

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

# Slipcollar

End Year 2012

Sunday 25 Nov 10am official break-up party!



Meet Carmel's energetic Black Labrador Retriever's Bunji & Gypsy.



Sharon & Winston  
DWDF.S



Linda & Ashwyn HTM.S

Find out about their active lifestyle and the story behind their names;

Cover Story  
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**Obedience Graduations Team Of Month**  
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**Congratulations !**

**Class 3 - 4**  
**Michelle & Minka**



**Class 4 - 5**  
**Brian & Jess**

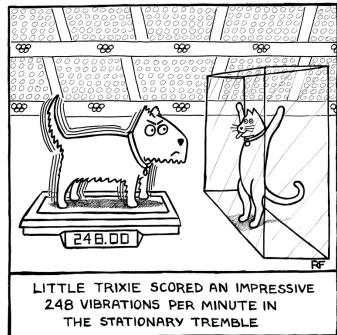


**Ryan**  
**Agility Champion 300**  
**Well Done Victor !**



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## Para Districts Obedience Dog Club AGM and Breakup Day

Sunday, 25 November 2012

All members are welcome to Para's official club break-up day. Come down from 10 a.m. for a day of **fun and GAMES** with your 2 and 4-legged friends alike. BBQ food will be available for lunch. BYO chairs, shelters, etc. And don't forget there will be the end-of-year trophy presentation for all the hard work members have put in throughout the year. So let's make it a great day by all participating.

**10.15am: Musical Sits** While the music is playing, dogs and handlers walk around in a circle in unison. When the music stops, dogs must sit. The dog that is the last to sit is eliminated from the game. The music resumes and the cycle repeats until there is only one dog and handler left in the game, who is the winner

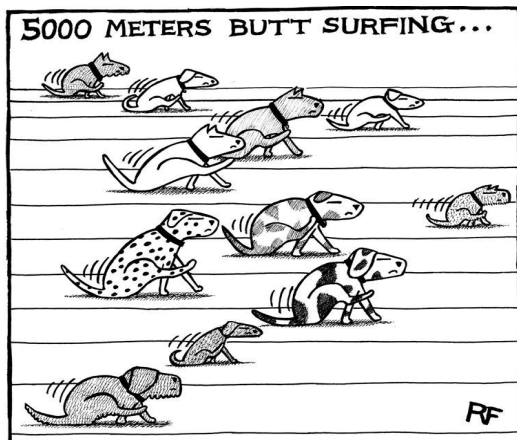
**10.30am: 100 metre sprint**

**11.00am: Apple & Ball Bobbing** The game is played by filling a tub with water and putting 1 apple and 1 floating ball in the water. Both dog and handler must catch one with their teeth. Use of hands or paws is not allowed

**11.30am: 4 legged race**

**12.30pm: AGM &**

**Trophy Presentation**



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OTHER POSITIONS HELD 2012

President	Julian Stokes
Secretary	Carmel Nottle
Treasurer	Jess Baker
Assistant Treasurer	Greg Davey
Vice President	Ray Gunter
Head Obedience Instructor	Ray Gunter
Obedience Trial Manager	Jan Mitchell
Assist. Head Obedience Instructor	Jan Cooper
Head Agility Instructor	Irma Crews
Assist. Head Agility Instructor's	Vanessa Loughlin & Victor Jordan
Head Flyball Instructor (1)	Chrissy Dalla Valle
Head Flyball Instructor (2)	Rebecca Knapp
Head DWD's Instructor	Sharon Page
Magazine Editor	Leigh Stretton
Uniform Contact Person	Linley Nicholson
Other committee members	Mary Dalla Valle & Peter Alderson

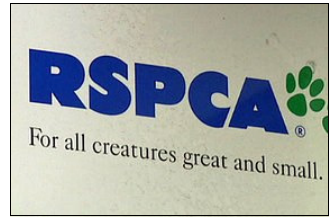
### **Reminder from the Registrar for P.D.O.D.C.**

After applying for the title at Dogs SA, Please give your qualification cards or (copies preferred) of your qualification cards to the Registrar for recording ASAP. Please put the place, for example: 1st/2nd 3rd that you gained on as well, this year many have been handed in with no placing recorded and that makes it even harder to record the points gained in each discipline. It has been hard work to round them all up this year. If you don't hand them to me, you need to leave them in the office with a note on them saying what they are for and who to give them back too. You will only receive a trophy for the EOY if you put PDODC down as your first club, you will receive a badge however if you list PDODC as your second club on your entry form for all disciplines. Games qualifications only receive a badge. Please give them to me throughout the year as it is not acceptable to save them all up and give them in all at once. I will record them as soon as I can and return them promptly to you.

**Regards Sharon Page:  
Registrar for PDODC.**

## **Puppies die after being dumped in skip**

The RSPCA is investigating after three six-week-old puppies were sealed in a garbage bag and dumped in a skip at Bolivar in Adelaide's north.



