

August 2026

Para District

Obedience Dog Club





Club Ground Rules

(These rules are being formally put in place on advice from the Public Liability Insurer.)

Member Related



1. Children under 10 years of age must be supervised by an appropriate adult at all times on Club grounds.
2. Alcoholic drinks and Smoking are not permitted in class or in Club buildings.
3. Abusive or foul language is not tolerated on Club grounds.
4. Members must wear sensible shoes - no thongs or bare feet.
5. All handlers and dogs participate at their own risk.
6. Your membership badge must be worn in class. Replacement or "I forgot" badges are available from the office.
7. If you arrive late, do not enter your class, wait until the instructor indicates that you may join.

Dog Related



8. Dogs are not allowed in Clubrooms.
9. Bitches in season are not allowed on Club grounds.
10. Dogs may not be off lead unless permitted by an Instructor.
11. Dogs and handlers must not use equipment without permission of Instructors.
12. If your dog fouls 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, please rinse it off with water.
13. Any member not in class may not exercise their dog in the vicinity of classes in progress.
14. Please keep dogs well apart to avoid confrontations.
15. A current vaccination certificate must be presented upon joining or attending a complimentary lesson. It must also be presented when renewing an existing membership.
16. Dogs carrying a contagious disease may not attend training until they are officially cleared in writing by a qualified vet.

17. Class instructors, in consultation with the discipline's 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.

Attacks, Incidents, Injuries



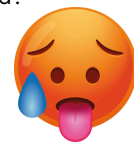
18. All incidents of dog attacks (provoked or unprovoked) must be reported immediately to the Head Instructor who will act accordingly. The incident must be recorded in the Incident Report book in the Office. An appeal to the decision made by the Head Instructor may be made in writing to the Club Secretary and the incident discussed at the next Committee meeting.
19. If any dog has been banned/suspended by Dogs SA it cannot attend the club until the ban/suspension has been lifted.

20. Any member/s, and/or any members dog/s, that at any time during their membership comes under disciplinary review by any Affiliated Club and/or Dogs SA are to provide notification to the Committee for review and consideration by the Committee.

21. Head Instructors have the authority to ask any member whose dog exhibits aggression or attacks another dog, to muzzle or remove their dog from the training grounds. It should also be given in writing to the Committee to discuss the outcome of action to be taken for the member and dog. At their discretion, Head Instructors have authority to deal with any club members' dogs guilty of unseemly conduct or an act harmful to the club or any existing member whilst training.

22. All injuries must be reported and recorded.

Hot Weather Policies



23. Any class may be cancelled due to unsuitable weather at the discretion of the Head Instructor(s).

24. Obedience, Scent, Agility and Flyball Hot Weather Policy Members are to use the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM App) for Salisbury. If the temperature is going to be 32 degrees or higher for Salisbury training will be cancelled. The temperature can be taken any time the day before training.

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2026 Committee

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The next edition of Slipcollar
will be a Xmas edition:
Deadline 4th December 2026

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone.

It's been a long time between drinks as far as a club magazine goes, but a new member, Kelly Fischer, is going to take it on, so we wish her well. It's a big job. Thank you, Kelly.

The committee often has to make difficult decisions and one that came up this year was making kennel cough vaccination mandatory. This was greeted with everything from 'About time it was brought in' to 'I'm going to leave the club because of this'. Yes, we know that dogs can still get kennel cough, there are a lot of strains. In fact, we nearly lost one of our dogs years ago with kennel cough and she was vaccinated. The strain of kennel cough was so severe that we had to close the club for a few weeks and disinfect everything. This is why we also no longer have communal water buckets around. Every year we hear of kennel cough outbreaks at the dog park and we are just looking to try and reduce severity and spread to our members.



Sadly, we lost our office volunteer, Margaret Williams, recently. She had managed our membership paperwork for many years and before that had trained her dogs. Margaret is sadly missed.

I attended her funeral with my wife, Michelle, and we were both in club uniforms. After the service, one of her granddaughters came over and said how good it was to see our uniforms. She had also attended the club some 30 years ago and it brought back great memories of training and the Christmas parties. For many of us, this uniform doesn't just represent the club, it represents our family, both human and furry.

This year has seen a huge boost in the number of disciplines come into the club. There is now bale seek, backpack dogs, along with bikejoring and canicross being recognised by ANKC. These, along with flyball, obedience, agility, rally, scent, tricks and sprint, mean there's always something on at the club.

Recently, many of our instructors attended dog emergency response training. It has also been carried out at the club. This is to give instructors a better ability to handle dog fights and aggression. This training will be ongoing and hopefully will not be needed, but it's there if it is.

