaymie & Cooper Pass 3rd
 Helen & Tessa Pass 5th

Jumping
Excellent
 Helen & Tessa Pass 1st

Novice
 Chrissy & Cassie Pass 2nd

Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd
 Danni & Xena Pass 4th
 Leeanne & Cassie Pass 5th
 Rebekah & Jade Pass 6th
 Paul & Jaz Pass 8th

Sunday, 20 July 2008
A.M.

Agility
Masters
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd
 Danni & Xena Pass 4th
 Roger & Gabby Pass 7th

Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 1st
 Leeanne & Cassie Pass 2nd
 Paul & Jaz Pass 3rd

Masters
 Danni & Xena Pass 2nd
 Rebekah & Jade Pass 3rd
 Victor & Ryan Pass 5th

Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 1st
 Danni & Xena Pass 4th
 Danni & Inka Pass 5th
 Rachael & Scrappy Pass 8th

Royal Show Trials
6/9/2008

Agility
Masters
 Cheryl & Ruby Pass 6th
Obedience
Novice
 Karen & Poppy 187 3rd

Gawler Obedience Trial
27/7/2008

Open
 Danni & Inka 197 1st
 Fred & Hokey 194 2nd
CCD
 Danni & Gabby 99 1st
 Mary & Missy 97 2nd
 Rebekah & Narla 90

Agility Dog Club Agility Trials
2/8/2008
A.M.

Agility
Masters
 Danni & Xena Pass 1st
Open
 Wendy & Hollie Pass 2nd
 Margriet & Zepher Pass 4th
 Danni & Inka Pass 6th

Excellent
 Gary & Toby Pass 6th
Jumping
Novice
 Gill & Darcy Pass 4th

<i>Excellent</i>			
Gary & Toby	Pass	1st	
<i>Open</i>			
Danni & Xena	Pass	1st	
Cherie & Abbey	Pass	4th	
Joy & Pippa	Pass	7th	
Cheryl & Ruby	Pass	10th	
<i>Masters</i>			
Victor & Ryan	Pass	11th	

P.M.

<u>Agility</u>			
<i>Masters</i>			
Danni & Inka	Pass	1st	
Victor & Ryan	Pass	9th	
<i>Excellent</i>			
Gary & Toby	Pass	2nd	
<i>Novice</i>			
Gill & Darcy	Pass	6th	
<u>Jumping</u>			
<i>Excellent</i>			
Chrissy & Cassie	Pass	3rd	
<i>Open</i>			
Danni & Inka	Pass	2nd	
Danni & Xena	Pass	3rd	
<i>Masters</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	2nd	
Danni & Xena	Pass	3rd	

**German Shepherd Dog Club
14/9/2008**

A.M.

<u>Agility</u>			
<i>Open</i>			
Val & Georgia	Pass	1st	
<i>Masters</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
Ted & Kula	Pass	4th	
<i>Novice</i>			
Karen & Morgan	Pass	4th	
<u>Jumping</u>			
<i>Open</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
<i>Masters</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
Danni & Inka	Pass	3rd	
Danni & Xena	Pass	5th	

P.M.

<u>Agility</u>			
<i>Excellent</i>			

Gary & Toby	Pass	1st	
<i>Open</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
<i>Masters</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
Danni & Xena	Pass	2nd	
<u>Jumping</u>			
<i>Open</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	1st	
Danni & Xena	Pass	3rd	
<i>Masters</i>			
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	2nd	
Danni & Xena	Pass	4th	

**Combined Districts Obedience Trial
5/7/2008**

<i>CCD</i>			
Danni & Gabrielle	95	1st	
<i>Open</i>			
Danni & Inka	192	1st	
Fred & Hokey	186		
<i>UDX</i>			
Fred & Hokey	182	1st	
Victor & Bronte	170	2nd	

**Northern Districts Obedience Trial
13/7/2008**

<i>Open 1</i>			
Fred & Hokey	180	2nd	
<i>Open 2</i>			
Danni & Inka	191	2nd	
<i>CCD</i>			
Rachael (Bec) & Narla	88		

**Southern Districts Obedience Trials
4/10/2008
A.M.**

<i>Novice</i>			
Leonar & Sherry	191	1st	
Karen & Poppy	190	3rd	
<i>Open 1</i>			
Fred & Hokey	183	1st	
<i>Open 2</i>			
Danni & Inka	194	2nd	
<i>Utility</i>			
Danni & Inka	186	1st	

P.M.