A passer-by found the Labrador-cross puppies outside a Port Wakefield Road service station about 7:30am. RSPCA chief inspector Simon Richards says by the time staff arrived two of the dogs had died, while a third has been taken to a vet and is recovering.

He says the service station operator is reviewing security vision to provide clues.

"The penalty for this, the maximum penalty for this, is up to two years' imprisonment or a \$20,000 fine," he said.

"It's disgusting. Certainly the fact that we've taken one puppy out and we've been able to get it treated and begin a rehabilitation process suggests that they were alive when they were put in to the bin.

"One of the puppies will be autopsied to find out what the cause of death is. "But it's just a, it's a despicable act when there are so many other options to ensure the animal has a good home to go to."

## **Fun stuff for dog lovers.**

### **Did you Know...**

- A dog's heart beats between 70 and 120 times a minute, compared with a human heart which beats 70 to 80 times a minute.
- A dog's normal body temperature is 100.5 to 102.5 degrees Fahrenheit.
- A female carries her young about 60 days before the puppies are born.
- An adult dog has 42 teeth.
- It is a myth that dogs are colour blind. They can actually see in colour, just not as vividly as humans. It is akin to our vision at dusk.

- If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate, and their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in 6 years!
- The only sweat glands a dog has are between the paw pads.
- The world's smartest dogs are thought to be (1) the border collie, (2) the poodle, and (3) the golden retriever.
- Chocolate contains a substance known as theobromine (similar to caffeine) which can kill dogs or at the very least make them violently ill.
- Dogs' sense of hearing is more than ten times more acute than a human's
- Dogs don't like rain because the sound is amplified and hurts their very sensitive ears.
- Dogs were the first animals domesticated by people.
- A greyhound can run as fast as 45 miles an hour.
- Spaying/neutering your dog before the age of 6 months can help prevent cancer in your dog.
- Puppies acquire a full mouth of permanent teeth between four and seven months old.
- Small dogs live the longest. Toy breeds live up to 16 years or more. Larger dogs average is 7 – 12 years. Veterinary medicine have extended this estimate by about three years. However, some breeds, such as Tibetan terrier live as long as twenty years.
- Eighty percent of dog owners buy their dog a present for holidays and birthdays. More than half of them sign letters and cards from themselves and their pets.
- Most pet owners (94 percent) say their pet makes them smile more than once a day.
- It has been established that people who own pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.
- A dog's whiskers are touch-sensitive hairs called vibrissae. They are found on the muzzle, above the eyes and below the jaws, and can actually sense tiny changes in airflow.
- Dogs can smell about 1,000 times better than humans. While humans have 5 million smell-detecting cells, dogs have more than 220 million. The part of the brain that interprets smell is also four times larger in dogs than in humans.

## Head Dancing With Dog's Instructor's Report

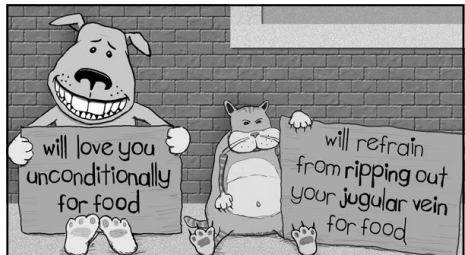
We are still low on numbers attending this new sport introduced just last year to South Australia. We meet on a Monday night in front of the green shed at 6-30pm weather permitting. If you join us for Dancing be prepared for a noisy night as we practice next to the flyballers who we share the grounds with on a Monday night.

There have been three official competitions locally and another one held at The Royal Adelaide Show this year. PDODC held its first competition on the 1<sup>st</sup> September with just under 50 entries. The comp/trial was a huge success and ran like clockwork on the day. Many thanks to all who helped on the day and before hand to make it the success that it was. Our Trial manager Irma Crews worked tirelessly to make it all happen on the day.

At the Royal Show Irma & Sisko gained one qualification in HTM.S and a 1<sup>st</sup> place, then DWDF.S also with a 1<sup>st</sup> place, this is very hard to do as there are many distractions to contend with at the Show. This year Linda & Ashwyn gained their title in HTM.S and Sharon & Winston gained their title in DWDF.S also. Sandra and Maggie are hoping for a pass at the competition that is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Hopefully I can report on that competition before this goes to print. STOP PRESS: On 3rd November Sandra & Maggie gained their DWDF.S title to an upbeat performance of "Cowgirls Do" Congratulations to a worthy pair on reaching their goal for the year.