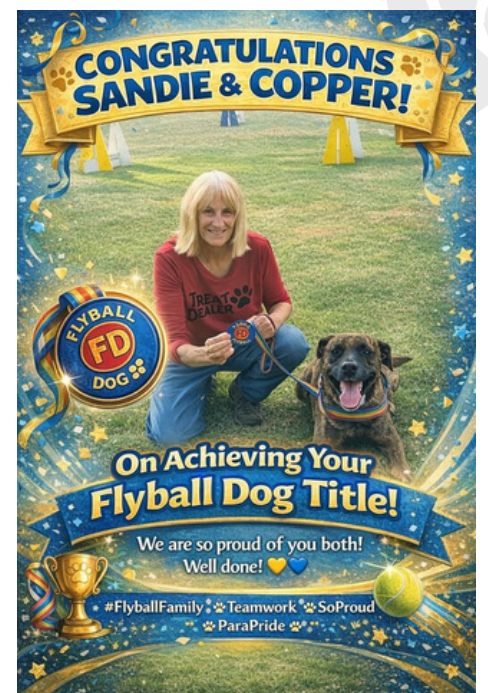
Financially, the club is going great guns. This means we can buy the latest of equipment and not be relying on borrowing from other clubs.

With the end of the year fast approaching, I hope to see you down at training having fun with your best friend.

Julian Stokes
President



Congratulations to all
those members who have
achieved a title or award in
2025 / 2026





LYN CARROLL
TOP AGILITY DOG WITH QUINT



JAN COOPER
TOP OBEDIENCE DOG WITH MATILDA



CHANTEL LEE STARKS
TOP SCENT WORK DOG WITH SAMMY
HIGHEST SCORING TRIAL DOG WITH SAMMY



JENNY ELLIS
TOP RALLY DOG WITH MIA



JUDI PRZIBILLA
TOP TRICKS DOG WITH SAMI



Monthly Graduations

March

CLASS 3

ANDREW AND IVY
ZOE AND KINGSTON
CASEY AND NALA

CLASS 4

LAUREN AND GILBERT
AILYSSAH AND MAIZEE
LYN AND LUNA
BELINDA AND CEA

April

CLASS 1

STEVE AND MOOSE
DANIELLE AND MALIBU
FRANK AND MURRAY

CLASS 2

JUDY AND ROSIE
RAY AND BARLEY

CLASS 3

PRUE AND STELLA
JO AND SNICKERS

May

CLASS 1

NARELLE AND HANK
DANIELLE AND MAZE
TERESA AND OSCAR

CLASS 3

TRISH AND DEXTER
JUDY AND ROSIE

June

CLASS 1

VICKI AND OLIVE
GILL AND DIVINE
STEPHANIE AND WOLFIE
SCARLETT AND RAKKI

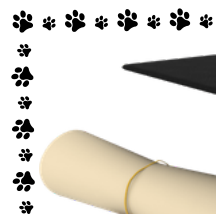
CLASS 2

SHAWN AND LEX
FRANK AND MURRAY
SEBASTIAN AND KENJI

July

CLASS 1

CHERISE AND ALBUS



Team of the Month

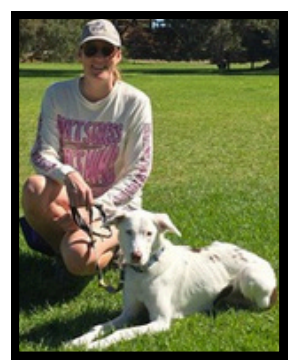
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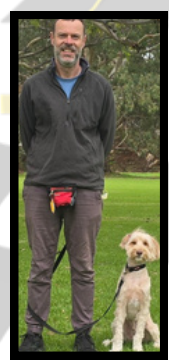
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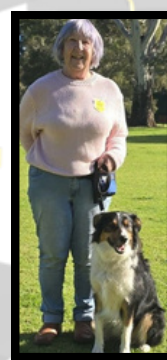
MARCH - CLASS 3
REBECCA AND BOWIE



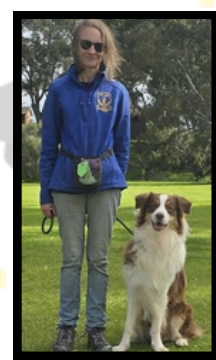
APRIL - CLASS 1
SEBASTIAN AND KENJI



MAY - CLASS 1
REBECCA AND QUIZ



JUNE - CLASS 1
LORRAINE AND DUGGEE



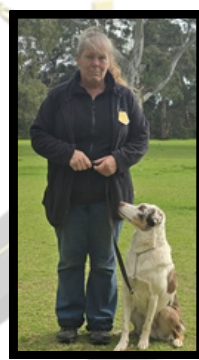
JULY - CLASS 1
ALEX AND SWAZEY



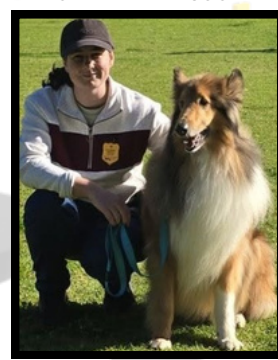
MARCH - CLASS 4
KAREN AND GEORGIE



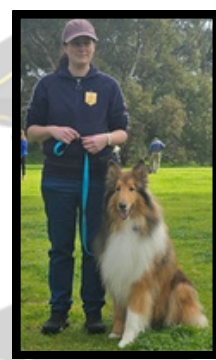
APRIL - CLASS 2
DANIELLE AND MILO



MAY - CLASS 3
BELINDA AND ABADDON



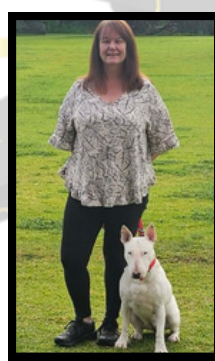
JUNE - CLASS 2
TERESA AND OSCAR



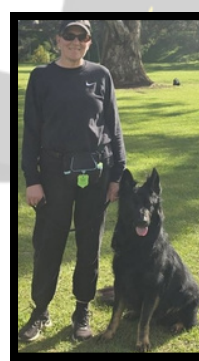
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TERESA AND OSCAR



