

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.

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## PARA DISTRICT OBEEDIENCE 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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### **Committee news— babies babies babies!!!**

Congratulations also to Jason and Amber (Committee member and flyball instructor) on the arrival of their second child Thomas Roger Hillier!!

## Committee members 2018

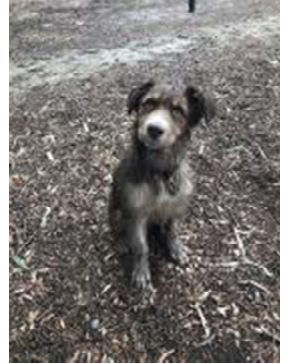
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## Cover Story—Swiper

This is our puppy Swiper, he is currently 5.5 months old.

He has been a long time coming, I have always wanted an Australian Shepherd and once i came back from living 6 months in America, I started my journey looking for our perfect puppy.



We meet the wonderful Mandy from Silvaghost, we chatted for a few months before I went and met her lovely Aussie. Mandy spent a long time with me and we knew it was a right decision.

Fast forward 8 months and our lovely Swiper was born, we instantly fell in love! He is everything we want in a puppy.

He toilet trained in under a week, he loves our training session and is such a champ at everything we do!

His favourite thing is going to the dog park and playing in the mud.

We have been on an amazing journey already and I cant wait to watch him grow

Nikki Trewin



## A note from the editor

Hi everyone! I am due to have my 2nd (and final !!!) baby in mid-October this year and I also plan on spending some time overseas for a substantial part of 2019. Therefore, we are looking for someone to take on the magazine editors position from the start of 2019 and also the role of agility trial manager. I will provide some detail what these positions entail below and if anyone is willing to take on either one of these, or would like further information, please email me at [editor@paradogtraining.com.au](mailto:editor@paradogtraining.com.au) or see one of our instructors.

**Magazine editor**—knowledge of how to use publisher or a similar program is essential. Magazines are currently published 4 times a year. Here are some brief guidelines of what is currently done prior to each magazine being published

- gather all instructor, president, vice president and secretary reports
- Source any relevant articles, current news, photos and a cover story
- List obedience graduations and include Team of Month photos
- Communicate with committee in regards to updating any news
- Format and email final version to be proof-read
- Organise magazine to be printed through Abbots and delivered or picked up.
- Email magazine to website administrator

### **Agility Trial Manager**

PDODC agility trials are ran twice a year on club grounds. Here is a brief overview (a more detailed document is available upon request)

- work in collaboration with agility trial secretary
- Organise judges, stewards, office and catering volunteers plus someone to run the canteen and BBQ.
- Organise a sponsor—usually Bow wow and collect prizes
- Send out contracts to all judges
- Organise monies via a cheque request for judges and stewards
- Submit journal to dogssa and request timing gear
- Run presentations on the day
- mark out the rings and assist with setting up courses on the day, hopefully with lots of helpers.

All other club positions are up for nominations at the end of the year and more details and can be found over page. Club AGM is on Sunday 25th November starting at 11.45am.

## **2018 AGM Nomination form for 2019 PDODC Club Positions**

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

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### **HEAD AGILITY INSTRUCTOR**

Shall coordinate instructors for all agility classes and oversee all agility training. Shall answer any queries about agility classes. Shall authorize 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 authorize 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

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## Head Obedience Report September 2018

Hi, as I sat down to write this report, I had just been reading that someone had stated = "How the hell is it September - it was June yesterday".

Yes, the year is going so quickly, as we are nearing the end of our obedience year (Nov) once again. As usual it has been very busy at the club with attendances being high, especially the puppy classes. We see a lot of people in classes still standing around whilst the instructor is perhaps explaining an exercise to someone. Use this time to interact with your dog by bringing a toy, ball, or motivator you can play with. We want you and your dog to have fun together when training. I cant reiterate enough how thankful we are to get help from our instructors and helpers, who are all volunteers that enables the club to be as successful as it is. We, however, desperately still need help, especially in the canteen and the shop on Sunday mornings. Ben has stepped down to be in the canteen now on Sunday morning. We would just like to say a heartfelt thanks to him, for all the time he has put in over the years to provide your breakfast and snacks. Please, if you think you could help in any capacity, speak to any instructor, it would be greatly appreciated.