For more information on DWD's there are many websites to refer to: [danceswithdogsaustralia.com](http://danceswithdogsaustralia.com)  
[caninefreestyleaustralia.com](http://caninefreestyleaustralia.com) &  
[musicaldogsports.org](http://musicaldogsports.org)

Regards Sharon Page  
(Head DWD Instructor) PDODC





## **CLASS TIMES AND SESSION INFORMATION**

Whether you aspire to gain titles in dog sports or just want to train for fun and to have an obedient dog that is a good member of the community, PDODC offers members choices, advice and support.



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### **Obedience**

#### **Sunday Mornings**

8.30am. Utility

9.30am. Puppies/First Timers, Class 2 & Class 5

10.20am. Class 6

10.20am. First Timers (New Members) Info Session

10.30am Learners

11.15am Class 4

11.20am Class 3

11.25am Class 1

### **OFFICE OPENING HOURS**

**Sunday 9.15am—11.15am**

### **Monday Night Flyball Class Times**

**6.30pm** Set-up and Dog assessment

**6.45pm.** Beginners

**7.20pm** Intermediate

**8.00pm** Triallers

**Weather rule;** If the temperature for Monday is forecast on Sunday evening for 32 degrees or higher there will be no training. If stormy or inclement weather, training may also be called off.

### **Flyball Break-up Party 2012!**

#### **Fun Night: Monday\_19th November 2012**

A social evening for dogs and handlers. Be there at 6.30 pm. On Monday, 15 November, all Flyballers (from beginners to triallers) will advise/discuss what they will bring for the shared supper.

*PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD TO SHARE.*

#### **Flyball Xmas Romp: 1st December 2012**

##### **Club grounds: Jenkins Reserve**

We need Stewards. If you can help out on the day, please catch up with Chrissy or a member of committee

## Agility Ground Plan and Hot Weather Rule for season 2012

1. Skills 1
2. Skills 2
3. Relationship Building

1. Foundation 2 & Handlers
2. Foundation 1

### Agility / Jumping

1. Sequencing and Pre-Competition
2. Novice
3. Excellent

Club Rooms

SHED

NOTE – Foundation Classes will commence as Students Graduate up from Skills Class 2

### HOT WEATHER POLICY

There will be ***no training*** for non-trialling dogs/handlers (Relationship Building Skills 1, Skills 2, Foundation 1, Foundation 2 and Handlers, and Sequencing and Pre-Competition) in agility if the Thursday night weather forecast on Channel 9 news for Elizabeth on the Friday is 32 degrees Celsius and over. **Same as last year – only name has changed** – Please NOTE – *If a student has entered trials but has not graduated out of sequencing and Pre-Competition they are considered a Non-Trialling dog by this club and therefore are NOT to train on Hot Weather Policy nights.*

### Agility Training Session Times Friday Nights

Set up for 1<sup>st</sup> Session – **start 6.15pm**  
New Starters – **6.30pm** on 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Month for  
Assessment and Orientation

**6.45pm – 7.25pm;** Skills 1, Foundation 2 & Handlers, and  
Excellent Agility/Jumping

**7.35pm – 8.15pm** Skills 2, Foundation 1, Sequencing and  
Pre Competition Novice

**8.25pm – 9.05pm** Masters Agility/Jumping and Relationship  
Building (New Starters)

## **Canine Careers – Search and Rescue**

*Written by Jan Mitchell (PDODOC) ideas from Adelaide Plains Veterinary newsletter.*

Dogs throughout history have been bred and kept for many different tasks and services to people. From hunting and retrieval to guarding, lap dogs and off course family companions and friends. Today we continue to use the dog's intelligence, loyalty and willingness to please, to put them to use in some very important jobs. They become part of the workforce they are involved in and are generally considered as another staff member and comrade. Search and Rescue is one in a long list of tasks that these loyal animals perform for us.

In many cases of disaster and loss specially trained dogs are called on to use their extraordinary scenting abilities to help find people who are missing, wounded or casualties. These situations can be widely varied, including aftermaths of hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, tsunami, landslides, avalanches, bombing, helping the police with missing persons and searching for trampers and sightseers who may be missing in remote and dangerous terrain such as mountain passes and dense bush.

As a dogs' sense of smell is 10,000 times stronger than ours they are much better at discriminating different types of scent. Humans shed up to 40,000 skin cells every minute which the dogs are easily able to pick up and locate.

Search and Rescue dogs date back to 1660 in a place called St. Bernard Pass, a mountain route through the Alps between Switzerland and Italy. These were the ancestors of what we know today as the St. Bernard. They were originally kept as guard dogs, but their talents were quickly recognised and monks trained them to help locate people trapped by the snow.

Later Search and Rescue dogs played an important role in World War 1 and World War 2, British, American and Germans used the dogs to help and find missing and wounded soldiers. After World War 2 they were used in the Swiss Alps by the Swiss Alpine Club to locate people trapped by avalanche.

There are two categories for Search and Rescue dog: air scenting and trail scenting.