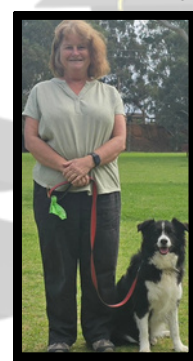
APRIL - CLASS 3
DANIELLE AND MILO



MAY - CLASS 4
DEB AND INDY (P)



JUNE - CLASS 4
SHARNA AND LUX



APRIL - CLASS 4
FIONA AND NIAMH



ONCE AGAIN, PDODC HAS BEEN INVITED TO MAWSON LAKES DOGS DAY OUT AND WILL BE THERE PROVIDING DEMONSTRATIONS. COME ALONG WITH YOUR FOUR-LEGGED FRIENDS AND CHEER US ON AND ENJOY THIS WONDERFUL EVENT OF ALL THINGS DOG. IT'S A FUN DAY OUT YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

PROUD WINNER OF THE "COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR"
CITY OF SALISBURY AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

"THE BIGGEST DOGS DAY OUT IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA"

IT IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR SOUTH AUSSIE DOGS AND THEIR OWNERS. A FUN DAY WITH DOG RELATED MARKET STALLS, DELICIOUS FOOD TRUCKS, COMPETITIONS AND DOG DISPLAYS. DON'T LEAVE YOUR DOGS AT HOME! FRIENDLY DOGS ALLOWED TO COME ON A LEASH AND UNDER CONTROL.



THIS IS A PROUD COMMUNITY PROJECT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF
SALISBURY WITH PARTNERSHIP FROM MANY AMAZING SPONSORS



DOGS DAY OUT



A FREE community event for dogs & dog lovers

10am-3pm

Sunday 27th September 2026

Mobara Park

MAWSON LAKES

🐾 Free entry - plenty of giveaways - local market stalls 🐾
fun dog competitions - vet checks - yummy food vendors
and much much more!

ENTRIES CLOSE 5th OCTOBER 2026

PARA DISTRICT OBEDIENCE DOG CLUB INC

OBEDIENCE TRIAL

To be held under the Constitution and Rules of the S.A.C.A. Inc.

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER AT 10.00AM

CLUB GROUNDS, JENKINS RESERVE, SAINTS ROAD, SALISBURY

JUDGES

CCD	Jan Brabham
CD	David Oppermann
Open A	Ruth Visser
Open B UD	Ruth Visser
UDX	Tony Brennan
	Tony Brennan



Please indicate clearly which Open class you wish to enter.

Open A for those who have gained CDX title

Open B for those who have not gained CDX title

The club reserves the right to appoint a reserve judge if necessary

SACA Rep: Victor Jordan **Trial Manager:** Allison Dawson **Vetting:** By Committee

Vetting Time: 9.15 am to 9.45 am. Bitches without proof of desexing only.

All dogs to pass checkpoint by close

Entry Fees: \$12.00

Catalogue: \$5.00 prepaid or on Dog Obedience SA and Para Districts Facebook page

Order of Judging: All rings simultaneously as per catalogue Open B before Open A, UDX before UD

First Place: Choice of trophy or toy for your furry friend

Sashes: To all qualifiers

Entries online: Preferred method of entry – Top Dog Events
www.topdogevents.com.au

Paper Entries: Trial Secretary, PO Box 497 Salisbury SA 5108
Email – paradogclub@outlook.com

Hot Weather Rule, Extreme Weather, or Extenuating Circumstance: If the forecast temperature at 10am from the bom.gov.au site (or app) two days prior to the trial is 34° celsius or above, or this trial is impacted by Extreme Weather or extenuating circumstances, this trial may be postponed, or cancelled, or have the commencement time amended. If required to postpone, cancel or amend the commencement time, there may be no refund of entry fees.

OBEDIENCE REPORT

James Wissell

Head Obedience Instructor

I'm honored to have been selected for another year as Obedience Head Instructor. Last year was a steep learning curve and I am grateful for the help and guidance I received and also to have an amazing Instructor Team with lots of experience. This year I am going to build on the changes implemented last year and continue to improve myself as Head Instructor, the quality of Instructing and the experience for all members and Instructors.

I have almost completed and programed the changes to puppy class which will be named *Foundations*. The goal of the class is to build confidence, develop engagement and to instill the foundations.

The other big change was adding another class 5 which is not set on the goal of winning trials. Tony's class has a lot more freedom to focus on everything non trial related and his class is encouraged to ask for help in exactly what they need help in. I would like to include more life like recalls which simulate real life experiences instead of just the formal obedience exercise. Any ideas on how the changes are going and what members would like is encouraged to make sure myself and the instructor team are meeting members needs and wants.

I am very proud of the level of obedience on a Sunday morning from the very first class to the trials ring from both instructors and members. We as a club should be very proud and our results are impressive.