We held our obedience trial a few weeks ago. Thanks go to Jess and Luke for organising another successful day. Also to all the volunteers again for helping out on the day in many other capacities which were needed. We are finding the number of entries for trials have decreased enormously to date, from all clubs, not just ours, especially CCD (Community Companion Dog) and Novice (CD). We are undertaking to try & improve these numbers by trying to help as many people as we can by explaining what is required to enter a trial with your dog. Almost every Sunday morning we have a ring set up where Jeff, myself & Michelle help by putting people who are trialling, or thinking of trialling through the paces as to what is required. First & foremost we are an obedience club, here

to help you to achieve a happy, socially accepted, confident & obedient dog. Thus all our different levels of classes, until you reach class five. Trials are competitions you can enter when your dog reaches this level. We would urge you to experience this level of obedience with our help, by having a try. Please come and see Jeff, myself or Michelle, and we can most certainly steer you in the right direction as to what this entails. I can assure you, that you will enjoy showing off what you and your dog have learnt and achieved together, over the many months of training the different exercises. Lastly, obedience is like any other sport. Have fun, enjoy your dog, as you excel your journey together.

Happy Training.

Jan Cooper Head Obedience Instructor

## **Common Dog Ailments**

<https://www.caninejournal.com/dog-health-issues/>

### Arthritis

- **What to look for:** Arthritis usually, but not always, affects dogs as they grow older. It is the most common health problem in older pets. Your dog will eventually begin to move around less and take more time getting up from lying or seated positions.

**How to treat:** Sadly, arthritis cannot be cured, but there are things you can do to make it easier on your pet as he ages. Diet and nutrition are the two biggest things you can do to slow down the aging (and arthritis) process. Regular walks and a balanced diet of proper (age appropriate) food will keep your dog's nutrition levels where they should be. Look for food labeled "Senior" and pay attention not to over or under feed. If your dog's arthritis is severe, your vet can prescribe medications to alleviate the symptoms.

### Worms

- **What to look for:** Weight loss, swollen belly, diarrhea, lack of energy.

**How to treat:** Talk to your vet, who might prescribe medication for your dog. Follow up with regular fecal checks to make sure all the worms are gone.

## Allergies

- **What to look for:** Since there are so many kinds of allergies dogs can have (from food to flea/tick bites and a wide range of other possibilities), it's important to look for any change in behavior when exposed to something new. If your dog goes a few days showing lack of energy, has a consistent cough or sneeze, or if anything else seems out-of-place, you might be dealing with allergies.
- **How to treat:** First, determine what the allergen is. Common allergies can be treated by changing your dog's food or the shampoo you use when bathing. Seasonal or environmental allergies can be treated with medications, but those will eventually weaken the immune system if administered repeatedly.

## Common Dog Illnesses

### Kennel Cough

- **What to look for:** Since kennel cough is a respiratory infection, it can be easily transmitted from one dog to another when they interact. Look for lethargy, coughing, leaky nose and eyes or loss of appetite as common signs that your dog might have kennel cough.

**How to treat:** Vaccines can be administered regularly to prevent some types of kennel cough. If your dog catches kennel cough you should take him to your vet where he might be prescribed medications that will speed up the recovery process. Keep your pup away from other dogs (especially in public places where the illness can spread rapidly), and give him lots of rest. Once you see signs of recovery, take him for regular walks until he is himself again.

### Vomiting

- **What to look for:** If your dog is vomiting, there could be any number of causes. Generally speaking, it's best to assess your dog's behavior leading up to the vomiting to see if there might be a more serious issue. General vomiting, initially, is normal and could have been from something your dog ate.

**How to treat:** Again, assess the behavior leading up to the vomiting. If there was nothing unusual, then there's probably no need to be concerned. If the vomiting is persistent, however, or you noticed your dog acting differently before the vomiting, there could be a number of things wrong and it's best to take your dog to your vet to get him checked out.

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## 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)**

**Rally Obedience**  
**Sunday Morning**  
**9:15am**

### 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**

**Grades 3 & 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.

## President's Report

G'day everyone. I hope everyone has been enjoying their training over the winter months. It hasn't been too wet so we haven't had to cancel many trialing sessions.

