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# VOCE MANU

#### PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.

#### **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.
- 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 until they are 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-trialers in Agility if the Thursday night forecast for Friday is 32°C + for the Elizabeth area. There will be no training for non-trialers 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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#### PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CIUB

Mock Rally Trial & Obedience Games Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August Not Before 12pm \$3 per entry

Mock Rally Trial will be held as per Rally O rules, however food and praise is welcome within the ring.

Dogs SA registration is not required to compete. Encouragement award will be awarded to each class.

Obedience games will include Synchronised Handling & Figure 8 relay.

Synchronised handling requires a minimum of two dogs to compete, and the aim is to have both (all) dogs completing exercises in same timing. Competitors will be judged in closeness of synchronisation.

Figure of 8 relay requires 2 teams of four dogs. Each handler will complete the figure 8 as Judge instructs and as they lead out next team mate enters. Teams will be judged on speediness and quality of the figure 8.

Two encouragement awards will be given to each game. Awards will be split within each game, one for honest competitors and one for not so honest competitors (those who bribed the judge).

Games have been created and established by Victor Jardan

#### Committee members 2018

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#### **Cover Story: Blitz**

Introducing Blitz, the reason I joined Para Districts.

While I was the S.A. Branch Manager for Gsds in Need Australia I was contacted



about a 7 month old male German Shepherd who was jumping and mouthing. The family decided it was best if they rehomed him and I took him in as a foster with the intention of training and then adopting him out.

My boy Krieger had recently passed away and I had my girl Schöne who does not like most dogs. It took 2 days to introduce them safely and I saw a bond start that I could not break. This young dog was able to hold his own with my girl and they got along so well.

I posted photos and kept people updated on Facebook and those following called it way before I did but the newly renamed Blitz became a forever part of my family and I officially adopted Blitz.

Blitz survived eating my brand new shoes and is a real cuddle lover. His two favourite things seem to be cuddles and sock stealing. Which earnt him the nickname of Fatty Cuddles. A new diet and lots of walks now

Blitz is in nice shape so is just Cuddles.



I was instructing at another dog club but unfortunately could not train Blitz there. I knew a few Gsd people at Para Districts and I knew it was a

great club so at the start of this year I joined up with my girl Schöne in class 6 one pass off her CD and Blitz in Puppies.

Blitz has just graduated to class 2 and with very little little training is doing



so well. I am trying a few new techniques with Blitz and I'm learning lots from the instructors I have had so far.

What I love most about Blitz is his ability to get along with all dogs. He can be rough enough to handle my girl and other big dogs but will lay down and be soft and gentle with small dogs. He also shows no reaction, fear or aggression to other dogs regardless of their behaviour.

I have big plans for Blitz. A little bit in the obedience ring but lots more out of it. He has already had his first meet and training with a lead reactive Gsd and did so well.

There are so many reason why I know Blitz was meant to be with me and

his bond with me is very obvious. A couple of months before Blitz came to me I had started looking for a breeder to buy a puppy and had a specific type of dog in mind. Blitz is not exactly what I thought I wanted but he is definitely what I needed.

It was very special to celebrate his 1st Birthday on the 11th of May. The first of many.

Thanks

James



#### President's Report Mid Year – 2018

Hi everyone. It's going to be a short, sweet report this time as it's been quiet around the club. We've come to the end of a long, hot summer, my favourite time, and are now into winter, the season I hate the most; too wet, too cold and too much mud.

Michelle and I have personally been flat out this year with moving out of our old house and demolishing so we could build our dream home, although moving twice in eight months has hardly been a dream, but thankfully some amazing friends helping us made it all a lot easier.

That's it for the nice stuff, which now brings me to an unpleasant point.

There have been several instances recently of people using raised voices and unacceptable language around the club. This is not on.

This club is staffed by volunteers who give up their valuable time and experience to come down and help others get the most out of their dogs. It's meant to be a place of friendship and respect, although in this age it seems that people think they have the right to say whatever they want to whoever they wish. I, personally, blame social media. So, here's a couple of points.