Dog Emergency Response Training.

Over the holiday break our club Instructors from all disciplines attended an emergency response seminar on preventing and safely breaking up dog fights. The seminar consisted of theory and practical training to make sure our club training sessions are safe for all members and dogs. As part of this the club is implementing new procedures and has purchased new safety equipment. We will continue to train all Instructors on the procedures and techniques for everyone's safety. There is more info on the DERT in this Newsletter.

First Obedience Trial for the year.

The club held its first Obedience Trial for the year on Saturday 11th of April. This was our first trial under the new Dogs SA rules and thanks to everyone involved ran very well. Our club had lots of success from both Instructors and members.

Congratulations to everyone who passed and well done to everyone who entered. Thank you to all of the competitors, volunteers, stewards and judges who helped make the trial possible. If you are interested in or would like more information about trialing in Obedience, please speak to your instructor or come see me on a Sunday. Trialing is a great way to show the hard work you and your dog as a team have done.

Next Obedience Trial.

The club's second and final Obedience Trial for the year will be held on Saturday 17th October. I would like to see lots of club members entered and those who are not entered please come down, support your club and have a look. If you can help setup, pack up or steward then please come see me on a Sunday. Stewarding is a great way to get inside ring access and to work with a judge to learn about trialing. The club will need 8 stewards and will provide them with an amazing lunch.

New Instructors.

As the club is totally run by volunteers and our membership continues to grow each week, we are always looking for members interested in becoming Instructors to help share their knowledge and experience. Training and support are provided and aspiring Instructors work with another Instructor until they are ready to take a class on their own. If you would like to help please come see me at Sunday training to have a chat.

Get to Know your instructors.

So, our members can get to know our Instructors better there will be a section in the club's magazine introducing each Instructor. Each Instructor will be asked to answer a few questions about themselves and their dogs. The first two instructors will be Jan and Ray who have been a part of the club and instructors for many years.

On Obedience Sundays as well as attending your obedience classes don't forget to also check out Rally Obedience and Tricks. See you on a Sunday.

OBEDIENCE REPORT

James Wissell

Head Obedience Instructor





Find us on
Facebook

All breeds welcome
Specialising in German Shepherds
0421 110 530



Dog Training by James
In home services available
**1 on 1 Handler Training from Sit to Competition Obedience, Dog Training and Advice, Dog Walking,
Animal Transport, Day School @OZCORPK9, Custom Leads, Collars and Accessories.**

DOG EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING (D.E.R.T)

Article by

Danielle Griggs

Last year in December most instructors did DERT training.
DERT is developed by Jade Currie from Lost Dogs Home Victoria.



What is DERT?

DERT IS A SAFETY TRAINING BASED ON HOW TO SAFELY INTERACT AND IF NEEDED TO BREAK UP FIGHTS.

At the moment we are doing refresher training for the instructors so we can implement this for you and your dog safety.

We will be the first club in SA to have this available. We are hoping to have it running from August and is available in all disciplines.

EVERY HEAD INSTRUCTOR WILL BE THE FIRST RESPONDER AND WILL BE WEARING AN **ORANGE** HIGH-VIS VEST.

ALL INSTRUCTORS WILL BE WEARING **YELLOW** HIGH-VIS AND FIRST AIDERS **GREEN** SO THEY ARE EASILY RECOGNISED.

(Vests are on order, won't be worn until arrived).



EVERY INSTRUCTOR WILL HAVE A WHISTLE ON THEM.

- IT HAS BEEN DECIDED ONE WHISTLE MEANS DOG ON THE LOOSE.
- CONTINUING WHISTLE MEANS DOG EMERGENCY.

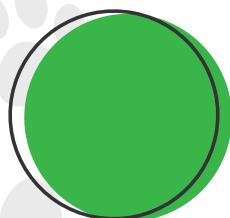
When you hear this and you are near the scene please leave away from the emergency and let the instructors and the first responder do their job.

IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LEAVE BY THE HEAD INSTRUCTOR IN **ORANGE PLEASE LEAVE.**



PDODC also will have a special designed response kit available with content needed for any emergency including a dog first aid kit.

IF ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SEE YOUR HEAD INSTRUCTOR



AGILITY REPORT

Danielle Griggs
Head Agility Instructor

Well what can I say, we have had a lot of new starters this year and started the year well. Unfortunately we haven't had much luck with the weather and many trainings have been cancelled.

It is good to see many new triallers at the competitions representing Para and doing really well. Para was well represented this year in the State Championships with a lot of novice triallers.

Keep going and stay positive as some days aren't going as well as other days.

We have had an amazing trial in May and numbers were pretty good considering other disciplines were taking place. We have another trial on the 8th of August. If you thinking of trialling come and volunteer the day. It's a great way to see what's involved. We are always looking for help on trial days.

Fingers crossed weather gods are on our side going forward!

TRICKS REPORT

Danielle Griggs
Head Tricks Instructor

It's great to see and work with everyone that come and see me for tricks.