<i>CCD</i>			
Karen & Cuebiyar	94	3rd	

<i>Novice</i>		
Karen & Poppy	176	
<i>Open</i>		
Fred & Hokey	188	2nd

Congratulations Karen & Poppy on your CD title, and to the club for having a double obedience trial, the first for a long time.

**Riverland Obedience Trials
23/8/2008**

<i>Novice</i>		
Denise & Ben	188	1st
<i>Open A</i>		
Fred & Hokey	183	1st
Ted & Kula	177	2nd

24/8/2008

<i>Novice</i>		
Denise & Ben	172	3rd
<i>Open A</i>		
Fred & Hokey	187	3rd

**Gawler Obedience Trial
28/9/2008**

<i>Open</i>		
Fred & Hokey	186	2nd
<i>Novice</i>		
Rachael (Bec) & Narla	190	2nd
Leonar & Sherry	185	3rd
<i>CCD</i>		
Melanie & Trick	82	3rd

**SAODC Obedience Trial
5/10/2008**

<i>Novice</i>		
Karen & Poppy	188	3rd
<i>Open</i>		
Ted & Kula	180	2nd

**Dover Gardens Obedience Trial
12/10/2008**

<i>Open</i>		
Fred & Hokey	198	1st
<i>Novice</i>		
Leonar & Sherry	188	2nd CD
<i>CCD</i>		
Wayne & Rocket	86	3rd

**Para Districts Agility Trial
11/10/2008**

<u>Agility</u>		
<i>Masters</i>		
Val & Georgia	Pass	2nd
<i>Excellent</i>		
Helen & Tessa	Pass	1st
Joy (Victor) & Pippa	Pass	2nd
Gill & Darcy	Pass	4th
Jan & Bonnie	Pass	5th
<i>Open</i>		
Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
Gary & Toby	Pass	2nd
<u>Jumping</u>		
<i>Masters</i>		
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	2nd
Gary & Toby	Pass	9th
Cheryl & Jarna	Pass	10th
<i>Open</i>		
Danni & Xena	Pass	2nd
<i>Excellent</i>		
Gill & Cooper	Pass	7th

**Noarlunga Agility Trials
18/10/2008**

<u>Agility – a.m.</u>		
<i>Masters</i>		
Danni & Xena	Pass	1st
Victor & Ryan	Pass	3rd ADM
<i>Open</i>		
Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
<u>Jumping – a.m.</u>		
<i>Open</i>		
Danni & Xena	Pass	2nd
<i>Masters</i>		
Danni & Xena	Pass	2nd
<u>Agility – p.m.</u>		
<i>Masters</i>		
Danni & Inka	Pass	1st
Wendy & Hollie	Pass	2nd
Danni & Xena	Pass	3rd
Victor & Ryan	Pass	6th
<i>Excellent</i>		
Chrissy & Cassie	Pass	2nd

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Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s 2008 AGM



**Tuesday, 9 December 2008
7 p.m.**

Venue: Club grounds

Please consider standing for Committee, but be warned the work is hard, demanding and rewarding. Nominations for committee positions should be given to the Secretary prior to the AGM. A detailed list of job specifications is available on request in the office.

All positions will be declared vacant

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Martha's Christmas Miracle

Martha was sitting in her living room watching television this Christmas Eve, alone as she had been for the last five years. All of her children had married and moved to the four corners of the nation. Her youngest, a surgery resident at the vet school across the state, had planned on coming home but had been assigned to work the emergency clinic and couldn't find a replacement. Martha told herself that having Sally working to help the sick and injured animals this Christmas Eve was worth being alone, besides, Sally would be driving over for Christmas dinner the next afternoon.