First, if you have a grievance with another member, the correct thing to do is not argue with that person in front of everyone, but to go to the relevant head instructor or committee member and take it up with them in a civilised way and tone of voice.

Second, if you disagree with an instructor in class, again, wait until the end of the class, then approach the relevant head instructor after the class with the class instructor. During class is not the time to bring up your opinion. If you disagree so strongly, then thank the instructor for their time and quietly leave the class and wait until after they finish.

Third, Social media, I, personally, hate the way people use social media to berate and belittle people and push their ideas on to others. I believe, if you wouldn't go up to them and speak to them face to face, then don't do it on social media. Too often recently have we had to remove comments from our Facebook page for being offensive and against the rules.

Last, if worse comes to worst, we have the power to expel a member and I have included the constitution rules:

#### '(6) Explusion of a Member

- (a) The Committee may expel from the Club or otherwise penalise or punish any member:
- (i) whose conduct is in the opinion of the Committee discreditable or injurious to the character, reputation or interests of the Club;
- (ii) who fails to comply with any proper request or direction of the Committee within a reasonable time;
- (iii) who fails to observe any direction or decision of any official or judge; or
- (iv) is otherwise guilty of any contravention, evasion or attempted evasion of this Constitution.'

(Please refer to Constitution for further details)

So, there you have it, a bit of respect is not hard and next report will be nothing but good news.

#### Julian Stokes

#### **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 its members choices, advice and support.

Obedience Class Times: Sunday Mornings

- 8.30am. Utility
- 9.30am. Puppies/First Timers, & Class 5
- 10.20am. Class 6
- **10.20am**. First Timers (New Members)

  Information Session
- 10.30am Learners & Class 2
- 11.15am Class 4
- 11.20am Class 3
- 11.25am Class 1

# OFFICE OPENING HOURS Sunday 9.00am - 11.00am (Subject to change)



#### ITEMS FOR SALE AT PDODC SHOP

All items vary in price and can be purchased on Sunday mornings during office opening hours. Tug Toys, Dumbbells, Liver Treat Bags, Slip Collars, Martingales, Clickers, leads and collars in different sizes and colours.

#### **RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED**

Got any items sitting at home not being used that would be suitable for raffle prizes? Why not donate these items to the club?

Donations are appreciated to help raise money for the club at trials held at your club throughout the year.

Please deposit in the office.
Thank you.

New in 2018 There will be a monthly raffle drawn on a Sunday.

Donations needed please.

## Membership Fees 2018 New membership pay an additional joining fee of \$5

Junior (10-17yrs) \$35
Single \$55
Double/Family \$65
Single Pensioner \$45
Double Pensioner \$55 (Full Pension Card) required

Agility, Flyball and Dances with Dogs classes have an additional cost of \$3 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog, to cover lighting and up keep of equipment. Membership fees cover a year of training from February to November.

#### **Obedience Graduations: For Your Information**

Grades 1 & 2 are graduated on the first Sunday of the month Grades3 & 4 are graduated on the last Sunday of the month However, this may not be possible every month due to HOT weather, long weekends, rain, inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances. So there will be exceptions made if and when, there needs/ has to be.

or yellow on the dog may mean\_ A yellow ribbon on the leash

VELLOWDOG AUSTRALIA GIVE ME SPACE DON'T SAY HELLO TO A DOG WEARING YELLOW

# The Yellowdog Yellow Ribbon Campaign

# Does Your Dog Need More Space?

too excited

'm deaf

The just been adopted

Around the year 2000 Australian dog trainers recognized the need to protect dogs bandannas on the leash or on the dog to indicate that a dog needed more space. that needed a little more space! These clever trainers used yellow ribbons or

Why do some dogs need more space?