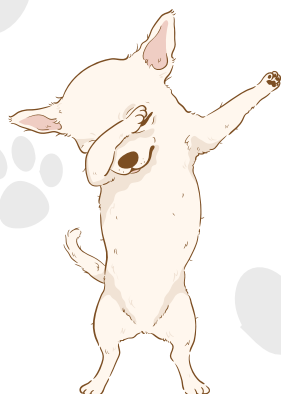
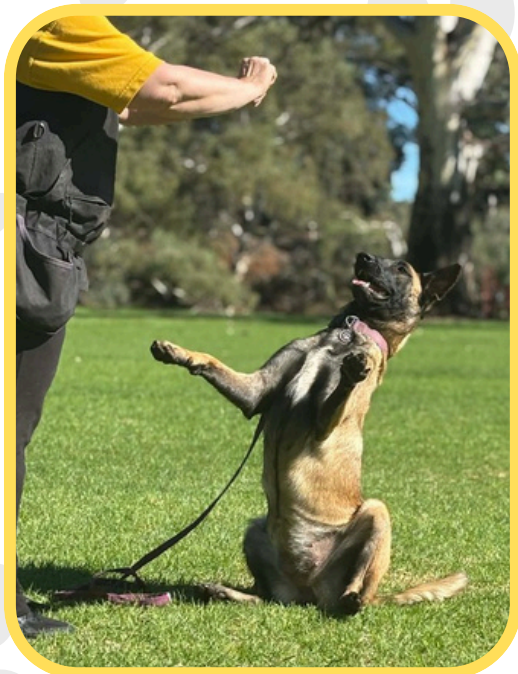
Trick class is held from 11 to 12 so I can train my own dogs before that time.

Everyone is welcome all levels.

Tricks is a great way to get a good working connection with your dog.

Tricks is also great to use as a warm-up routine for other disciplines and especially agility.

If interested come and see me.



RALLY REPORT

Kathryn Wiltshire

Rally Instructor

It's been great to see some new faces giving rally a go this year, as well as the regular rally participants. The first PDODC rally trial of the year was a double trial held on June 20th. The trial was well attended with over 40 entries in each of the two trials. I was unfortunately away and unable to attend but I was pleased to see some great results from the members who took part. Well done and thanks to everyone who entered and a massive thanks to all the volunteers who helped the trial run smoothly. Due to not being able to attend and set up rally for several Sundays before the trial I had planned to run some bonus midweek sessions to help people prepare but unfortunately weather was against us with all but one of the planned sessions washed out! But it was great to see a lot of people take advantage of the session I did get in and hopefully you found it useful. For the rest of the year I should be there and have rally set up most Sundays, aside from a few weekends when I'm trialling myself.

There are a lot of rally trials coming up in September and October, starting with one at Gawler on September 13th, then the state obedience and rally championship weekend on September 19-20th, Munno Para rally trial on September 26th, and then the October long weekend will feature rally at SAODC on 4th October and Para's second double rally trial of the year on Monday 5th October. Following that, there's also rally at Dover Gardens on October 11th. Phew! You can find details for these on Top Dog events and the Dogs SA magazine. With so many competitions coming up, it's likely that several participants will qualify for titles. I suggest working on some of the higher-level exercises as well as the level you are competing at, so you're prepared to move up as you gain qualifications.

Congratulations to those who have qualified for titles so far this year! Don't forget to also put your title applications in at PDODC to be recognised with a badge and optional end of year trophy.

Following the five-yearly rules review for obedience and rally that was completed last year, there were several new rally signs introduced for 2026. I have been including these in the courses I set up but with 15 new ones I can't include all of them every week. If you haven't caught up on them yet, make sure you check out the revised rules, which are available at <https://dogsaustralia.org.au/media/10385/10-da-rally-rule-book-01-01-2026v2.pdf>

Another great resource for helping learn the various stations is an excellent series of YouTube videos by Shanelle Corben demonstrating all of the current (2026) rally signs. Check them out at <https://www.youtube.com/@shanellecorben>

If there's any signs – new or old – that you are keen to practice, feel free to make a request. I try to include all signs on rotation, but happy to favour any that participants would find particularly useful.

Rally class information:

The rally course is set up by about 9:00 on Sunday mornings and is usually up until at least 11:30 unless I'm away. There's not a rally class as such – rally is based on the exercises you learn and practice in the obedience classes, so I encourage you to do your normal class as well as going through the rally course to practice. For any newcomers, you can find me over by the rally course at 10:15 Sunday mornings for an introduction to rally. If you can't make it at 10:15, just come find me when you can and make a time. In the intro to rally, I'll explain the overall concepts and some specifics of the rally exercises. Many of the obedience instructors also do rally and include some of the rally-specific exercises in their classes. If you let your instructor know you're interested in rally, they can give you some extra pointers during class.

Those who know what they're doing are welcome to go through the course whenever it suits. Please just be mindful of other participants and please give priority to instructors who may be trying to squeeze in some practice between taking their classes. If you have any questions or want feedback, just ask. You can generally find me around the rally course when I'm not training my own dogs and I'm happy to make a time to go over anything you need help with.

RALLY REPORT

Kathryn Wiltshire

Rally Instructor



FLYBALL REPORT

MID-SEASON 2026

Belinda & Sarah

Head Flyball Instructors

The 2026 flyball season has certainly been a learning experience for us as first-time Head Instructors. Sarah, Karen and I stepped into the role knowing there would be challenges, but we probably didn't expect Mother Nature to be one of our biggest! With so many Monday night training sessions washed out due to rain, it has made building new teams and preparing dogs for competition more difficult than we had hoped.