The raffle has been well received raising quite a bit of extra money for the club. Thank you to all those that have donated products to be used as prizes and those involved in the organisation of them.

We recently had an obedience trial which was, as usual, extremely well run. It was a very quiet trial with only about 50 entries. It's very different from when I started trialing with many times that number; it isn't just our club, with numbers down at all clubs.

Whilst cooking the BBQ, it gave me a chance to watch the CCD and CD rings and, whilst the handlers give it their all, there was quite a few basic handler errors.

With this in mind, we are taking the concept of the practice ring one step further. At least 4 times a year we are going to put up a practice trial ring for those in grades 3 and up. This ring is not intended to take the place of the trailers ring, but to be used as an educational tool to teach handlers the basics of trialing. It is intended that we can also use it to train stewards as well.

It will be comprised of how to enter the ring, interact with the stewards and judge, and what you can and, more importantly, can't do within the ring. It will be short and sweet with basic heeling patterns, recalls, figure 8's, etc., and a short stay. It is hoped that we can encourage more people, especially younger handlers, to start trialing. It is only in the developmental stages at the time of writing this report, so more to come later.

As the end of the year approaches, it is time to think of the AGM. All positions are vacant at the AGM, so if you want to make a contribution to the club, join the committee. Jess Baker, our secretary, has said she can't run again next year and, as this is one of the most important positions, I'm hoping someone will nominate for it. It can be held by either one person or a couple of people to spread the load.

That's about all for now. Hope to see you at the club.

*Julian Stokes*

## Agility Report

At the time of writing this, our Agility Trial is only a week away. So by the time this goes to print the trial would have been run. I would like to thank all the members that stewarded, helped in the office and canteen and assisted with putting the rings up. A special thanks to Jess & Leigh for running the trial. A lot of work goes into these trials and I'm sure this one will be a success.

Stewarding at a trial is a great way to learn not only what goes on at a trial, but also ring etiquette, whether it be for agility, obedience or flyball. So if you are thinking you're nearly ready to enter a trial (in any discipline) I would highly recommend you put your hand up to steward. You will be shown on the day what is required of you. Even if you just want to see what trialling is all about, this is a great way to experience it.

This trial will also see some of our Pre-Novice dogs give trialling a go for the first time. We wish them all the best and for them to remember to enjoy the experience.

Para has participated in Auslink again this year and we have 1 more quarter to run. This is also a great experience for our Pre-Novice dogs to be in a trial like environment.

If you think Agility is for you and your dog, come down Friday nights at 6.30. Your dog needs to be at least 6 months old. Bring their favourite treats

Chrissy – Head Agility Instructor

### 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 channel 9 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**





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### 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 home to happy animals.



### 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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## **Vice Presidents Report**

Well it's been an interesting six months away from the day to day club activities but I am looking at being back in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to Richard for coordinating puppies and Donna for doing the first timers classes. As you know we are a volunteer group and as you also probably know volunteers are an increasingly rare breed.

This year we will be looking for a canteen person ( more than one if possible ), a magazine editor while Leigh has some much needed time off and most importantly a new secretary. Under the club's constitution we cannot operate without one and it would be a shame to have to cease running classes in all the disciplines because of this. It's not really a hard job but knowing basic computer skills will be helpful. If you need information on any of the jobs at the club and would like to have a turn at volunteering either speak to Jan or Sharon or drop a line on the Facebook page. It's actually fun !

On another note spring has sprung and so very soon we will be inundated with.....puppies. Lots of them. In fact we started this year with over 50. Please be aware of puppies on the ground who may not be used to the sights, sounds and smells and it's all a bit overwhelming for them. Not all adult dogs like puppies either so it is best to keep a distance until both dogs are used to one another and can play safely under supervision. If your not sure of the meet and greet dog rules ask one of the puppy instructor's to show you.

