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Christmas Party

Pg 10

29th November 9am
- Club grounds.
AGM 11.45pm

I'm
Ready for Presents!



Balmead Shield winners
Marianne Keller with Ronya,
[Jan Cooper](#) with Banjo &
[Carmel Nottle](#) with Gypsy



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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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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

A cartoon illustration of a brown dog sitting and holding a sign. The dog is wearing a red collar with a white bell.

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

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.

Cover story: Balmead Shield winners

A huge congratulations to Marianne Keller with Ronya, [Jan Cooper](#) with Banjo and [Carmel Nottle](#) with Gypsy who made up this year's PDODC Balmead Shield team. These guys got 187, 187, 180 respectively and took out this year's Balmead Shield! Well done team Para!

Flyball Instructors report

Hi everyone

Well it's been an other successful year for Flyball.

With five comps including the Royal Show and two demos

One with Dogs Day Out at Mawsons Lakes and the other at the Kingston Show

We have had quite a few dogs come and try Flyball and a few how have stayed on with 5 new dogs competing this year for the first time

A few titles were gained this year. ... Some going to the new dogs

We still have two comps to go

One at Dover Gardens in Nov and one on home ground in Dec.... Public welcome to come and watch.

Have a great Christmas and see everyone in the new year

Cheers

Mary Dalla Valle

Head Flyball Instructor

President's Report

Well, that's almost another year over and we can now look forward to a good rest over the summer break. The year has run smoothly thanks to a great bunch of people. With so many to thank it's hard to know where to start so I will try and remember everyone.

Thanks to the committee members. It is a hard job with little thanks at times but you keep the club running smoothly from behind the scenes. To the instructors in all of the disciplines, you all give your time freely to share your knowledge and you all do it with smiles on your faces. To the office Johnnies and shop crew who guide the new members, answer all sorts of enquiries and keep the back room running. To the canteen crew, what would we do on Sundays without our hotdogs and bacon sangers? We could still do with more canteen helpers though as it is only able to open every second weekend. To the people who run the trials in all the disciplines, without you we wouldn't have competitions. I know at times you don't feel appreciated but you do an amazing job. To the BBQ helpers at these trials and those that do the lunches for judges and stewards, fantastic work, guys. I purposely haven't used names as it would have taken too long, but I hope you all know who you are. Remember these people are all volunteers who receive no pay. A simple thank you means so much.

The club has continued to move forward with its infrastructure. Thanks to Ray Gunter, we now have a disabled toilet, the car park drainage has been improved and, as we go to print, the shop is still on the drawing board and landscaping next to the office is also being looked at.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those who supported Michelle and myself when we lost our beloved dogs three months apart. Our hearts were ripped apart and, without our dog club friends, it would have been so much harder.

Well, that's all for now. I look forward to seeing you all at the club next year and sharing your canine journeys.

Julian Stokes

Head Obedience Instructor's Report

G'day everyone. As I've already thanked most people in my President's report, this one should be a little quicker.

It's been a huge year with all the grades continuing to grow. Puppies/Beginners has continually had more than 30 dogs and handlers each week with numbers cracking 50 one week. I believe the way Puppies is structured is paying dividends when they go to higher grades, teaching one exercise in each of the puppy levels; i.e. sit in Puppies, drop in Puppies 1 and stand in Puppies 2. It has made it easier for new handlers to learn.

We now have three rings for handlers. Fred Lumsden runs the Open ring and Donna Palmer runs the CCD and Novice ring. This gives so many more people the opportunity to learn ring etiquette and sharpen up their skills. We also have Roy Ellis running the Rally O ring. For those new to trialling, Rally O is a great way to start. These three rings will help increase our presence in the trialling world.

With that in mind, it's congratulations to our Balmead Shield winning team of Jan Cooper, Marianne Keller and Carmel Nottle. Jan has also had a bottler of a year with her dog Banjo also achieving his CCD title in three trials and then backing it up with his CD in three trials, an amazing result indeed. Congratulations to everyone else who also gained titles with their dogs.

All of the instructors have done an incredible job of imparting their knowledge and keeping people interested in obedience and staying at the club. You only have to look at the numbers in each grade to see this.

We ran two very successful trials this year with good numbers in each trial. At the time of writing this report the results for our triallers were not ready. However, they will be ready for the end-of-year reports.