Despite the setbacks, it has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm from both our experienced members and the many new handlers and dogs who have joined our flyball family this year. Watching these new teams develop has been incredibly rewarding, and the future of Flyball at Para is looking very bright.

Our first competition of the year was Para Maynia, held on our home grounds. While the day wasn't without its challenges, including some issues with the lights and plenty of wet weather, we worked together to overcome them and still managed to host a successful and enjoyable competition. A huge thank you goes to all of our volunteers, officials, competitors and supporters who helped make the day possible despite the conditions.

One of the highlights of the season has been the growth of our club. We have expanded from three competition teams to four, giving more dogs and handlers the opportunity to experience the excitement of racing. Our teams proudly competing this year are:

- Para Swaggers
- Para Doggy Dashers
- Para Barking Brigade
- Para Paw Patrol

Our next competition took us to Dover Gardens, where our teams continued to gain valuable experience and confidence. It was great to see our newer combinations becoming more settled, while our experienced dogs continued to perform consistently. Every competition teaches us something new, and it's exciting to watch both handlers and dogs improve with each outing.

Unfortunately, Karen recently stepped down from her role as Head Instructor due to increasing work commitments. Thankfully, she hasn't gone far and continues to play a huge role within our flyball community. Karen has worked tirelessly behind the scenes securing sponsorship for our teams, while also dedicating countless hours to training our new members and helping them build a solid foundation in the sport. Her continued support is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

Another real highlight of the season was welcoming Samantha, who visited us from overseas. Samantha has competed at the highest level of flyball, including being part of a Crufts-winning team, so it was a privilege to have someone with her experience spend time with our club. She was keen to see how we do things here in Australia, and our members thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to chat with her, watch her work with dogs, and share our passion for flyball.

We have also been fortunate to welcome many new members to our Monday night training sessions. The willingness of our experienced members to mentor newcomers and share their knowledge continues to make Para a welcoming and supportive club.

The excitement is only just beginning. September is shaping up to be a huge month for Para Flyball, with our new feature a double-header consisting of the K9 Pro Lead in to the Show competition, followed by racing at the Royal Adelaide Show. These events are always highlights on our calendar with teams from Victoria travelling over the border. This provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase our sport to competitors and the public.

Just two weeks later, three Para Flyball teams will travel to Bendigo to compete at the Australian Flyball Nationals. To have three teams representing our club on the national stage is a fantastic achievement and reflects just how much our flyball program has grown. We wish every handler and every dog the very best as they represent Para with pride.

Finally, we'd like to thank all of our trainers, volunteers, committee members and sponsors for the countless hours they contribute behind the scenes. Flyball simply couldn't happen without your dedication.

While the season has had a wet and challenging start, we're proud of how far we've come already. With more competitions, growing teams, amazing sponsors, and Nationals just around the corner, we're excited to see what the rest of 2026 has in store for Para Flyball.



FLYBALL REPORT



'Getting to know our Instructors'

RAY GUNTER

JAN COOPER

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN INSTRUCTOR AT PARA DISTRICT?	Bit over 30 years	Over 30 years	
WHAT OBEDIENCE CLASSES DO YOU NORMALLY INSTRUCT?	Puppy 1 and Class 3	Class 5 and help to put people through the Trial ring.	
DO YOU INSTRUCT ANY OTHER DISCIPLINES AT PARA DISTRICT?	No Obedience Only	No	
HAVE YOU INSTRUCTED AT ANY OTHER CLUB?	I was the Head Instructor at Tea Tree Gully Council Obedience for over 20	No Only Para.	
WHY DID YOU BECOME AN INSTRUCTOR?	I was asked to become an Instructor	After successfully training my own dogs in obedience I discovered how rewarding it is to help dogs learn and build stronger relationships with their owners. Through patience, consistency and positive reinforcement I saw firsthand how training transforms behaviour and improves communication between dogs and people. This experience inspired me to pursue becoming an instructor because I want to share that knowledge I acquired and help others to achieve the same success. Becoming an instructor has allowed me to combine my passion for dogs with my desire to teach and support others. I firmly believe every dog has the potential to learn when given clear guidance. I find great satisfaction in helping others develop well-mannered happy and confident dogs.	
DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE OBEDIENCE EXERCISE TO TEACH OR TRAIN?	Puppies are fun but I enjoy teaching at any level	Heeling is my favourite obedience to train because it demonstrates the partnership between a dog and its handler. I enjoy teaching others how to build focus, engagement and clear communication to the dog, rather than simply getting the dog to walk beside them. For me heeling represents trust, cooperation and a strong bond that develops between dog and handler.	
WHAT IS YOUR LEAST FAVOURITE EXERCISE TO TEACH OR TRAIN?	Dumbbell	I don't really have one but if I had to pick, I would say stays.	
WHAT ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO TEACH A DOG?	To come when called and food refusal	The most important things to teach a dog go beyond individual commands. They are: 1) A reliable recall = One of the most important behaviours for your dog's safety. 2) Focus and engagement = Teaching a dog to pay attention to its handler! 3) Loose lead walking - Makes outings safer and more enjoyable. 4) Sit, Drop and Stay - The foundations. 5) Impulse Control - Teaching "wait" "leave it" and settling calmly helps dogs make good choices. 6) Social skills - Dogs should remain Calm and polite around people and unfamiliar environments. 7) Handling and Grooming - makes vet visits less stressful. 8) Confidence - Exposing dogs to different sounds and experiences makes the dog become more adaptable and resilient.	
WHAT DOGS DO YOU HAVE? NAMES? BREEDS?	Bree and Carley Both German Shepherds	I have two Australian Shepherds named Matilda and Tag.	
WHAT DISCIPLINES DO YOU AND YOUR DOGS PARTICIPATE IN?	Obedience	Only Obedience.	
WHEN YOU ARE NOT AT THE CLUB WHAT DO YOU MOST LIKE TO DO WITH YOUR DOGS?	Assistance dog training on Saturdays	Go for long walks most days.	
WHAT NON DOG INTERESTS DO YOU HAVE?	Gardening, Electronics and Shooting	Love watching films, listening to podcasts to reading.	
ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD?		No, I think and hope I have covered it all.	