Air scenting dogs roam off their leash and sniff the air to locate who they are looking for, while trail scenting dogs are kept on a leash and use their nose and ears together to find the scent on the ground. Air scenting is used to work in areas that may have been contaminated by other human searchers and trailing is used when the scent is weeks old. Search and Rescue dogs are quite often trained in both methods. Dogs are selected very carefully to be introduced to this type of training. They will be challenged with training for many skills such as advanced obedience, agility, jumping, tracking scenting and sounding. While selecting is not breed specific some breeds stand out for these tasks. Bloodhounds have a superior sense of smell. German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Golden Retrievers and Labradors also excel in training. The dogs are also need to have great concentration, so that they are able to keep to the task at hand for up to eight hours a day on any given search.

## **Wayne Window**

**Repairs & Maintenance**

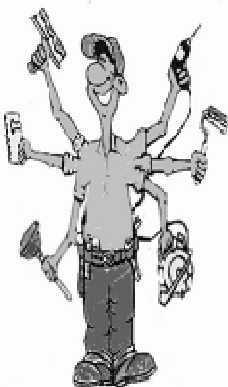
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- Yard/Garden Maintenance
- General Household Repairs
- Odd Jobs

In addition to the canine effort, it cannot go unmentioned the amazing training and commitment that goes into creating a successful Search and Rescue dog, by his human counterparts.

There are years of training and maintenance which these skilled and dedicated trainers, supporters and organisations take on for the benefit of so many who may one day be in need off rescuing.

**Obedience**  
**Graduations**

*Sept / Oct / Nov*

**Class 1 -2**

Mathew & Aku  
Amanda & Texas  
Michelle & Zia

**Class 2-3**

Sharon & Win TOM  
Vicki & Whisper  
Gill & Bree  
Lynette & Brogan  
Jodi & Mitzi  
Margaret & Zak  
Marelle & Jack  
Monica & Piper  
Chris & Zach  
Matthew & Bazza  
Kylie & Lucy  
Janice & Fizzy  
Kath & Jess

**Class 3-4**

Michelle & Minka TOM

Gill & Bree  
Ashleigh & Gismo  
Sharman & Xena  
Rolf & Elliot

**Class 4-5**

Brian & Jess TOM

Amendments made to State Agility & Jumping Championships as previously published in September Slipcollar.

Sincere Apologies,  
**Irma Crews**

<b>Final Results for Agility</b>	<b>Final Results for Jumping</b>
<b>Masters</b> Danni and Gabby --- 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Masters</b> Vanessa and India --- 6 <sup>th</sup> Kim and Bindi ---- 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Open</b> Danni and Gabby --- 1 <sup>st</sup> Danni and Inka ---- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vanessa and India --- 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Open</b> Michelle and Jasper ---- 6 <sup>th</sup> Michelle and Jilara ---- 1 <sup>st</sup> Danni and Gabby ---- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Danni and Inka ---- 4 <sup>th</sup> Vanessa and India ---- 5 <sup>th</sup> Victor and Pippa ---- 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Excellent</b> Vanessa and Chia ---- 1 <sup>st</sup> Tammy and Macy --- 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
<b>Novice</b> Michelle and Larry --- 1 <sup>st</sup> Leigh and Asha --- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cheryl and Kyra ---- 5 <sup>th</sup> Mary and Brea ---- 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Novice</b> Mary and Brea ---- 1 <sup>st</sup>

## **2012 AGM Nomination form for 2013 PDODC Club Positions**

For full job descriptions, refer to PDODC Inc.'s Job Specifications document. Nominations must be submitted by Sunday 25 November.

### **PRESIDENT**

Shall promote teamwork and foster good relations among club and committee members. Shall represent the club at any official function. Shall attend and preside over all committee meetings. Shall have a knowledge of the PDODC constitution and the SACA constitution and rules.

### **VICE PRESIDENT**

Shall assist the President whenever required. Shall attend all committee meetings and preside over these in the absence of the President.

### **SECRETARY**

Shall keep minutes of all meetings of the club and its committee and attend to all correspondence and issue notices for meetings. Shall provide a first-contact service in a friendly and courteous manner that reflects favourably on PDODC and its committee. Shall perform normal secretarial duties. Shall attend all committee meetings.

### **TREASURER**

Shall receive and provide a receipt for all monies paid to the club and pay the same into a bank account of the club. Shall set up the floats each week for the shop, canteen and office and collect the money at the end of training, balance the money taken, fill in the deposit book and deposit the money. Shall pay all bills promptly. Shall present a report on the finances of the club to each committee meeting. Shall keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed on behalf of the club. Shall provide a yearly balance of account for the various club accounts and provide a fully audited Treasurer's report at the AGM. Shall attend all committee meetings.