All the animals had been fed and now were safely in either the kennel building or lazily laying around the house. Martha had to stop to think how many dogs she had at her house this Christmas. She sighed when she realised there were 16. She did rescue and the number of dogs was always changing with some dogs being adopted, and new abandoned dogs coming in. Feeling overwhelmed by the number of dogs she had and all the dogs still left in shelters to die because there was no room for them in rescue, Martha seriously wondered if she should stop working rescue. If she didn't have all these dogs, she could have flown to any of her other children's homes for the holidays to be with family. Besides, the heartbreak of seeing each dog in such need was beginning to really weigh on her.

Tonight she had a new dog, brought home that day. Martha didn't really plan on adding another dog but on her way home from the store she saw a dog lying on the side of the road. Certain the dog was dead, Martha stopped, to pick up the body and take it home for a burial. As she got closer, she recognised the shell of an Alaskan Malamute, the breed she rescued. Covered by cuts and festering wounds, what fur was left was matted and filthy. It was so skinny that laying there you could see each rib and its hipbones were the widest part of his body.

With tears in her eyes, mourning for what once had been a majestic animal now reduced to almost a skeleton, she reached down to give the poor dog one last pat on the head. 'Oh, you poor boy, what a way to end your life. Well, at least I can name you and give you a decent farewell.' As her tears fell on the dog's head, one eye slowly opened and the tail gave a single wag. 'You're alive! Everything will be OK now. I'll take you home and you will have a soft bed and food tonight' she said, tears streaming down her face, this time from happiness.

The rest of the afternoon was spent cleaning the dog's wounds and making sure he was able to eat and drink water. Martha set up the large run in the kennel building for him. A soft blanket and a thick foam pad was to be his bed, fresh water and food beside him. Papers for his 'necessary functions' were placed at the far end of the run. He lay there watching every move she made. Martha left the dog resting on his bed, somewhat surprised at the reaction of the rest of the dogs in the kennel. Pandemonium usually broke out with all the other dogs wooing and barking when a new dog was brought in. Tonight all the other dogs just stood and silently watched as Martha cared for the new dog. Thankful the other dogs were not disturbing the new boy, Martha went to the house to finish preparations for tomorrow's dinner.

Later that evening Martha went down to the kennel to check on the new boy and feed the other dogs. As she walked in the door the new boy shakily stood to greet her. As she was straightening up the kennel after feeding and exercising the dogs, she saw her microchip reader. 'Well, this will be a waste of time' she thought as she ran the reader over the dog's body. BEEP! The reader had located a chip! Writing the number down, she hurried to the house to call the chip registry and report the found dog. As she suspected on Christmas Eve, all she got was a machine.

Very late that night, the phone rang. Martha answered and a strange voice was on the other end. 'Did you find a dog with a microchip?' 'Yes. Are you the registry needing more information?', Martha asked. 'No, the registry called us and told us you found our dog!' and then the man broke down crying. After composing himself, he continued. 'The dog you found is BISS AM/CAN/INT CH Wasilla's Ice Sculpture WPD WTD WLD TT CGC but to us he is our heart, the love of our life, Icy. Three years ago Icy was stolen from his exercise area in our back yard. We did everything we could think of to find him, but lately we had almost given up hope of ever seeing him again. This is a miracle. We are leaving now to come pick him up. We are about 14 hours from you so we will see you and Icy in the morning.' Martha was crying. Indeed it was a miracle! And the new dog now had a name, his own name and his people were coming for him. What a wonderful Christmas gift.

Martha hurried down to the kennel to let Icy know that his humans had been found and they were on their way to take him home. As Martha walked up to Icy's kennel he stood to greet her. 'Icy, yes, I know your name and I have spoken to your people. They're coming to take you home.' As she was talking to Icy, she heard the old clock in the building strike midnight.