THANK YOU



For those of you that are new to the club my name is Sharon Page and I've been a proud member of PDODC for over 40yrs, 35 yrs as an obedience instructor and instructor in agility and flyball. In fact myself and Catherine Stroop brought flyball to Para where it now is held on a Monday night.

I've spent many years in different positions too many to list here and currently manage the club book for instructors on Sundays. I spent 15yrs as Head Obedience Instructor and the last 12-15yrs helping the Heads of Obedience organise the instructors on a Sunday. Past HOL's have been Ray Gunter, Julian Stokes, Jan Cooper and our current Head James Wissell.

At the end of May I was presented with some lovely flowers and a bottle of blended scotch for my 40th year of service to the club. Something that I will never forget and am very grateful for! There are two other instructors that have been here longer than me and that's Alan Chadwick who comes every Sunday travelling from Kersbrook and Victor Jordan who many of you know both are very committed to our club and we are grateful for the time they have spent giving up their time and energy for the past and present members of our club. With that said Ray and Jan Cooper came shortly after me so that shows what commitment is shown by the volunteers of the club today and as I said from past seasons. The photo is from the presentation of my gifts for 40yrs of being here.

Kind regards Sharon Page.

Club News & Notices

In Loving Memory

Margaret & Lacey



Margaret Williams has been a large part of our dog club for the last nine or so years. We sadly lost Margaret on the 26th June 2026. She worked tirelessly in the office every Sunday and was a force to be reckoned with if you crossed the line. She not only ran the office but did many other things to help the club such as cleaning etc.etc.etc. I also saw her at the Jack Young Centre where she was also a volunteer. She was always taking people to appointments and running errands etc. for people that didn't drive.

I had the pleasure of meeting her in March of this year for coffee and a catch up where I took her gift of a water container in Para colours and Logo and she was so grateful to the club that we would remember her and give her a treasured memento as she hadn't attended the club this year due to not being very well! Well we chatted for about three hours and then her lovely daughter Teresa arrived to transport her home. I didn't realise that would be the last time I saw her, and to be honest I thought she looked well. She never said that her time with us was limited, but that was Margaret through and through! In the last weeks of her life the whole family organised a virtual farm to come to her unit. She had a wonderful day with cows and calves whom she cuddled and patted for hours whilst family took many photos of her in her element. She grew up with farm animals being most important in her life. She had five children and so many great and great grandchildren that I used to say to her that I could not keep up. Her funeral reflected that in every way possible.

Margaret was given life membership for her years of service and that will be announced at the AGM in November this year. So we said goodbye to her at her funeral where she had the last word which was typical of the lovely person which we all knew and miss dearly. She was too loved to ever be forgotten. So R.I.P Margaret who's now in heaven it was an honour to know you.

From all your friends at P.D.O.D.C. and beyond. 🐾

Written by
Sharon Page



UPCOMING EVENTS

August



29th (Saturday)	Canine Fanciers Kennel Club Inc. – All Breeds Championship Show – 9.00am not before 11.30am – David Roche Park – Entries Close 27.08.26 Via Show Manager – Schedule July Magazine
	Agility Dog Club of SA Inc – Agility Trials – 9.00am and not before 1.00pm – Golflands Reserve, Glenelg – Entries Close 17.08.26 Via Top Dog Events
	Dogs SA RAFT Advisory Committee – State Championships Retrieving Trials for Gundogs – Entries Close 22.08.26 Via Show Manager
	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc – Scent Work Trial – 9.15am & NB 1.00pm – Two Wells Community Centre, Two Wells – Entries Close 17.08.26 Via Top Dog Events
30th (Sunday)	Canine Fanciers Kennel Club Inc. – Open Show – 9.00am – David Roche Park – Entries Close 27.08.26 Via Show Manager – Schedule July Magazine
	Canine Fanciers Kennel Club Inc. – All Breeds Championship Show – not before 10.30am – David Roche Park – Entries Close 27.08.26 Via Show Manager – Schedule July Magazine
	Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club Inc – Scent Work Trial – 1.00pm – Pimpala Primary School, Morphett Vale – Entries Close 21.08.26 Via Top Dog Events
	Dogs SA RAFT Advisory Committee – State Championships Retrieving Trials for Gundogs – Entries Close 22.08.26 Via Show Manager

