

Para District Obedience Dog Club Inc.'s

Slipcellar

Sept /Oct 2011

Mock Agility/Jumping Trial Fun Day
Saturday, 24 September 2011

Registration at 9 - 9.30 a.m. Commencing at 10 a.m.



Meet Sascha



Sascha is an 8 year old Yorkshire Terrier who has been a member of Para for 6 years.

Turn over to find out what mischief she gets up to at home!



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Hi, my name is Sascha and I am an 8 years old Yorkshire terrier. At home I stir up Neil and Llana Hamilton by stealing their slippers and running around the house in a game of chase. As a terrier I delight to sniff and my short legs makes it a very easy pleasure. My other pleasures are to skin tennis balls alive and to kill squeaker toys.

6 years ago, after I graduated from obedience school at Tea Tree Gully, Llana thought flyball might be a bit of fun. So we travelled to PDDOC where I failed the flyball audition because I thought the balls were funny shaped slippers. I studied "Ball-Retrieval 101" whilst doing Obedience training on Sunday mornings at our new club of Para.

I passed my second flyball audition and went on to Monday Night training and eventually became a competitor in that exciting sport: where else can dogs run around barking and get regular rewards of tugs or food every few minutes for their efforts? The big dogs liked me when I was asked to run because the 4 jumps were lowered down to my height, making it a bit easier for them. I have retired with a Flyball Champion title.

In the meantime Neil heard about the Agility classes held on Friday Evenings. So we starting going to their Puppy Classes. Neil made a set of jumps so I can train in our local parks at home.

Dog Walk is easy because I love walking along the top of a high wall at home and making out to be a big dog by looking down onto the world. The A-Frame however is another story! Neil has put me on a daily fitness regime and I can now do it easily, when I feel the urge. (I tease him by doing it regularly at training but only sometimes at Trials.)

I have gained my Agility & Jumping Dog titles. We are currently trialling in Excellent Agility and Jumping where I am expected to run lot faster. We have gained qualifications in Novice Gamblers, Snooker and Strategic Pairs. I am getting better at distance work and I hope to get a qualification in Open Agility or Open Jumping in the near future

At the 2011 Royal Adelaide Show I found the stands are full of really nice friendly people so I decided to listen to Neil and ran as fast as I could and not run and hide under the stand as I did last year. I Qualified in Excellent Jumping with a 4th placement.

Llana, Neil and I are hugely grateful for the advice and patience of the many instructors, so that with persistence and lots of training, we are now reaping success.

Sascha Hamilton



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OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Sunday 9.15—11.15 and Friday 6.15pm—8.15pm

SUNDAY (AM) OBEDIENCE CLASS TIMES

8.30am Utility

9.30am Puppies, Class 5
and Class 2

10.20am Class 6

10.20am First timers
information session

10.30am Learners

11.15am Class 4

11.20am Class 3

11.25am Class 1

MONDAY (PM) FLYBALL

Set up for 6.30pm

Beginners -6.45pm

Intermediate-7.30

Triallers-8pm

Membership fees cover a year of

training from February to November.

Reduced rates apply if joining later in
the year.

- Junior \$30
- Double/Family \$60
- Double Pensioner \$50
- Single \$50

New members pay an additional joining fee of \$5. Agility, Flyball and Dances with dog classes have an additional cost of \$2 per lesson and \$1 for each additional dog to cover lighting expenses and upkeep of equipment.



Agility Training Session Times



**Set up for 1st Session – start
6.15pm**

New Starters – 6.30pm on 1st Friday of Month

6.45pm – 7.25pm

Puppies, Advanced Learners & Novice Agility /
Jumping

(Novice -- 20 minutes swap Agility and Jumping)