**Happy training.**

# OBEDIENCE GRADUATIONS

## Class 1—2

Nikki & Swiper

**Helen & Zena TOM**

Fred & Csopi

Chris & Sargent

Suzette & Ashley

Laura & Butler

Kristina & Cody



**Ben & Cassius TOM**

Michael & Phoenix

Steve & Zac

Tracy & Ludo

Kathryn & Mika

**Jessica & Coco TOM**

Leanne & Archie

Bianca & Koda



**Class 2—3**

**Jan & Matilda TOM**

Mick & Lillee

Fred & Csopi

Lewis & Evie

Jade & Lilo

Dianne & Rusty



**Helen & Zena TOM**

Lisa & Ziva

Cara & Hunter

Kristine & Cody

**Hannah & Ollie TOM**



**Jess & Cassius TOM**



**Class 3—4**

Ros & Ava

**Jan & Matilda TOM**

**Mick & Lillee TOM**

Marguerite & Jasper

Irene & Ramzi

Jade & Lilo

Cris & Morgan

**Helen & Zena TOM**



**Class 4—5**

Cris & Fergus

Audrey & Lucy

Gary & Dallas

James & Blitz



**Sandy & Brock  
TOM**

## **PUPPIES FIRST TIME INTRODUCTION**

### **Collars**

All types of collars are allowed to be used in training as long as they are the right size and style for the dog at that time.

Slipcollar, either chain or material.

Martingale with either chain or material loop.

Flat collar.

Halti, gentle leader or similar type.

Greyhound collars.

No harnesses, except in exceptional circumstances okayed by Head Obedience Instructor; i.e., small puppies, throat issues.

### **Leads**

32-inch-long soft cotton style is preferred.

No chain leads.

### **Food**

Soft food that can be squeezed through fingers.

Every sit, drop, stand, recall, etc., should be rewarded.

Reward can be a ball, tug toy, or whatever motivates the dog.

Treats to be held low, in front of dog's nose.

### **Voice**

Positive when used.

Talk to the dog.

Our motto is 'By Voice and Hand'; i.e. talk to the dog

### **Training Time**

Keep sessions short, have a target; 3 good sits. Go in, get results, then stop.

Play with the dog between sessions.

Keep young dogs cool and relaxed.

### **Socialising**

Get permission from other dog owner.

Not all dogs are friendly.

Nose-to-nose greeting.

Keep leads behind heads to prevent tangling.

No humping or passive aggressive behaviour.

Don't pull in nervous dogs to a group.

Don't allow dogs to eyeball each other.

### **Water**

Water bowls are in shed, water is behind the building.

No sharing to prevent spread of disease; i.e. kennel cough.

## PUPPIES/BEGINNERS CLASS

The purpose of breaking Puppies/Beginners class down into 3 levels is to make the teaching of and learning of the basic skills easier and quicker for handler, dog and instructor.

### Assessment Level

At this level the dogs will be introduced to some basic equipment; i.e., table, jumps on the ground and a basic tunnel.

Correct collars and leads to be used.

The handler is to establish focus by using either food, toy, and/or voice.

Correct socialisation.

Dogs will be in this level for about 6-8 weeks, depending on ability.

To graduate, the dog must have focus on the handler and have a basic sit established.

### Puppies 1/Handling Level

At this level focus should be more established.

The sit should be established.

Heel work will be improving with better position through focus work.

An on-lead recall is introduced.

Correct socialisation is continued.

The drop command is introduced.

To graduate, the dog must have focus on the handler, have a sit on command and a drop on command.

### Puppies 2/Graduation Level

At this level the dog should have good focus on handler with an established sit and drop.

Heel work is continued with a change of direction introduced.

A short stay and leave is also introduced.

The stand command is taught.

Socialisation is continued.

On-lead recall is continued.

To graduate from this level, the dog must focus on handler, sit, drop and stand on command.

At all levels of Puppies/Beginners we are looking for a sound understanding and working knowledge of the basic commands needed to graduate into Learners. The dogs do not have to, however, be perfect.

All family members should be encouraged to train the dog, although only one person to handle in class.

The length of time a dog will be in any one class will depend on several things: breed, age, temperament and training schedule away from the club. The main thing is to never judge your dog against another and just have fun.