### **HEAD OBEDIENCE INSTRUCTOR**

Shall coordinate instructors for all obedience classes and oversee all obedience training. Shall answer any queries about obedience classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall attend all committee meetings

### **HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR**

Shall coordinate instructors for all agility classes and oversee all agility training. Shall answer any queries about agility classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall attend committee meetings.



### **HEAD FLYBALL INSTRUCTOR**

Shall coordinate instructors for all flyball classes and oversee all flyball training. Shall answer any queries about flyball classes. Shall authorise graduations. Shall coordinate all flyball competitions. Shall attend all committee meetings.

### **AGILITY TRIAL SECRETARY**

Shall engage judges, stewards and SACA rep and helpers for the day, receive agility trial entries and prepare catalogue, judges sheets, stewards and judges badges. Shall obtain prizes/trophies and sashes. Shall attend all obedience trials run by PDODC and ensure smooth running of the office, collate results and prepare qualification cards. Shall submit results to SACA.

### **AGILITY TRIAL MANAGER**

Shall organise rings on the day of trial, oversee the management of the trial, ensure the trial runs smoothly, deal with any complaints.

### **MAGAZINE EDITOR**

Shall prepare club magazine which shall include all events relevant to the club. Shall attend all committee meetings. This position is to be held by a general committee member.

### **WEB SITE ADMINISTRATOR**

Shall maintain the club web site by keeping it up to date with relevant information and uploading 'Slipcollar' magazine and Teams of the Month. Shall receive and direct enquiries via the club's email address. Shall attend all committee meetings. This position is to be held by a general committee member.

### **GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Shall attend all committee meetings, roster in the office on a rotational basis, if available, and assist in the running of trials and events held by the club.

### **REGISTRAR**

Shall collate and update member passes in trials and advise head instructors of titles received by members. Shall liaise with head instructors regarding end-of-year trophies for members.

### **FUNDRAISING COORDINATOR**

Shall liaise with sponsors to obtain raffle prizes, prepare raffles for trials and oversee all fundraising activities for the club. This position is to be held by a general committee member.

**PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.  
COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM FOR 2013**

(print name) I,

a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc,

herby **nominate** \_\_\_\_\_

for the **position of** \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

I,

a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc,

**Second this nomination.**

Signed:

Date:

I,

a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc,

**Accept this nomination.**

Signed:

Date:

**PLEASE TEAR OUT THIS PAGE AND PLACE  
NOMINATION FORMS IN ENTRY  
TRIAL BOX IN OFFICE BY  
FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2012**

**Para District, South Australia**  
**First DWD Competition**  
**Saturday 1st September 2012**

It was a very successful day -- all the helpers are listed on the 2nd Page of the Catalogue -- and of course everyone contributed to the success. We had all the right people in the right places.

I am delighted to say -the sun shone (for a change) - we started on time - finished on time AM and PM, had an hour for lunch eating the most fantastically Home Style cooking at Restaurant Quality -- AND -- the Big AND -- did all of the Presentations including thank you to all helpers for AM - and finished all that we were ready to start PM trial -- 5 minutes early - so we waited the 5 minutes :-)

Afternoon Competition - was also a success.

At the end of the day -- all the competitors helped with "Pack UP" and all was packed away within roughly 30 minutes - we then had - - then locked up. As I drove home (to get this last task done) I waved to some of the competitors and helpers -- clearly happy with their success in achieving titles. I will not steal their thunder - they deserve to share it themselves.

In closing -- I must say -- during my preparation time - as some of you may remember -- I was panicking -- can I do this - and there was so much I did not understand -- because the only competition I had ever seen - I only helped in the morning and then went home. Hence I felt totally lost. Coming from a totally non DWD background -- made me feel even more lost.

When I said so on this list Ann Shannon from Gold Coast immediately emailed me privately and from there -- for a while -- it was heavy going -- me asking huge numbers of questions -- needing to understand what I had to do (and why and what were the options and the like).

Finally one day -- the penny dropped -- I had a feel of what I had to do and how - then Ann said -- now go do it.

In the end - I managed to organise the top people in the right task - blending both our Obedience and Agility tradition with Dances With Dogs Competition traditions -- no one was left out -- no brides maids -- and I think we all won.



Everyone today worked hard to help out -- and yet I think (hope) managed to enjoy their day as well -- and YES -- we had SUN -- and we could smell the grass :-)

Thank you to all who helped -- during the preparation while I was learning, and finally today - YOU are the true success story -- thanks again

## Irma and the Boys

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## **Thank You 2012 Committee, Instructors & Helpers**

Hi everyone. I hope you have all had a great year of training with your dogs. As a member, I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone that has volunteered their time in 2012 to keep PDODC up and running and providing a valuable service to the community. As a previous committee member, I know the work committee puts in, and having just started helping in the puppy class, I have a new respect for the instructors and the work they put in.