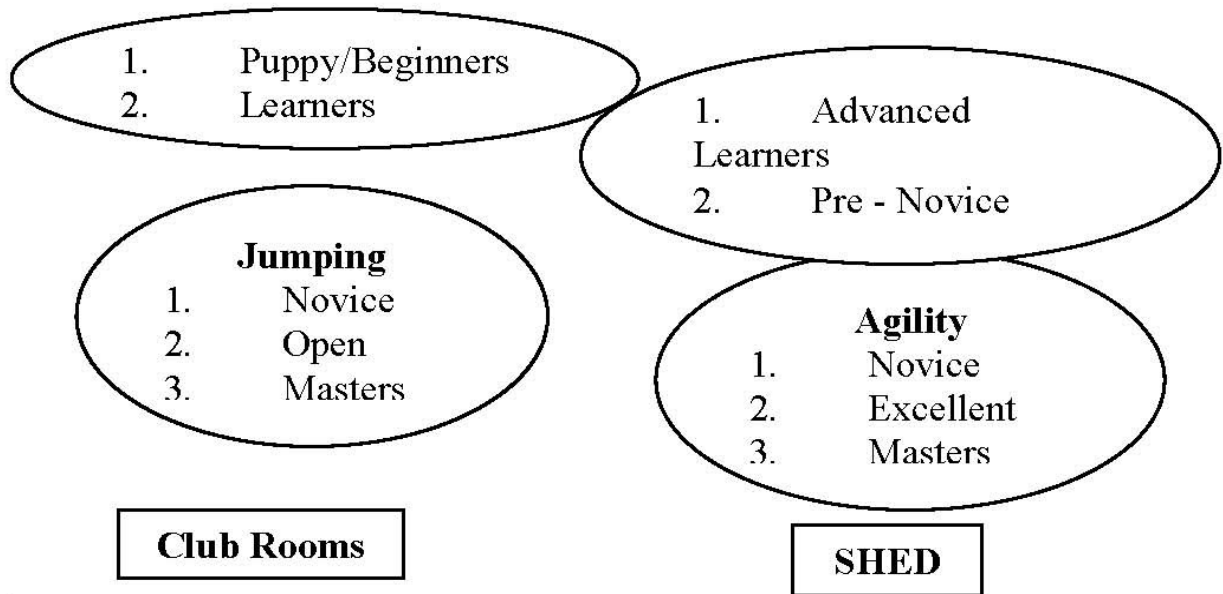
7.35pm – 8.15pm

Learners, Pre-Novice & Excellent Agility/Jumping

**(Excellent/Open -- 20 minutes swap Agility and
Jumping)**

8.25pm – 9.05 pm

Masters Agility / with Jumping & Games Training
(optional)



HOT WEATHER POLICY

There will be ***no training*** for non-trialling dogs/handlers (Puppies/Beginners, Learners, Advanced Learners and Pre Novice) in agility if the Thursday night weather forecast on Channel 9 News for Elizabeth on the Friday is 32 degrees Celsius and over.

Puppies new Starters –

Small to Medium Breeds – can start at 6 months of age

Large Breeds – can start at 12 months of Age

Effective September 2011



Head Agility Instructor Report Number 5

Hi to All –

This is the GOOD NEWS MONTH for Agility

I have finally received a list of State Championship Top 3 Places – and Thanks to Sharon who is good with names – I now have the names of our club members and the pet names for their dogs (we know them by their pet names)

AGILITY OPEN

1st Place Danni McCulloch and Inka

AGILITY MASTER

2nd Place Chrissy Dalla Valle and Cassie

AGILITY EXCELLENT

1st Place Gaynor Kennedy and Wally

JUMPING MASTER

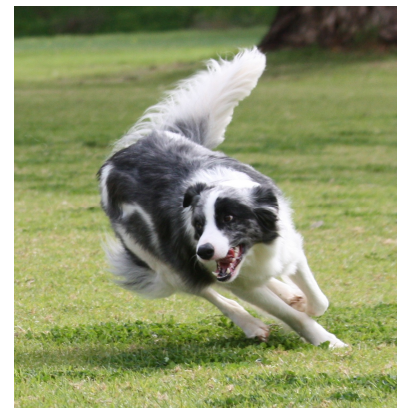
1st Place Danni McCulloch and Inka

3rd Place Julian Stokes (Hndl by R Fagan) and Jasper

JUMPING OPEN

1st Place Paul Schroeder and Jaz

2nd Place Vanessa Loughlin and India



Really WELL DONE – I think PDODC was VERY WELL

Represented. **Even those who did not place in final 3 – did very well – a Credit to all our Members.**

Irma Crews

Dances with Dogs

DogsSA Dances With Dogs Team performed at the Royal Show 2011 – we were there – as helpers and as participants.

Here are some Action Snap Shots



Come and watch ALL of PDODC Dances With Dogs Team dance for you at our Mock Trial Septemeber 24 – our Display is from 12.30 (During the Lunch Break) immediately following that display you are invited to have some fun and try moving to some music with us.