# Grade 1

(Source: PDODC Instructors Manual)

- Work in straight lines
- Check collars and leads
- Heelwork – normal, slow and fast pace
- Re-enforce correct heel position, hand signals and footwork
- Circling to the left and right
- Re-enforce Exercise Finish
- Recall – still on lead, running backwards, verbal commands ‘Wait’, ‘Come’ and ‘Sit’ – reward
- Teach Sit, Stand and Down Stay – handler in front – return to the dog and reward
- Left and right turns
- Weaving in straight lines (always approaching dogs from the front and – dogs to be kept under control)
- Question time
- Socialising

## Graduation Criteria

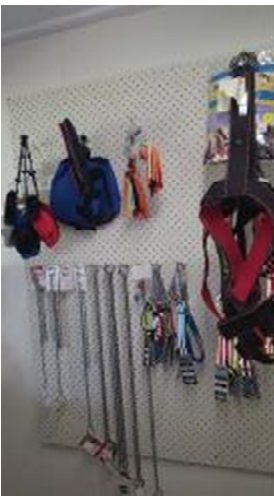
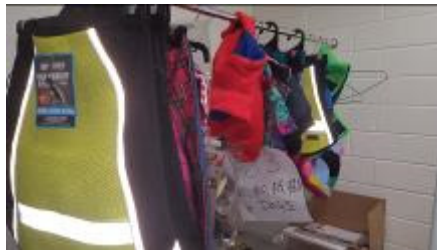
- Heel on a loose lead – good positions – still two hands on the lead for guidance
- Automatic sit
- Good stands
- Steady Sit Stay and Down Stay – handler in front, return to the dog
- Reward the dog
- Short Recall – still on the lead – reward the dog
- Return to the dog
- Exercise Finished



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Many new items are now in stock in our 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, Martin-gales, Clickers, leads and collars in different sizes and colours. Plenty of dog coats as well!



## **Rally Obedience Trial Report**

On Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup> Para again held a very successful double Rally Obedience Trial. It was great to see our club well represented in the entry numbers which ended up at approximately 70 entries overall in each trail. In the days leading up to the trial we had a lot of rain and for a while it looked like gumboots or floaties may have been recommended attire but thankfully the water mostly cleared off the grounds and there were only a few soggy spots which could mostly be avoided.

Thank you to everyone that helped in the office, canteen, with the BBQ, stewarding, setting up, packing up and just helping in generally. There were a lot of you and I don't want to list you all in case I forget someone, so thanks, you know who you are. We had a few people have to pull out from helping at the last minute due to personal commitments, so it was great to see other club members step up and fill in where needed at the last minute even if they were competing. Without your help the day wouldn't have run as smoothly as it did.

Thank you to our Judges Brian Fielder, Julie Brown and Jan Brabham, and also to Gillian Smith for acting as the SACA representative. Congratulations to all those that entered regardless of if you and your dog(s) were successful on the day or not. Trialling is not always smooth sailing but you will never know unless you give it a go what you can achieve. Thanks to Roy who is a great advocate for the Rally discipline at the club and has helped teach and train a lot of members on a Sunday. Finally a big thank you to Bow Wow who again provided all the prizes for our place getters as well as the Bow Wow Team Award. Their support for the club is always welcomed by the dogs.



**Bow Wow team prize winners for the morning trial from Para (from left): Jenny and Jess (RM), Lorraine and Holly (RE B), Mel and Fielder (RA A), Karen and**

**Sparky (RN)**

## **Flyball Report**

It has been a while since anything exciting has happened for the flyballers with our last competition way back at the beginning of May. Even training was hit and miss for most of June – August due to bad weather. We definitely made up for that on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> with Flyball again heading to the Adelaide Royal Show. The Show is always one of our biggest competitions of the year for the club as it is one of the few where we get good crowds watching the dogs in action which always makes everyone, even the dogs, just that little more competitive.

This year Para had three teams entered and Dover Gardens two will all teams racing against each other in an Open Handicap Format. Thank you to Catherine Stroop who helps to coordinate everything with the Show to help make this event happen and also for judging. Thanks to Martin Watt for also stepping in to judge. Thank you to Alan Walker and Teresa Dawson for boxloading all day for our teams and also Nicole Malan for being ball shagger. To say that it was a successful day for Para teams would be something of an understatement. We had three teams entered and walked away with First, Second and Third place for the club.

Congratulations to Marie and Harley for successfully competing in their first ever competition, and to all those dogs that obtained their next title. All of the Para dogs raced extremely well in what is a particularly tough environment.