We are now near the end of the year and it is almost time for the AGM on Sunday, 25 November. I hope you can all attend. If we want to keep this club running into the future as the great club it is, it needs its members to put their hands up and help in any way they are able to, whether it be putting themselves forward for a committee position, offering to learn to instruct, or even helping out in the canteen or the office on a roster basis, for example. There are many areas that need the help of members to ensure the smooth running of such a large club.

Having a committee is essential if the club wants to continue running. Committee sometimes have to deal with difficult issues, listen to concerns of members, be their voice, and try to deal with issues that are raised. Thank you, PDODC Committee, for being the voice of its members and keeping this club running as smoothly as possible.

Our instructors do a great job. With 4 disciplines taught, that means a lot of instructors are required. I want to thank everyone that has given their knowledge and time to pass that on to members that are willing to learn. Your instruction is appreciated. You can't run a club without instructors!

To all the volunteers that do the many other jobs that are also essential to the running of the club, we can't run a club without you either, so thank you to you all.

I have noted there are many people in the club that have given their time for many years now and I am sure some of them would probably like and deserve a break, but I do know there are many that will put their hand up regardless because the club is very important to them and they want the club continuing into 2013.

However, we are a very big club and it would be great if some other members could have a go and put their hand up for a job, no matter how big or small, so please consider what you can do for your club in 2013. It can be a rewarding experience and I believe by giving a little you get a lot more back.

I hope to see 2013 with some new faces on board and the club progressing in a happy and harmonious way with everyone working together and respecting the individual roles others perform for the betterment of PDODC, which I am sure is the end goal of everyone.

Michelle Stokes

### **Secretary Report – End of Year 2012**

It has certainly been a bit of a learning curve in my first year on the committee and not only have I learnt a great deal about the club I have also learnt about the dog training community in general through my role as secretary. As someone who is new to dog ownership and training I think I have still gained more in this role than I have given time to the club. On a personal note though I do have to thank all the instructors at the club and other individuals who volunteer their time week after week to make PDODC the club that it is.

Thank-you to my fellow committee members who have helped fill in the blanks with regards to policies and procedures throughout the year. Hopefully I have done everything correctly. A big thank-you also must go to my predecessor Karen Tanner who has been more than willing to answer any silly little questions that I have had along the way. Thank-you also to Julian and Michelle Stokes who have also been very supportive of me as I was finding my feet.

I am already looking forward to next year so hope everyone has a happy and safe Christmas and I will see you all back ready to go in 2013.

Carmel Nottle



## **Cover Story; Bunji & Gypsy**

### **By Carmel Nottle**

Hi my name is Gypsy Rose, but my friends just call my Gypsy. I am a 2 year old energetic black Labrador Retriever who has been training at PDODC since I was about 15 weeks old. Just so you know me better, the 'Rose' part of my name came about because Mum went to a nursery to buy a couple of rose bushes and ended up buying me - so I am her little rose. At the moment I am in Level 3 for obedience and I also do flyball and agility. I really enjoy agility and flyball because I get to run and jump. Don't get me wrong, obedience is good and I enjoy making Mum happy when I do things well and behave at home, but in flyball and agility I really get to let loose and do all the fun things dogs are meant to do.

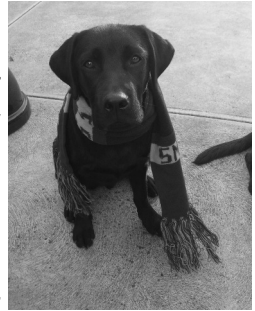
A lot of people mistake me for a boy when they first meet me because of my blue collar. Blue was the colour of my first collar (it was on special the day Mum brought me) and it has just stuck. I wear blue and Bunji (my brother) wears red so that is the best way to tell us apart. Besides, those that know me well say that blue actually suits me because I am the dog version of a tom-boy. I often turn up to obedience class covered in mud or soaking wet because I have decided to cool off in the nearest puddle. Pink or any other girly colour just wouldn't suit me. Needless to say I love the rain and I absolutely LOVE the beach.

While training keeps me busy, Mum still manages to find fun things for Bunji and me to do. This year we have started going for rides in the morning instead of our normal walk (thanks Cesar Millan). It is great because now Bunji and I don't get in trouble for going too fast.



We normally run between 6 and 9 km most mornings which stops us getting up to too much trouble while Mum is at work all day. Keeping me out of trouble was also one of the reasons that last year Mum decided to get a second dog. So now I also have Bunji to play with all day. I will let him introduce himself.