It might even be more fun than you could have imagined.

We Train Monday Evenings 6.30 in front of the Green Shed – even if it rains – we have shelter under the Verandah.

Irma Crews

2011 Flyball Competition – Royal Adelaide Show

On Saturday 10th September the Royal Adelaide Show held their annual Flyball Competition. There were 4 teams from Para Districts (Para Shooters, Para Troopers, Para Gliders and Para Ball Busters) who raced against 1 team from Dover Gardens Obedience Dog Club, 1 team from Ballarat (Vic) Flyball Club and 3 teams from Keilor (Vic) Flyball Club.

Martin Watt completed his provisional judging requirements by Judging at this year's Show with the assistance of Trent Shepherd, who came over from NSW. Julian Stokes was the AFA Rep for the comp.

This year we were back on the Dairy Cattle Lawn, which was good, as we were under the large marquee and there were occasional showers during the day.

The racing was very close with 2 heats tied. The racing was also very clean as no cards were given out.

Congratulations to Cougar and Raz who both retired from full day competition Flyball. Also congratulations to all those that obtained a title on the day.

Thank you to Sharon Page, Karen Tanner, Edward Burgess, Linley Nicholson, Leah Bingham and Damien Tucker for giving up their Saturday to Time-keep / Steward for the competition.

Also Thank You to Catherine Saberton, who co-ordinated with the Royal Show personnel and prepared the paperwork and Helen Jansson for putting together the catalogue.

The results for the Competition were:

<i>Division 1</i>	<i>Division 2</i>	<i>Division 3</i>
<i>Ballaarat Eureka Diggers</i>	<i>Para Troopers</i>	<i>T'Keilor Slammers</i>
<i>Para Shooters</i>	<i>Fly'd Over</i>	<i>Para Ball Busters</i>
<i>T'Keilor Gold</i>	<i>Para Gliders</i>	<i>T'Keilor Laidbacks</i>

Para District will be doing a Flyball Demonstration at the People & Dogs Open Day on Sunday 23rd October with our next Flyball Competition will be held on Saturday 3rd December at Club grounds.

It would be great if you can come down to either event to support the teams and your club.

If you are interested in playing Flyball with your dog, your dog must be fit & healthy, at least 12 months old, be at obedience level 3, be very social with people & dogs and obsessed with balls, then come down to the Club grounds at 6:30 on Monday nights for an assessment.

Chrissy Dalla Valle

Co-Head Flyball Instructor



End of Year break up / Christmas Party !

21st November 7pm - break up party for Flyball
and Dances with Dogs

25th November 7pm - break up party for Agility


27th November 12.30pm - combined break up
party with AGM for all members, friends, families
and dogs.

*Any items for the AGM must be emailed to ka-
rentanner@internode.on.net before October 25th.*

- *All parties will be held on club grounds.*
- *There will be **no training** however all dogs are
welcome.*
- *Bring your own drinks and a plate or 2 of food
to share.*



Just A Dog



From time to time people tell me, “Lighten up, it’s just a dog,” or, “That’s a lot of money for just a dog.” They don’t understand the distance traveled, time spent, or costs involved for “Just a dog.” Some of my proudest moments have come about with “Just a dog.” Many hours have passed with my only company being “Just a dog,” and not once have I felt slighted. Some of my saddest moments were brought about by “Just a dog.” In those days of darkness, the gentle touch of “Just a dog” provided comfort and purpose to overcome the day.

If you, too, think its “Just a dog,” you will probably understand phrases like “Just a friend,” “Just a sunrise,” or “Just a promise.” “Just a dog” brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust, and pure unbridled joy. “Just a dog” brings out the compassion and patience that makes me a better person. Because of “Just a dog” I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

For me and folks like me, it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment. “Just a dog” brings out what’s good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday people can understand it’s not “Just a dog.” It’s the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being “Just a man or woman.”

So the next time you hear the phrase “Just a dog,” smile, because they “Just Don’t Understand.

~ Author Unknown



Graduations: Obedience

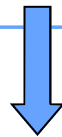
Grade 1 to 2 TOM: *Robyn & Kally*

Angela and River

Grade 2 to 3 TOM: *Trevor & Jemma*

Cindy & Cody and Pam & Tailor

Grade 4 to 5 TOM: *Dale and Zorro*



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