Much to her amazement, Icy said 'Thank you'. Martha thought, 'Now I am sure I have been around dogs too long, I could swear I heard Icy speak'. Icy continued 'Martha, yes, I am talking to you in human language. You see, at the stroke of midnight on Christmas Day, all animals can speak. Let me tell you what happened to me today. I have been kept in a dark barn for a long time by some very mean people who beat me and often forgot to feed me. Two days ago I found a loose board on the barn and was able to escape. I walked as fast as I could, looking for my people, or at least for some kind person to feed me and give me a warm place to sleep before I died. I was in the middle of a big field when I couldn't walk or even crawl anymore. I laid down, knowing I was about to cross to the Rainbow Bridge. As I stepped onto the Bridge, an Angel came towards me. "Icy", the Angel said, "If you agree, He has a job for you before cross the Bridge. There is a very kind human who needs you today to restore her spirit". Of course I agreed to help a human - that is what Malamutes do. The Angel picked up my body and carried it to the side of a road and laid it down. The next thing I remember is you were scratching my ear and talking to me and your tears were falling on my face. You have cared for me this day.'

Martha heard a chorus of voices all about her. To her amazement she was surrounded not only by her dogs, but dogs she had rescued and sent on to forever homes, all voicing stories how Martha had cared for them and restored them to health and loved them, thanking her for her love.

The first Malamute Martha had rescued many years ago stepped to the front of the gathering and said, 'Martha, you took us in to your home, cared for us, healed us both in body and spirit, then, even though it broke your heart, sent us on to our new forever families. This gave us a life we would never have had without you. Others of us here, never were

adopted and lived out our lives with you, loved and cared for as if we were your own dogs. In our hearts we are your dogs. Thank you.'

Then one small mixed breed puppy stepped forward from the back and said, 'Miss Martha, you never held me nor fed me, you see I am speaking for all the shelter dogs and cats gathered here for which you did all you could. We understand that you can't save us all, but you read our shelter stories, knowing we would cross the Bridge without knowing a home of our own, and you cried for us. We thank you for that. You see, we knew you cared and loved us, too. And that love helped us as we crossed. We thank you and all the other Rescuers for that small act of love.'

Icy looked at Martha and told her, 'It is getting late and you will have many people here tomorrow to celebrate Christmas. And you have your rescue work to continue. Our time to be able to talk to you is growing short, but always remember what happened tonight. What you do for the animals is a gift to us and to Him, the Father of us all. Each of us, animals of every species, needs people like you. Please keep on helping. You are doing the work of Angels.' At that point all of the dogs in unison said 'Thank You', and their voices blended into a joyous howl which echoed from the heavens to the ends of the earth.

Humbly offered as a Christmas Gift to all who love animals.

Source: Email from club member



Animal Welfare League Blanket Appeal

The Animal Welfare League are in **desperate** need for blankets and towels to make the chilly winter nights a little warmer for their unfortunate dogs and cats. The AWL are also in short supply of food (wet, dry & treats) and toys.

Drop off points have been established at:

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PDODC**

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or

**5 Fairview Terrace, Clearview
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Also many thanks to the PDODC instructors for their help with Bronte's training and in allowing me the flexibility required to achieve his UDX qualification.

Victor Jordan

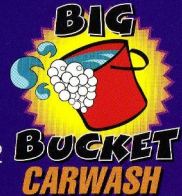
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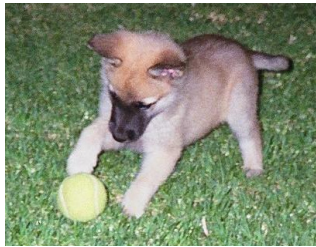
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Cover Story

RAZ : A DOG WITH ATTITUDE!

Raz was born on 24th December, 2001. He came to me on Valentine's Day 2002. We picked him from a litter of 13 puppies. All the other puppies in the litter were playfighting, but because of his temperament Raz wouldn't. But when push came to shove, he eventually retaliated quickly and briefly, and then he'd back off.



Unbeknown to me at the time, the people we bought him from were the parents of a lady named "Valentine". He was about 7 weeks old and was the size of a little fluffy kitten. At that stage we called him "Flupity Puppity", until we found a suitable name!

Ronnie, my partner, had previously owned a dog named Ziggy and I owned a dog named Rebel, whom had both passed away quite a few years earlier. That's how we came up with his name; Rebel And Ziggy = R.A.Z. We thought it was a good thing because we have great memories of our past dogs.