- An older dog may be in pain from arthritis, another may have discomfort
  - Recently adopted dogs may feel scared in new surroundings and need
    - more time to adjust to their new life A bitch may be in season

I'm recovering from surgery

> E E training

- Some dogs just don't want other dogs in their personal space
- Some dogs that have been attacked just don't want another dog in their face An over-excitable dog may need more space while being trained

the general public about the meaning of the yellowribbon or bandanna to help assist The aim of the Yellowdog Yellow Ribbon Campaign is to educate dog fanciers and those dogs that from time to time need more space.

rehabilitated. Yellow ribbons are for responsible dog owners who are committed to improving their dog's behaviour in public through positive reinforcement training. By using a YELLOW ribbon, bandanna or vest on the leash or on the dog - others will understand that it requires more space while it is being trained or being

Even small children can learn that the yellow sign means: Please Stay Awayl

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OLEASE GIVE US TIL

If your dog has behaviour or aggression problems you should contact a qualified ethical Dog Trainer or your Vet for advice or referral to a Veterinary Behaviourist

This Campaign has the support of Australian Veterinary Behaviourists. For more information please contact the Yellowdog Australia Website:

www.yellowdog-australia.k9events.com

www.jellondop.authalia.kbeverts.com www.locelook.com/hilmstopkertralia

This campaign is not suitable for dogs with a bite history!

#### **Agility Report**

We ran the 2nd Quarter Auslink course, which was jumping, at the end of May with a couple of clear rounds. Results for this quarter won't be out for a few more weeks.

Para is assisting with trainee judges in allowing them to put down courses and have dogs run them. This is invaluable training for them, and also great experience for all our pre-trialling and trialling dogs.

On the 27th June, we have Cathy Keith, from Scotland, coming to do a seminar to the agility students with both working and auditing positions. Cathy has over 25 years' experience as an instructor and a judge and has also judged at Crufts. We are all looking forward to her visit.

Agility training is on Friday evenings with a set up time of 6:30. Your dog needs to be at least 6 months of age. Dogs need to be on lead and bring their favourite treats.

#### Chrissy

#### PDODC Agility Class Times Fridays (pm)

6:30pm Set-up

7:00pm-7:45pm New Dogs, Puppies and Non Triallers
7:30pm Set-up Triallers
8:00pm-9:00pm Triallers

If the estimated Friday maximum temperature for Elizabeth on challed news, Thursday Night, is over 32 or higher, there will be no training.

There will be no training on a long weekend where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday.



Animal care ... when you're not there

#### Pet Sitting, Dog Walking & Pet Transportation



#### Pet Sitting

Kare4petz Adelaide will be there for your animals when you are unable to be there. Having your pets cared for in their own environment reduces stress and helps to keep your animals happy. Packages are tailored to suit your needs and ensure that your pets have a relaxing time and you come



#### Dog Walking

Dogs need exercise to stay healthy and a walk during the day will help to reduce boredom and increase the dog's mental stimulation. All walking is done on lead and the duration is as agreed.



#### **Pet Transportation**

Pet transportation is available. This service is suitable for people that have a need to get their animals to a vet, the airport or another location. Dogs must be on lead or in a crate and cats must be in a carry cage. Bookings must be confirmed at least one week prior to the required pick up date



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#### **Dog Behavioural Problems**

#### http://petvet.org/pet-behavior.html

Most experienced dog owners are familiar with common dog behavior problems, but some may wonder why dogs exhibit these behaviors. Barking, biting, chewing and many other common dog behaviors are often misunderstood and mishandled by dog owners. Perhaps you are new to dog ownership, considering getting a dog, or just wish to better manage your dog's behavior problems. Thoroughly understanding the most common dog behavior problems is the first step to solving and preventing them. A solid foundation of obedience training will help you prevent or better control common dog behavior problems.

#### **Barking**

Most dogs bark, howl and whine to some degree. Excessive barking is considered a behavior problem. Before you can correct barking, determine why your dog is vocalizing in the first place. These are the most common types of barking:

- Warning or Alert
- Playfulness/Excitement
- Attention-seeking
- Anxiety
- Boredom

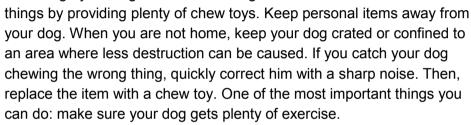
Responding to Other Dogs
 Learn to control excessive barking. Be consistent and patient. Also, consider teaching the Bark/Quiet Commands. Dedication and attention to detail can go a long way.