Hi my name is Bunji and I am 1 year old black Labrador Retriever just like my sister Gypsy. While a lot of people say we look like real brother and sister, technically we aren't actually related. My name, Bunji, is Aboriginal and means 'brother' or 'friend' (or similar) depending on the dialect, but it is also the nickname of former Adelaide Crows player Andrew McLeod. No guessing then which AFL team Mum (and Gypsy and I) support. Compared to my sister Gypsy I am just a casual kind-of-guy. I love nothing more than flopping on my back for a good belly rub, something that I can frequently be seen doing at training. About the only thing that gets me fired up are the garbage truck, motor bikes and kids on scooters. I am also partial to chasing a ball and the sea gulls at the beach. I also love just hanging with my big sister Gypsy.



I started my training at PDODC at the beginning of this year when I was about 5 months old and I am really enjoying it although sometimes it can be hard to concentrate for the whole of the class. Mum sometimes forgets that I am still only young and still prone to my puppy moments. I am Level 3 in obedience although at the moment I am still training in Level 2 because Gypsy is in Level 3. I have also passed the assessment for flyball but haven't started training yet until Gypsy gets to the next level and trains at a later time. I have also done a little bit of agility but you guessed it, I am waiting for Gypsy to go to the next level and a later time so that I can train every week. At times it really sucks having a big sister but she does come in handy when you want someone to cuddle up to on a cold night and to rest your head on when you are tired so I really shouldn't complain.

Go the Crows and we will both see you at training

## **Bunji and Gypsy**



## **VICE PRESIDENTS REPORT**

In case you haven't noticed ,I hate writing reports so I will keep this one short sharp and shiny.

This time last year I was not overly optimistic about getting a new verandah for the club, but here it is in all its glory twelve months earlier than what Salisbury Council had told me and named after a very worthy life member.

Again I must thank the Salisbury Council Officers that I deal with for their help through out the year, without the assistance that these people give me, running trials not to mention just running the club would be that much more difficult.

I take this opportunity to thank all members or members partners that helped with the running of the club this year, as I have said before committee cannot do it alone it does not matter how good the committee is they still need volunteers to help out. Next year we will need new helpers for the canteen and the office on Sunday mornings and if we get enough volunteers the load can be shared meaning that you may only do it once or twice a month.

I would like to stand for Vice President again as I still have plans for more upgrades around the club and they are enclosing the shed verandah and making it the Flyball storage area, extending the grounds and making a permanent shop for leads collars etcetera in the current Flyball storage area and my really long term plan is to extend the canteen but that might be a bit ambitious.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year to every one, hope to see you all back here in 2013.

Sincerely Yours  
Ray Gunter

## **A Puppy's 12 days of Christmas**

On the first day of Christmas my puppy gave to me ,The Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the second day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the third day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights , And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me , Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eighth day of Christmas my

puppy gave to me, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Ten Christmas cards I should a mailed, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper , Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, Eleven unwrapped presents, Ten Christmas cards I should a mailed, My wreath in nine pieces, Eight tiny reindeer fragments, Seven scraps of wrapping paper, Six yards of soggy ribbon, Five chewed-up stockings, Four broken window candles, Three punctured ornaments, Two leaking bubble lights, And the Santa topper from the Christmas tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas my puppy gave to me, A dozen puppy kisses And I forgot all about the other eleven days

## **HEAD INSTRUCTORS REPORT**

I would like to start out by thanking all the instructors for their help in running the obedience classes this year as at times it has not been an easy job as instructor numbers have fallen, in particular I thank my assistant Jan Cooper who was a great help and held things together when I was away sick for about a month.

Vanessa Loughlin deserves a huge thank you for the amount of time and effort she put into researching new training techniques for young puppies, unfortunately we have not instituted this new style of training but I do believe it should be done in the future as from my experience I can tell you it works.

Sunday morning classes have run fairly smoothly this year but classes have been very large in some cases and this has been mainly due to instructors being absent, leaving or at trials and next year could be even worse as a number of instructors have stated they will be unavailable for 2013, so the hunt is already on for trainee instructors, please let me or any instructor know if you feel you can help in any way in 2013.

However all is not doom and gloom as the club did have some bright moments and one of those was our team that won the Balmead Shield and \$175 for the club, the team comprised of Karen Tanner & Bronx, John Kruljac & Oscar, Peter Alderson & Molly who where trained by Jan Cooper, and an outstanding result was achieved, well done to you all.

Club members had some successes in the trial ring during the course of the year with eleven titles being achieved, they are 2 x RN = Rally Obedience, 5 x CCD, 1 x CD, 2 x CDX, congratulations to all those members who gained a title, special mention should be made of Melissa Simmons who gained an OC (Obedience Champion) title with Amy this year, a truly great achievement, very well done.

Rally Obedience is a relatively new form of obedience and is proving to be very popular with trials getting good attendances and proving to be financially viable so I think we will have to look at creating a class for this mode of obedience training .