It's always good to see helpers out at trials but it would be good to see a few more. Your help would be greatly appreciated in not just the rings but on the BBQ, in the canteen, office, etc.

Thanks to everyone for their help during the year, and a special thanks to Jan Cooper and Sharon Page as co-head instructors.

Julian Stokes



**Para Districts Obedience Dog Club AGM and
Breakup Day**

Sunday November 29 - 9am

9.30am Musical Sits

Prize for the last dog and handler left with fastest sits

10am 25m dash

Prize for the fastest recall

10.30am Ball bobbing competition

Prize for the fastest dog to bob 6 balls out of a bucket of water

11am Find the hidden treat

Prize for fastest dog to find a hidden treat under a selection of 3 cones

11.45 Club AGM



2015 AGM Nomination form for 2016 PDODC Club Positions

For full job descriptions, refer to PDODC Inc.'s Job Specifications document. Nominations must be submitted by Sunday 29 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

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

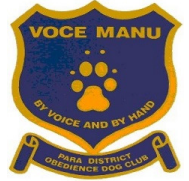
Shall collate and update member passes in trials and advise head instructors of titles received by members. Shall liaise with head instructors regarding end-of-year trophies for members.

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



**PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC.
2016 COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM**



I _____, a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc, hereby **nominate** _____

For the position of _____

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/2015

I _____, a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc, hereby **second this nomination**.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/2015

I _____, a financial member of the Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc, **accept this nomination**

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/2015

Nominations must be received by 9.30am on Sunday November 29th.

Please place completed nomination forms in the Trial Entry Box in the Office by the above date and time

Keeping pets cool in summer

<http://bmag.com.au/families/pets/2013/12/15/keeping-pets-cool-summer/>



You wouldn't wear a fur coat in summer, so don't let your pets either.

Summer can be a fun time for pets, running in the surf and playing fetch, but owners need to remember that summer comes with sweltering heats and animals can come down with heat-related illnesses.

Vets receive calls from concerned pet owners over the summer holidays, when they see animals become lethargic, have excessive panting or breathing problems.

Australia's summer heatwaves are lasting longer and have been increasing in number over the past 60 years, a recent study conducted by Dr Sarah Perkins from the Centre of Excellence for Climate System Science at the University of New South Wales reported.

The Australian Veterinary Association Dr David Neck says pets cool themselves through the pads of their feet and tongues. They need to pant to regulate their temperature, and dogs and cats with long hair can be more susceptible to the effects of heat.

"It's important to take your pet to your local vet if they are displaying any of the symptoms of heat stroke including heavy panting and difficulty breathing.

"The main thing is to watch your pets carefully on hot days and give them extra care to help them safely enjoy summer," he says.

THE AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (AVA) HAS PROVIDED SOME PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP KEEP YOUR PETS COOL OVER THE HOTTER MONTHS:

- If you own a long haired dog, consider giving them a trim to help

- Cool, fresh water should be available at all times in a shady area.
- Multiple bowls of cool water in the shade will ensure there is plenty of water, in case they drink it all or if a bowl is tipped over.
- Older pets are more susceptible to the heat, particularly if they have problems with their breathing- keep an extra eye on them.
- Dogs love to sit in the sun, but this can quickly lead to heat exhaustion and can cause skin cancers so it's important to provide them with a shaded area.
- If your pet loves the water- why not set up a small paddling pool for them to play or lay in to cool off? Or take them to the beach or lake?
- Toss a few ice cubes in your pets water bowl to keep their temperature down and provide some relief on a hot day.
- If you don't have air conditioning think about leaving a fan on during those really hot days.
- Exercise your dog in the early morning or the late evening to avoid the hottest part of the day.
- Consider putting some treats in the freezer. These can be given to your pet as a pet popsicle on really hot days. They'll help cool your pet down and give them something to do when you're out.

Hot Feet: Protect Your Dog's Feet from Getting Burned on Hot Pavement

<http://vetmedicine.about.com/od/diseasesconditionsfaqs/qt/hotfeet.htm>

Dog's feet and pads are tough, right? Most people are aware that foot pads can be injured by stepping on something sharp, but what about something hot? Dangerously hot pavement and metal surfaces are hard to avoid in the heat of summer. Walking or running on hard pavement is tough on feet, too.