Chewing is a natural action for all dogs - it's just a part of the way they are wired. However, chewing can quickly become a behavior problem if your dog causes destruction. The most common reasons dogs chew are as follows:

- Puppy Teething
- Boredom / Excess Energy
- Anxiety
- Curiosity (especially pupples)

Encourage your dog to chew on the right



#### **Digging**

If given the chance, most dogs will do some amount of digging - it's a matter of instinct. Certain breeds, like Terriers, are more prone to digging because of their hunting histories. In general, most dogs dig for these reasons:

- Boredom or Excess Energy
- Anxiety or Fear
- Hunting Instinct
- Comfort-Seeking (such as nesting or cooling off)
- Hiding Possessions (like bones or toys)
- To Escape or Gain Access

If your dog digs up your yard, it can get pretty frustrating for you. Try and determine the cause of the digging, then work to eliminate that source. Spend more time with your dog, give him more exercise, and work on extra training. If digging is inevitable, set aside an area where your dog

#### **Separation Anxiety**

Separation anxiety is one of the most commonly discussed dog behavior problems. Manifestations include vocalization, chewing, inappropriate urination and defecation, and other forms of destruction that occur when a dog is separated from his owner.



Not all of these actions are the result of separation anxiety. Signs of true separation anxiety include:

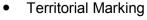
- Dog becomes anxious when owner prepares to leave
- Misbehavior occurs in the first 15-45 minutes after owner leaves
- Dog wants to follow owner around constantly
- Dog tries to be touching owner whenever possible

True separation anxiety requires dedicated training, behavior modification and desensitization exercises. Medication may be recommended in extreme cases, but this should be a last resort.

#### **Inappropriate Elimination**

Inappropriate urination and defecation are among the most frustrating dog behaviors. They can damage areas of your home and make your

dog unwelcome in public places or at the homes of others. It is most important that you discuss this behavior with your veterinarian **first** to rule out health problems. If no medical cause is found, try to determine the reason for the behavior, which can come down to one of the following:



- Anxiety
- Attention-seeking

Inappropriate elimination is unavoidable in puppies, especially before 12 weeks of age. Older dogs are another story - many require serious behavior modification to rid them of the habit because you must often alter their perception of themselves.

#### **Begging**

Begging is a bad habit, but many dog owners unfortunately encourage it. This can lead to digestive problems and obe-

sity. Dogs beg because they love food - but table scraps are not treats, and food is not love! Yes, it is hard to resist that longing look, but giving in "just this once" creates a problem in the long run. In a pack setting, a subordinate would never beg from alpha dogs without reprimand. When you teach your dog that begging is permitted, you jeopardize your role as pack leader. Before you sit down to eat, tell your dog to stay, preferably

where he will not be able to stare at you. If necessary, confine him to another room. If he behaves, give him a special treat only after you and your family are completely finished eating.



#### Chasing

A dog's desire to chase moving things is simply a display of predatory instinct. Many dogs will chase other animals, people and cars. All of these can lead to dangerous and devastating outcomes! While you may not be able to stop your dog from *trying* to chase, you can take steps to prevent disaster.

Keep your dog on a leash at all times (unless directly supervised indoors).

Train your dog to come when called.

· Have a dog whistle or noisemaker on hand to get your dog's at-

#### 19 Jumping Up

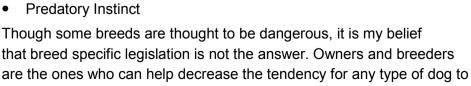
Puppies jump up to reach and greet their mothers. Later, they may jump up when greeting people. Dogs may also jump up to exert dominance. A jumping dog can be annoying and even dangerous. There are many methods to stop a dog's jumping, but not all will be successful. Lifting a knee, grabbing the paws, or pushing the dog away might work for some, but for most dogs this sends the wrong message. Jumping up is often attention-seeking behavior, so any acknowledgment of your dog's actions provide a reward! The best method: simply turn away and ignore your dog. Do not make eye contact, speak, or touch your dog. Go about your business. When he relaxes and remains still, calmly reward him. It won't take long before your dog gets the message.