We now have a few weeks to prepare for the last two competitions of the year. The next is our own comp on October 27<sup>th</sup> which this year is being held at the Prospect Spring Fair. Then three weeks later we have the last comp at Dover Gardens on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget if you are interested in flyball, any dog over the age of 12 months can compete and it doesn't matter if they are big, small, slow, fast, mellow or crazy. The team competition environment is what makes it enjoyable for the handler and for anyone that has ever seen a competition there is no doubt that the dogs all love it. Training happens on a Monday night starting at 6:30pm so why not come down with your dog and give it a go.

## Carmel

### Head Flyball Instructor



**Photo—First Pace and Most Consistent Team – Para Swaggers (handlers from left): Marie, Karen, Tori , Rebecca, Carmel, Lucy Stapledon (dogs from left): Harley, Tessa, Anya, Gypsy, Hendrix, Bunji**



**Second Place – Para Doggy Dashers (front row): Scott and Sasha, Michelle and Scarlett, Chrissy and Jess (back row): Jason and Jess, Mel and Mossy, Julian and Loki**



**Third Place – Para Barking Brigade (front row): Karen and Pickles, Jess and Itty, Alex and Treble (back row): Brett and Shelby, Ben and Abyss.**

## PDDOC Flyball Class Times - Mondays (pm)

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

**6.45pm.** Beginners

**7.30pm** Intermediate / Trialers

**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.

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## Dog Obesity

- **What to look for:** The signs of obesity might seem obvious, but having regular weight checks is important in order to keep records of your dog's weight over time. It is important to recognize your dog's weight gain early to give him the best chance possible for recourse.
- **How to treat:** A steady diet and regular exercise are the two things needed when your dog is overweight. It's important to recognize the severity of your dog's obesity and be sure to administer the right changes in nutrition and exercise. Too much exercise, or too significant a reduction in food, can cause other issues, so you should consult your vet before making any drastic changes to the diet.

## Common Dog Diseases

### Diabetes

- **What to look for:** Symptoms of diabetes in dogs include changes in appetite, excessive thirst and vomiting. UTI's and cataracts can occur if the diabetes goes untreated for an extended period of time.

**How to treat:** Like humans, dogs should get regular insulin injections (up to twice a day) to control diabetes. Oral medications and a high-fiber diet can also work to reverse the disease and get your dog back to a healthy state.

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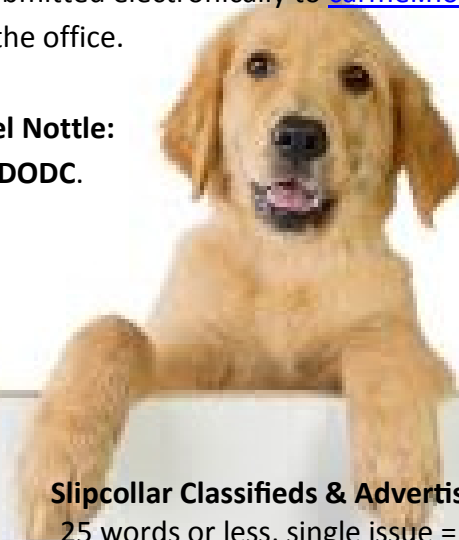
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If you meet the criteria for title recognition please complete a PDODC Application for Title Recognition Form and provide this along with your qualification cards (copies preferred), ANKC Title certificate (copies preferred) and proof of payment of fees (if required) to the Registrar, Carmel Nottle, for recording ASAP. You will only receive recognition of a title if you put PDODC down as your **first** club. The application form and criteria for title recognition can be found on the PDODC website and Facebook page, and copies are available in the office. Paperwork can be submitted electronically to [carmel.nottle@unisa.edu.au](mailto:carmel.nottle@unisa.edu.au) or via the tray in the office.

**Regards Carmel Nottle:  
Registrar for PDODC.**



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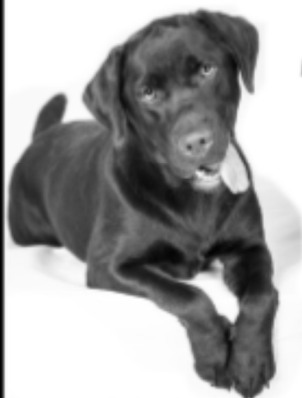
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