In closing I wish all members a merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

**Ray Gunter**

**Head Obedience Instructor for 2012**



**Training will recommence the first week of February 2013**

**Obedience: Sunday 3rd Feb**

**Flyball: Monday 4th Feb**

**Agility: Friday 1st Feb**

**See pg.9 for class times**

***Hot weather rule applies;  
There will be no training for  
any discipline if the  
temperature is forecast to be  
32 degrees or higher in the  
Elizabeth area.***



## **My Dog Lives In This House**

My dog lives in this house. You are welcome to come and visit me anytime but we have a few things that you must understand before you visit. You must expect a few dog hairs to stick to your clothes. I vacuum and clean, but my dog lives here too.

You may be leaned on and find him in your lap a few times but he does this because he loves people and wants to say Hello. So if you feel that you are too good for his love then you are not welcomed here because this is his home too.

My dog is well mannered and very clean but if you are one of those people who think all animals are dirty and smell, then go away. You are not the type of person that I care to associate with. If you don't like the sound of barking, then my home is not going to be a comfortable place for you to visit.

Do not expect me to lock my dog in another room during your visit. I have trained my dog well so he will not do anything to you except maybe want a pat on the head. I will not subject him to feel as if he is being punished by locking him away for no reason. That would be cruel. When you walk into my home, be careful not trip on a stuffed toy or ball. These are my dogs treasures and I will not take them away from him just to show you that I keep a clean house. He knows where all his toys are. They may not look like much to you, but to him, they are worth more than gold.

You see, this is OUR home. We have been together since he was a small puppy scampering around the house. I raised him into a well mannered, beautifully behaved dog.

I am proud of him. I consider him my personal gift from GOD. He has done nothing but give me his endless love and devotion for many years. I love him dearly and want to make his years happy ones. As happy as he made mine.

When I was sick, he stayed right by my side, as I did his when he is not having a good day. A better friend I could not ask for.

When no one else cared, my dog did. He has given me nothing but pure joy and I love him endlessly. So please understand that I am not being rude. I'm just looking out for my best friend. ***Anonymous***

## **Flyball Report – End of Year 2012**

Well what a year it has been! Flyball has grown throughout 2012 and we are seeing some great dogs come through that will no doubt be competing next year.

We have had a productive year, with a demo held at a new dog park in the city in January, our yearly May competition was moved (just for this year) to March and the weather was quite good, considering, our yearly pilgrim to Portland, Victoria (thanks again to the Portland Dog Club for allowing us to utilise not only their grounds and facilities but also all the support they give us re lunches and bbqs, etc), the Royal Adelaide Show Competition, another demo at the Lobethal Spring Fair in October and finally the annual Xmas Flyball Romp to be held in December.

With Flyball, demonstrations are just as important as competitions as it gives our sport some more exposure, and helps the dogs (and handlers) to learn to deal with larger crowds so we thank those organisations that have allowed us to demonstrate our fun and exciting sport.

We have had another fruitful year with 21 titles gained:

- 6 x FD (Flyball Dog)
- 6 x FDX (Flyball Dog Excellent)
- 1 x FDCh (Flyball Dog Champion)
- 1 x AFCh (Australian Flyball Champion)
- 3 x FM (Flyball Master)
- 3 x FMX (Flyball Master Excellent)
- 1 x FMCh (Flyball Master Champion)

Thank you to our Instructors and Competition Organisers in helping make 2012 such a success. Also thank you to those Club Members who assisted in helping thorough out the year during training and volunteering to steward for our Competitions. Also to Catherine & Martin for Judging the Competitions held at Para.

There will be changing of the guard next year, with Martin Watt stepping up to be Head Flyball Instructor, with Chrissy assisting. Thank you to Rebecca Knapp, for all the assistance she has provided as Co-Head Flyball Instructor over the last few years. Your help is very much appreciated!

Looking forward to another exciting year next year and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

Chrissy Dalla Valle & Rebecca Knapp  
Co-Head Flyball Instructors 2012

**P.D.O.D.C 2013 TRIALS Jenkins Reserve**

<b><u>April</u></b>	13th (Saturday)	Obedience Trial 10.00 am
<b><u>May</u></b>	25th (Saturday)	Agility Trial 9.00 am & 1.00 pm
<b><u>August</u></b>	24th (Saturday)	Obedience Trial 10.00 am
	31st (Saturday)	Dances with Dogs Trial am & pm
<b><u>September</u></b>	28th (Saturday)	Agility Trial 9.00 am & 1.00pm

Any help from our members on any of these days would be greatly appreciated. Help includes setting up courses, catering, stewarding, assisting in the office and more. Please see an instructor if you are able o volunteer.

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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 & handlers must not use equipment without permission.
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 must be supervised by an adult at all times on the Club grounds.
7. If your dog fouls on 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 class. 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. "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 + for the Elizabeth area. There will be no training for non-triallers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area.
21. There will be no training for beginners in Flyball if the Sunday night forecast for Monday is 32°C + 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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