Pavement, metal or tar-coated asphalt get extremely hot in the summer sun. We remember to wear sandals, walk on the grass and not sit down on these surface in the heat of the day (most of the time -- I know that I have been surprised a time or two).

Harder to remember is summer heat and our dog's feet. Unlike the obvious wounds such as lacerations, foot infections (fungal, bacterial), or foreign bodies such as cheat grass), burned pads may not be apparent to the eye, at least initially.

- Signs of burned pads:
- limping or refusing to walk
- licking or chewing at the feet
- pads darker in color
- missing part of pad
- blisters or redness

Another Way to Injure Pads on Hot Pavement

One member shared a story of what had happened to their dog and brought up a good point about foot pad health.

They had been swimming/floating in the river for about an hour and a half. When it was time to go, they walked along the road, but then their Labrador Retriever refused to go on. They figured that he was just exhausted from the swim. Turns out, his foot pads were bleeding and he was in pain. The time in the water has softened his pads up quite a bit and the hot road asphalt severely burned the pads.

Burned Pad First Aid

It is important to keep the foot area cool and clean. As soon as you notice the problem (limping along on the road), flush with cool water or a cool compress if available. Get the dog to a grassy area or if possible, carry him.

At first chance, your vet should examine your dog for signs of deeper burns, blisters and possibility of infection.

Your vet will determine if antibiotics or pain medication is needed.

Washing the feet with a gentle cleanser and keeping them clean is important. Bandaging can be difficult to do and to maintain (monitor and change often), but licking must be kept to a minimum. Some dogs will tolerate a sock to keep the area clean, but caution is advised for dogs that may chew and ingest the sock. Lick deterrents (bitter sprays) may help reduce the damage caused by licking.

Prevention is Best

Best advice is to be mindful of hot surfaces -- asphalt and metal (i.e. boat dock, car or truck surfaces) -- and walk your dog on the cool side of the street or in the grass.

Another tip is to lay down a wet towel for your dog to stand on when

Membership Fees 2015

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 \$2 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.

PDODC Instructors

Para District Obedience Dog Club instructors are volunteers willing to give up their Friday nights (Agility) Monday nights (Flyball) and Sunday mornings (Obedience) to help you train your dog. Many owners trial their dogs in one or more disciplines. They volunteer for the love of all dogs and are willing to share their knowledge to help people enjoy the rewards of dog ownership and have fun with their dog.

Here we introduce the PDODC volunteers who are available if you need help or advice. Just talk to them at the club or contact a committee member.

A club the size of PDODC is always looking for volunteers. And the club is a community of people who share their skills to benefit its members. So, if you would like to aspire to be an instructor, see one of the head instructors. You are guaranteed a rewarding experience helping others with their dogs and it can help your own training.

Snake bites in Dogs

<http://www.dogslife.com.au/dog-news/dog-health/snake-bite-in-dogs>

It's believed 60,000 cases of snake bite in dogs across Australia each year. As many as 15,000 of them die.

David Ellery presents this special report in memory of his Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Tequila, who was killed by a snake bite on December 24, 2003. David and his wife Myrna hope this may spare others from the pain of losing an animal companion so tragically.

Snake bite is one of the most common causes of violent death among dogs and cats in Australia. It ranks second only to road trauma and is expected to increase in prevalence as climate change delivers longer and hotter summers that shorten the winter hibernation season.

While the exact number of dogs bitten across the country every year is impossible to calculate, it is believed to be as high as 60,000 and possibly significantly more.

This estimate is based on a straw poll of veterinarians in the central Victorian city of Ballarat. It revealed as many as 50 or 60 dogs were treated annually for snakebite in a cool climate region, where it is rare for more than two or three people to be bitten in any given year. Applying this multiplier of 20 to the 3000 Australians bitten by snakes every year suggests as many as 60,000 dogs could be affected. Of these, an average of 25 per cent (15,000 dogs) die.

Then, of course, there is the unknown number of dogs who are bitten by snakes but not taken to a veterinary surgery for treatment. Snake bite is a major problem and yes, your dog is at risk.

In this special report, timed to coincide with the start of the danger season, Dogs Life looks at why snakebite is such a serious problem across Australia. We also talk to people whose dogs have been bitten and ask expert vets about how you can keep your dog safe. You will read about what happens when a dog is bitten and how vets can administer effective anti-venoms that save 75 per cent of treated animals.