#### Biting

Dogs bite for reasons that can be traced back to instinct and pack mentality. Puppies bite and nip on other dogs and people as a means for exploring their environment and learning their place in the pack. Owners must show their puppies that mouthing and biting are not acceptable

by teaching bite inhibition. Beyond puppy behavior, the motivation to bite or snap typically comes from the following:

- Fear or Defensiveness
- Protection of Property
- Pain or Sickness
- **Dominance Assertion**



bite through proper training, socialization and breeding practices.



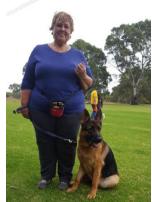
### **OBEDIENCE GRADUATIONS**

#### <u>Class 1—2</u>

#### Irene & Ramzi TOM

Cris & Morgan
James & Blitz





Jan & Matilda TOM

#### **Diane & Rusty TOM**

Emma & Roxy
Mick & Lillee
Lynn & Brax
Lisa & Ziva
Hannah & Ollie
Cara & HUnter



#### Class 2—3

#### **Alex & Quill TOM**

Adrian & Baxter Melissa & Yori Peggy & Caleb Irene & Ramzi Carolyn & Fenway Linda & Ben TOM Alison & Bindi Gavin & Kiara Simon & Borbon







Cris & Morgan James& Blitz Paula & Matylda



#### <u>Class 3—4</u>

#### **Brenna & Bailey TOM**

Wayne & Zera
Alex & Quill
Kylie & Sam



Hurtey)(

Audrey & Lucy TOM
Emily & Dexter
Cris & Fergus
Rebecca & Rumble







#### <u>Class 4—5</u>

#### **Brett & Shelby 4—5 TOM**

Lynn & Missy Shona & Harvey Robbie & Ivy

#### **Belinda & Bindi TOM**



**Kylie & Sam TOM** 

Danielle & Max





Not sure if you are aware that Advance Pet Care has a DNA test for mixed breed dogs only.

I have recently had Parker's DNA test done. This involves a trip to the Vet, where they will collect a small amount of blood. This is then sent along with the kit to America for testing. The vet will give you a reference number from the box for you to monitor along the way. All up it takes about 6 weeks to get the results.

The reason I had Parker tested was to find out what made up my beautiful boy. It wasn't to find out what made him tick or what characteristics he should be showing. It was purely for interest and whether or not I was close with what I thought what breeds he had in him.

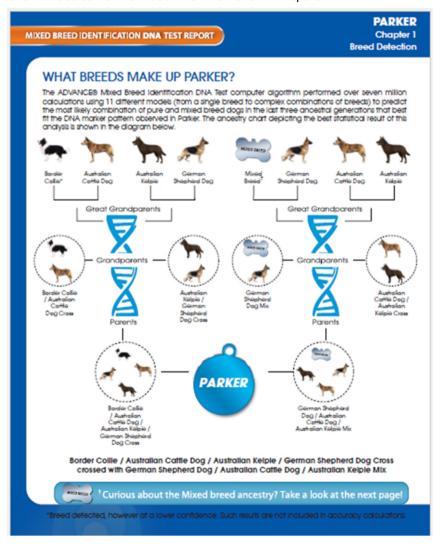
In your report you receive a Breed Ancestry Certification which goes back to your dogs Great Grandparents. If that shows a Mixed Breed as a Parent, Grandparent or Great Grandparent (like Parker's) you will also get a report which details the next 5 closest breeds possible. In Parker's case the top closest breed in this instance was a Pomeranian. If you have met Parker this is extremely hard to believe.

They also include Appearance, Behaviour and History article; this is a guide only report about the breeds identified in the DNA test. In Parkers case the Breeds high-lighted were Australian Cattle Dog, Australian Kelpie, German Shepherd Dog and the Border Collie.