From day one at home with Raz, he carried a tennis ball in his mouth. Who would have thought that 7 years later he would be the first dog in SA to earn the title of Flyball Master – 400 points.



Raz's travels along his life to date have been amazing. In Raz's debut season of dog sledding he won the state and national titles. Early every Sunday morning during winter we would huddle in the forest of Mt Crawford, waiting for the race to begin. We would set off into the forest at 30 second intervals starting 12th or 15th and, to my amazement, quite often we would come home in 1st place. My heart would race and, with a tear in my eye, every time Raz saw a dog in front he would run faster. On the home stretch I'd always shout "GO HOME TO MUM" and Raz would pick up the pace even more!

The following season, Raz (the smart alec) let me know in no uncertain terms that we would not be doing this sport anymore. We would start each race with great enthusiasm, Raz would get my hopes up, and then he'd suddenly stop, entangling his ropes around my front wheel and sending me over the handle bars and over him! So I listened to Raz and we gave up the sledding in search for something new.

We had already by this stage reached level 5 obedience, so were looking for something he wanted to do, with gusto! We found a website about flyball. We joined a flyball club at Golden Grove where we met Cath, Wayne, Bec, Rachel, Shazza and Rebecca Knapp. It was a small group of flyball people amongst a large group training at the same time in obedience. We were very loud -

all our dogs barking with excitement, which understandably didn't mix whilst others were training at obedience. We then moved to PDODC to train on a Monday nights and 5 years later still train flyball here. No-one to complain about our excited dogs – "Woohooo!" The bonus for us was PDODC also offered agility and jumping, not to mention the standard of obedience is second to none!

Raz has gained titles in all disciplines, which would not have happened if it weren't for PDODC.

For those who don't know Raz, he is very loud and for this reason often misunderstood. People who do know Raz know that he's purely seeking attention (my fault – sorry to those we annoy!). If Raz barks at you, he wants only to say hello. If you pat him he will shut up! Raz has only one mission in life and that is to make every human his friend – he loves all people. And some of you who do know Raz may not realise that he has an individual bark for each and every one of you!



Raz is such a spirited dog with lots of attitude. Before we fitted a doggy door, Raz would wake either myself or Ronnie up by nudging us during the night to go out for a pee. Some nights it would be 1, 2, 3, 4 o'clock in the morning! Up I'd get and open the back door, then stumble back to bed yelling out "CLOSE THE DOOR" as I went! Mostly, when Raz was finished peeing, he would come in and stand on his hind legs and jump at the door to close it. On rare occasions, he would half heartedly jump at the door and trot back up the hallway, leaving the door open. My reply would be, quite loudly, "CLOSE THE DOOR" and he would stomp back down the hallway and jump at the door, again without closing it properly. One last time "CLOSE THE F****N DOOR!!!" Raz would run at the door and slam it shut, then come back to bed! What attitude – but we love him for it!

Through Raz we have a strong social group of people and doggy friends and Raz and Wayne would love you to come and say hello and join in the fun!

Cheers for now – Wayne Window

Raz dazzles in dog-sled world

By Peter Haran

WHITE german shepherd Raz is an oddity in more ways than one – not only is he from one of the rarest breeds in the world, he also is an Australian champion.

The South Australian dog has just won the state and national championships for pulling a dog sled.

With just one word, "mush", Raz takes off like a rocket – a fact that leaves traditional sled-pullers such as the ma-

lutes and huskies with a few noses out of joint.

Raz, 19 months, raced ahead of the pack to scoop the novice single dog cup at the Australian Sleddog Sports Association national championship at Kuitpo Forest last month.

He pulled owner-handler Wayne Window over a winding 2.7km to take first place.

Mr Window says his white lightning has hardly hit his straps, with "some growing to do and a lot more training ahead".

"I had german shepherds for

years and was always interested in the white shepherd – a dog that is usually put down as a pup because they are unacceptable to the traditional breeders," Mr Window said.