Dogs Life also reports on the strong interest in Vitamin C as an alternative treatment for snake-bitten dogs but emphasises that veterinary experts have grave doubts about its effectiveness.

Why is snakebite such a problem?

Australia is home to some of the deadliest snakes on earth. They are classified as members of the family elapidae, or elapids. The most venomous, the small scaled or fierce snake, is restricted to a small habitat on the Queensland/ Northern Territory border.

The most deadly, in terms of overall number of bites, is the brown snake. Figures that emergency and critical care veterinarian Dr Naomi Hansen quoted in the January 2005 edition of *The Veterinarian* reveal 76 per cent of all domestic animal bites recorded in a recent Australia-wide study were from brown snakes. A further 13 per cent were from tiger snakes a species confined to southern Australia and Tasmania, four per cent from black snakes, and one per cent from taipans.

Hansen said tiger snakes inflicted the most bites in Victoria and Tasmania, while brown snakes predominated elsewhere. A massive 78 per cent of all snake bite reports in dogs and cats were in rural areas. Only 22 per cent occurred in urban areas.

What happens when a dog is bitten?

Hansen reported many of the clinical signs of snake bite in humans also occur in domestic animals and can assist in early detection and treatment.

If you suspect your dog has been bitten, examine him immediately for the characteristic puncture wounds. Many dogs, particularly Terriers, Kelpies and the like, are bitten around the mouth and face while trying to attack a snake. Pay particular attention to the lips and the gums snakes can actually strike a dog inside the mouth.

Because snake venom contains potent ant-clotting agents, there is often bleeding around the site of the bite.

Signs to look for within the first hour of a suspected bite include indications of a headache, irritability, sensitivity to light, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, failure of blood to clot and physical collapse. An apparent recovery within 30 minutes of the bite is not uncommon, nor is weakness or unsteadiness in the back legs. In the second and third hours after a bite dogs may have dilated pupils, laboured breathing, stomach pain, erratic heartbeat and bleeding from orifices and wounds. Some snakes have pro-coagulant venom and others have anti-coagulant venom, so 19

Dr Lynda Kitchin, president of the Central Highlands Branch of the Australian Veterinary Association and a veterinarian with the Ballarat Veterinary Practice in Victoria, told Dogs Life that blood just stops clotting. This leads to extensive bruising, bleeding from bodily orifices and blood in the urine and faeces.

Snake bites can cause death

By the end of the third hour, the venom has attacked the muscles (myolysis), which leads to kidney failure and death. Death can also result from respiratory and circulatory system failure caused by paralysis. Hearts stop beating and lungs cease to function.

Both Kitchin and Hansen make the point there are no arbitrary timelines with snake bites. The many variables that can influence the time available for successful intervention include the size of the dog, the age and general condition of the dog, the breed of the snake, the size of the snake, the number of strikes and the amount of venom delivered.

The single most important factor in determining whether or not treatment will be successful is the time that elapses between the detection of the bite and getting the dog to a vet. If you suspect your dog has been bitten, do not wait for it to develop the signs we have outlined above. Take your dog straight to a veterinary surgery for emergency treatment. And, if possible, identify the snake so the appropriate anti-venom can be delivered.

Treatment

The good news is a very specific and highly effective treatment is available for snake bite. The bad news is that it costs a lot of money and not every family can afford it. The treatment is one of a number of anti-venoms manufactured by CSL. Ballarat Veterinary Practice veterinarian Dr Richard Lawrence, also the co-author of the Australian edition of Dogs For Dummies and pet columnist with Melbourne's Sunday Herald Sun newspaper, told Dogs Life there was no doubt about the effectiveness of the anti-venoms. If your dog gets the anti-venom early enough, it will survive, he said. As a general rule of thumb, if there is no clear evidence of the species of the snake involved, vets in Tasmania will use tiger snake anti-venom. In Victoria they will use a combination brown and tiger snake anti-venom. In other states, if the species of the snake is not known, they will apply a polyvalent anti-venom.

Kitchin said one dose of the combined tiger and brown snake anti-venom commonly used in Victoria currently costs about \$700. One dose of tiger snake anti-venom costs the same. One dose of brown snake anti-venom costs \$250. It is not a product on which veterinary surgeries apply a large mark-up, but its costly, nonetheless.