The report also gives a guide as to what food they recommend you feed your dog. I guess they need to promote their food somewhere in all the information, as well as a voucher for a set amount off your next purchase of food from the clinic that performed the test for you.

The last piece of information they supply is a Genetic Disease screen for your dog. This shows diseases that the breeds mentioned in the report may develop. This is only a guide. They will keep your dogs blood sample for 3 months so that if you wish to have it further tested for the diseases mentioned in the report you can request this from your Veterinarian at an additional cost.

I have included some information from Parker's DNA report.



#### MIXED BREED IDENTIFICATION DNA TEST REPORT

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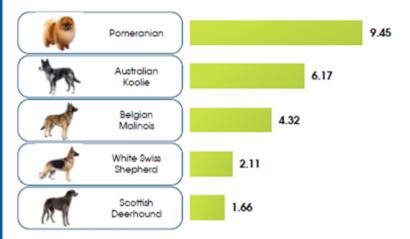
Chapter 1





#### What does the Mixed Breed Ancestor mean for my dog?

We have identified for you the 5 next best breed matches which appeared in the analysis of your dog's DNA. One or more of these breeds could have contributed to the genetic makeup of the ancestors indicated by the mixed breed loon. The breeds are listed by the relative strength of each result in our analysis with the most likely at the top of the list. There could also be a breed or breeds present in the mixed breed component that we cannot defect with our current database of purebted dogs.



#### How the ADVANCE® Mixed Breed Identification DNA Test works:

The process started when you sent a sample to our laboratory, where the DNA was extracted from the cells and examined for the 321 markets that are used in the feet. The results for these markets were sent to a computer, that evaluated them using a program designed to consider all of the pedigree free that are possible in the last three generations. The frees considered include a simple pedigree with a single breed (a likely pure-bred dog), two different breeds at the parental level (a first-generation cross), all the way up to a complex free with eight different great-grandparent breeds allowed.

Our computer used information for over 200 breeds, varieties, and types from our breed database to fill these potential pedigrees. For each of the millions of combinations of ancestry trees built and considered, the computer gave each a score representing how well that selected combination of breeds matched to your dog's data. The pedigree with the overall best score is the one which is shown on the ancestry charf. Only breeds that reached our set confidence threshold for reporting are reported in the ancestry charf.



MIXED BREED IDENTIFICATION DNA TEST REPORT



#### Trial Results: Port Pirie—Helen Hinkley

Frohlich Viva Las Vegas (Ryka)– 3 passes in CCD 1st place 93/100 Black GSD

-3rd place 92/100

3rd place 90/100 (Title)

Jazmynn CD 2nd place 190/200







#### Flyball Report

Well it has been a strange start to the year for Flyball. We have had training cancelled due to hot weather in mid May and then just two weeks later had training cancelled due to wild weather and heavy rain. The first training in June we were all rugged up because it was so cold. This has meant that training numbers have been quite variable from week to week but otherwise everything is going well. We have not had many new dogs start this year which has seen our number of beginners quite low compared to previous years. This mean however that everyone is getting some extra training time and all the beginners are progressing well.

We have already had two competitions for the year. The first was hosted by Para and all dogs ran well across the day. Para had four teams competing finishing 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th. A huge thank you to all those that helped across the day and also thank you to Bow Wow who provided prizes for the competition. It takes a lot of work to put on a Flyball competition and with most of the people involved in the sport racing it means we do rely on members from other disciplines to help out on the day. So a huge thank you again.

The second competition was hosted by Dover at the beginning of May with Para entering just two teams. With a few dogs unavailable and a few older dogs sitting this competition out this was our smallest representation at a competition in several years. In the end our teams finished 3rd and 4th and again all dogs raced well.

Our focus is now on the Royal Show at the beginning of September. This is always a big day of racing but is also a great chance for us to promote the sport of Flyball to the South Australian public. With only two clubs offering the sport it means that we don't get the same racing opportunities and exposure as most of the other dog sports. At the Royal however we always get great crowds and there is usually a lot of close racing which sparks interest in the sport. So if you are at the show on the second Saturday be sure to come and check us out and cheer on your club's teams.