"I found a breeder that had white shepherds and watched this white ball of fluff trot around – I wanted him."

Raz took to running through the mud slush and cold of Kuitpo like a duck to water. Now Raz is being prepared for his next challenge – a race against Australia's best dog sled-pullers.



Raz and Wayne Window in action
Picture: Neon Martin



Obedience Class Graduations September & October

Class 1 to 2

Lee & Lara—TOM
Melanie & Ceilidh

Casey & Beau - TOM
Debbie & Tilly
Trevor & Duke
Joe & Sarcha

Class 3 to 4

Rebecca & Flame—TOM

Roger & Fern—TOM

Sandy & Maggie—TOM
Lee & Chelsea

Class 2 to 3

Roger & Fern—TOM
Sandy & Maggie
Lee & Chelsea

Natalie & Kayla—TOM
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Trevor & Andee
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Class 1 - 2
Lee & Lara



Class 2 - 3
Roger & Fern



Class 3 - 4
Flame & Rebecca



also
Class 3-4



Class 1 - 2
Casey & Beau



Class 2 - 3
Natalie & Kayla



Class 3 - 4
Sandy & Maggie



Class 4 - 5
Karen & Bronx

**If you would like a colour copy of your Team of the Month photo,
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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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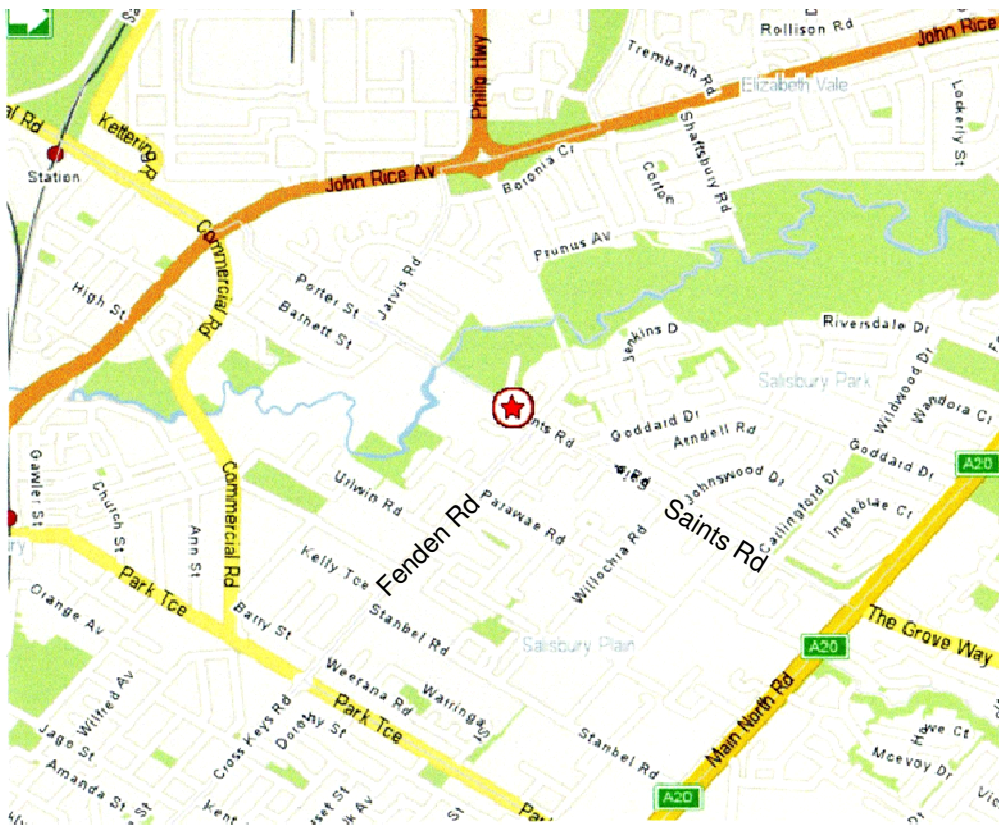
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Obedience

Flyball

Agility

Sunday (A.M.)

Monday (P.M.)

Friday (P.M.)

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

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

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