The second piece of bad news, and one that can catch many owners by surprise, is that one dose of anti-venom is often not enough. Kitchin can recall one recent case where she had to give a second dose to a cat animals that normally have much stronger snake bite resistance than dogs.

And what happens if you don't opt for the anti-venom? On average, 50 per cent of snake-bitten cats stand a good chance of getting better by themselves. Dogs are far less fortunate. Less than 20 per cent or one in five can be expected to live if they don't receive the anti-venom.

That said, even if you are not in a position to pay for anti-venom for your best friend, you should still take him to the vet. Snake bite causes intense physical pain. A veterinarian can maximise your dogs chance of recovering on its own and, if the worst comes to the worst, ensure its passing is as free of pain and discomfort as possible.

Keeping your dog safe

An ounce of prevention, as they say in the pre-metricated classics, is worth a pound of cure. This is never more true than when it comes to keeping your dogs away from snakes and out of harms way. Dr Richard Lawrence said common sense is the best defence.

Snake bite varies from year to year and is believed to be worse in drier years when the snakes go further afield in search of water. We tend to have runs of it for no apparent reason, he said.

Laurence said while summer is the principal danger season in southern Australia, bites were also reported in spring and autumn. He said people wishing to provide a safe home environment for their dogs should follow the same principles as those wishing to keep their children safe.

Keep the grass cut short around your home and make sure you don't have piles of rubbish and old sheets of tin lying around for snakes to hide under, he said. With the majority of dogs being bitten away from the home, it is vital to exercise discretion when it comes to walks and the 21 like.

I certainly would not walk a dog off the lead in the bush in summer, said Lawrence. While any dog could be bitten by a snake, Lawrence pointed out it was a statistical fact that working dogs and Terriers made up the bulk of his snake bite patients.

Farm dogs have more opportunity and Terriers are inquisitive and nose-down types of dogs. The vast majority of snake bite cases involve dogs that have been in the wrong place at the wrong time, he said.

A personal story - bitten but survived

Graphic artist Sahn Keily and her Ned Kelly award-winning writer and partner, Andrew Masterson, took their Staffordshire Bull Terrier/Rhodesian Ridgeback cross, Skin, into their hearts and their lives in November 2001.

Now a shop dog at the Old Glenlyon General Store near Daylesford, Victoria, Skin, along with Wombat, the couples other constant canine companion, led a charmed life until April 2005. Keily and Masterson were taking the two dogs for a long walk down a bush trail on April 24. They did not think for a moment, given the lateness of the season, that there was any risk of snakes.

We saw Skin attacking something on the track, said Keily. We realised it was a snake. Two kilometres from the car, it became obvious Skin had been bitten. She went weird and was rocking from side to side. Then she fell over. She was bitten in the mouth; there was blood in her mouth, said Keily.

She ran for the car and drove it back while Masterson took care of Skin. When I got there, Skin was stuffed. Her breathing was slow and she was showing signs of paralysis, stated Keily. She and Masterson both thought the snake had been a yellow bellied black snake, not one of the tigers or browns that are more common in south-east Australia.

The pressure was on to get Skin to a vet as quickly as possible not an easy task on the Anzac Day long weekend. When we got there there was no after-hours number. Fortunately, a friend drove past, saw what was happening, found the vet for us and brought him back, said Keily.

When the vet arrived he did not inspire much hope. He told us he only had the one anti-venom and that would be the one she would be getting. Skin was also put on a drip, she said.

When the couple went back for her on the Sunday they were given anti-inflammatory tablets and told if blood appeared in her urine, Skin would be a goner.

On the Monday, the third day, she was looking perkier, but there was blood coming out in her urine. We decided to call another vet, said Keily. That vet gave Skin a massive dose of Vitamin C to boost her immune system. We were also told not to give her the anti-inflammatories, she said.

Skins recovery was a long and painful affair. She lost her stamina and became a lazy dog. She is now being treated for an under-active thyroid.

Keily said she and Masterson had both been convinced they were going to lose their dog a tragedy that would have broken their hearts. We were just relieved to have her back. It did bring us even closer to her. She is a 32kg dog. We had never thought of her as vulnerable, she said.

The Vitamin C question

The vet who gave Skin a vitamin C injection told Keily and Masterson the substance would boost her resistance and slow down the absorption of toxins in the blood.

He also advised them to carry Vitamin C on future walks as an injection could extend the window of time in which a successful treatment of anti-venom could be administered.