Don't forget that any dog can do flyball. Big, small, fluffy, shaggy, smooth, fast, slow, loud or quiet. It really doesn't matter as long as your dog is either food, toy or ball motivated. We welcome dogs at any time as long as they are over 12 months of age. The preference is grade 3 obedience but if they are a year old we can still assess their suitability for flyball even if they are still in lower obedience grades. Training happens on a Monday night weather permitting with beginners starting at 6:30pm.

Hope to see a few new faces out soon.

#### PDODC Flyball Class Times - Mondays (pm)

6.30pm Set-up and Dog assessment6.45pm. Beginners7.30pm Intermediate / 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.

#### **Head Obedience Report June 2018**

Well here we are already half way through the year. I can not believe how quickly the weeks go by. I have missed being at the club for quite a few Sundays recently, due to trialling my dog Banjo. Thanks go to Sharon and the team of instructors who do a fantastic job of making everything run smoothly with classes etc on Sunday mornings. Attendances at the club are still very high, I am sure the puppy classes grow each week with new members joining us. I would just like to address some concerns about graduation days. Some of you it seems, get quite nervous and worried when graduation days come around, especially if you and your dog don't quite meet the criteria for passing into the next class level. Please be assured, there is no time limit to how long you stay in your prospective class. You may have someone who came into your class after you, and graduated straight away. It is no reflection on you and your dog if you need extra weeks in the same class level. There are many varied reasons for this. Some dogs are harder to teach new exercises than others, plus, someone may be an experienced handler, who has trained numerous dogs in the past, and therefore knows all the right techniques to put into practise with their dog. I would suggest you ask your instructor on the day, why you did not pass graduation, and what steps you need to undertake to qualify the next time graduation comes around. We always endeavour to teach you correctly the exercises that will lead to you graduating to the next level. Remember the three P's Practise Patience Perseverance. Enjoy the experience of training your dog, it is a two way contract after all. Has your dog got a favourite toy at home? If so be sure to bring it to class, so that In- between lessons if your instructor is talking or showing another member something, you can play and have some fun with your dog, that way interspace training becomes fun, and your dog will show more enthusiasm on training days. Our raffles each month have been a resounding success. You can buy tickets next to the Instructors table at the front of the office. Finally, please don't hesitate to come and speak with me about any issues or concerns you may have about anything. I will be more than happy to assist you.

Enjoy the journey, with your best friend.

Happy Training.

Jan Cooper Head Obedience Instructor





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Regards Carmel Nottle: Registrar for PDODC.

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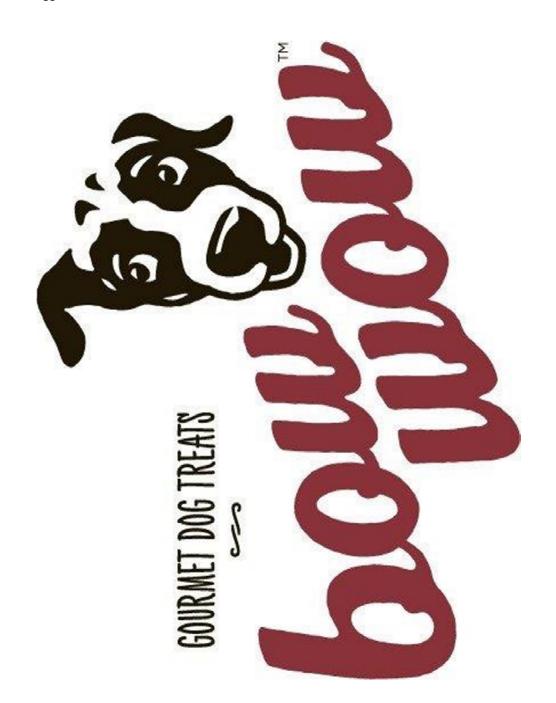
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#### Contact person – Leigh Stretton

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