A quick search of the internet will reveal numerous websites on which remarkable claims are made about the effectiveness of Vitamin C as a treatment for snake bite in dogs.

Dr Richard Lawrence, one of the veterinary experts quoted in this story, is of the view that while an injection of Vitamin C is unlikely to do a dog any harm, it probably wont do any good either.

Please consult your veterinarian if you wish to investigate this matter further.

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Agility Report

As another year comes to an end, Agility numbers have been steady with around 25 students in the first session and around 10 in the second session.

I would like to thank all the instructors that help with each of the classes as without them, there would be no Agility training.

Congratulations to everyone who achieved their goals this year, whether it is in training or trailing.

Next year sees the Agility National in South Australia and I'm sure there will be a number of PDODC trailers there. Hopefully there will be a few new faces as well.

Keep up your training at home over the summer break and see you all again next year.

Have a great Christmas and a safe New Year

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It is always hard work to round them all up. 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. The year runs from 1st November till the 31st Oct the following year. All entries must have PDODC listed 1st to qualify for EOY trophies

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Regards Sharon Page:
Registrar for PDODC.



Obedience Graduations - CONGRATULATIONS!

(in no particular order)
TOM = TEAM OF MONTH

Class 1 - 2

Karen & Pickles

Anne & Maddi

Karen & Spartacus TOM

Adam & Asher

Robbie & Ivy TOM

Melissa & Brewster

Jan & Duke

Michelle & Bloom TOM

Nori & Diego

Doug & Summer

Karen & Jasper

Sylvia & Ziba

Linda & Lea

**Marguerite & Talika
TOM**

Tanya & Leo

Natalie & Delilah

Irene & Cooper

Ellen & Dylan

Sandra & Bodie



Class 2 - 3

Ingrid & Rosie TOM

Katrina & Max TOM

Keryn & BB

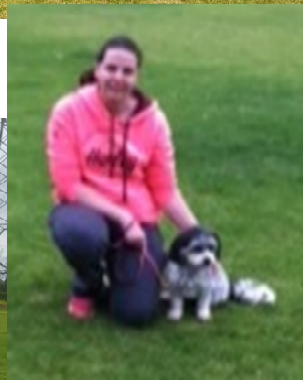
Emma & Rumble



Breanna & Molly TOM

Jill & Kristel

Linda & Ben



Claire & Shadow TOM

Karen & Sparticus

Rick & Bubba



Michelle & Bloom TOM

Roger & Iggy

Doug & Summer

Megan & Ruby

Darryl & Narla

Marianne & Takeshi



Class 3 - 4 (30/8)

Suezi & Chaska TOM

Steve & Holly TOM

Rose & Lilly TOM

Luke & Amber

Ingrid & Rosie

Karen & Rubie

Karen & Tessa

Peggy & Keisha

Breanna & Mollyly

Franca & Max

Kevin & Zara

Jenna & Duke

Karen & Sparticus

Katrina & Max

Class 4 - 5

Rebecca & Sasha TOM

Karen & Rubie TOM

Kim & Bear

Alice & Tessa

Karin & Jack

Jenny & Speck

Mary & Walker

Peggy & Keisha

Marianne & Maggie

Suezi & Chaska

Karen & Tessa



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.

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 for all disciplines where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday.

PDODC Flyball Class Times - Mondays (pm)

6.30pm Set-up and Dog assessment

6.45pm. Beginners

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3rd Dec	Cruising		
4th Dec	Cruising		
5th Dec	Bay of Islands NZ (Tendered)	11:00	19:00
6th Dec	Auckland NZ (Docked)	07:00	18:00
7th Dec	Tauranga NZ (Docked)	07:15	17:00
8th Dec	Cruising		
9th Dec	Wellington NZ (Docked)	08:00	18:00
10th Dec	Pictou NZ (Docked)	08:00	18:00
11th Dec	Cruising		
12th Dec	Dunedin NZ (Docked)	08:00	18:00
13th Dec	Dusky Sound NZ (Cruising)	13:00	14:00
13th Dec	Doubtful Sound NZ (Cruising)	16:00	17:00
13th Dec	Milford Sound NZ (Cruising)	21:00	22:00
14th Dec	Cruising		
15th Dec	Cruising		
16th Dec	Sydney, Australia		06:00

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