September

5th (Saturday)	Royal A & H Society Inc – Royal Adelaide Show (5th September to 13th September 2026)– Championship Show (9 AM), Obedience & Rally Trial (9 PM), Agility & Games Trials (3 PM), DWD Competition
6th (Sunday)	Royal A & H Society Inc – Royal Adelaide Show (5th September to 13th September 2026)– Championship Show (9 AM), Obedience & Rally Trial (9 PM), Agility & Games Trials (3 PM)
7th (Monday)	Poodle Club of SA – Specialty Championship Show – at the conclusion of judging at the Adelaide Royal Show – Entries Close 30.08.26 Via Show Manager – Schedule July Magazine
9th (Wednesday)	Tenterfield Terrier Club of SA Inc – National Specialty Championship Show – 10.00am – David Roche Park – Entries Close 18.08.2026 Via Show Manager – Schedule April Magazine
11th (Friday)	Royal A & H Society Inc – Royal Adelaide Show (5th September to 13th September 2026)– Championship Show (9 AM), Obedience & Rally Trial (3 PM), Agility & Games Trials (3 PM)



UPCOMING EVENTS



September

12th (Saturday)	Royal A & H Society Inc - Royal Adelaide Show (5th September to 13th September 2026) - DWD Competition
	Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club - Sprint Dog Trial - 9.00am - Pimpala Primary School - Entries Close 28.08.26 Via Top Dog Events
	The Chihuahua Club - Championship Show - 10.00am - David Roche Park - Entries Close 07.09.2026 Via Show Manager
	Welsh Corgi Club of SA - Specialty Championship Show - 10.00am - David Roche Park - Entries Close 01.09.2026
	Old English Sheepdog Club of SA - Specialty Championship Show - at the conclusion of judging at the Adelaide Royal Show - Entries Close 01.08.26 Via Show Manager
	Herding Dog Club of SA Inc - Herding Trial - NB 9.30am Cows NB 10.30am Ducks Venue - Murray Bridge North - Entries Close 07.09.26 via Paper Entries Only
	National Retrieving Trials - Tasmania
13th (Sunday)	Royal A & H Society Inc - Royal Adelaide Show General Specials
	Gawler Dog Training Club Inc - Obedience & Rally Trials - 10.00am and not before 12.00pm - Elliott Goodger Memorial Park - Entries Close 07.09.26 Via Top Dog Events
	Herding Dog Club of SA Inc - Herding Trial Sheep - NB 10.30am - Goolwa - Entries Close 07.09.26
19th (Saturday)	Port Pirie Kennel Club Inc - All Breeds Championship Show - 9.00am and not before 11.30am - David Roche Park - Entries Close 17/09/2026 - Via Show Manager - Schedule July Magazine
	Dogs SA Obedience Advisory Committee - State Obedience & Rally Championships - 9.00am and not before 1.00pm - Beaumont Road - Entries Close 02.09.26 Via Show Manager - Schedule April & July Magazine
20th (Sunday)	Port Pirie Kennel Club Inc - All Breeds Championship Show - 9.00am and not before 11.30am - David Roche Park - Entries Close 17/09/2026 - Via Show Manager - Schedule July Magazine
	Dogs SA Obedience Advisory Committee - State Obedience & Rally Championships - 9.00am and not before 1.00pm - Beaumont Road- Entries Close 02.09.26 Via Show Manager - Schedule April & July Magazine
	Adelaide Lure Coursing & Racing Club Inc - Lure Coursing Trial - 9.00am - Venue TBA
26th (Saturday)	Munno Para Dog Obedience Club Inc - Obedience Trial - 10.00am - Rally Trial - not before 1.00pm Smithfield - Entries Close 18.09.26 Via Top Dog Events
	Noarlunga City Obedience Dog Club Inc - Scent Work Trial - Pimpala Primary School, Morphett Vale - Entries Close 18.09.26 Via Top Dog Events
	The Adelaide Hills Kennel Club Inc - Sprintdog Trial - Venue TBA
27th (Sunday)	Southern Districts Kennel & Obedience Dog Club Inc - Obedience NB 9.30am, Trick NB 10.00am & Rally NB 12.30pm Trial/Test - Morphett Vale - Entries Close 05.09.26 Via Top Dog Events
	The Adelaide Hills Kennel Club Inc - Sprintdog Trial - Venue TBA
	Pug Club of SA Inc - Funday - 11.00am - Offlead area

CLASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

Obedience: If the estimated Sunday maximum temperature for Elizabeth is 32 degrees or higher, there will be no training.

First Time Information

What to bring and wear on your first visit to us:

Start in the Puppies/First Timers Training Session at 9.30am Sunday Mornings.

- Your dog/s and their current vaccination certificates.
- Soft, yummy/ tasty treats or toy to reward your dog.
- A bum bag to carry your treats and Poo bags, No handbags,
- Suitable footwear to be worn = closed in toes, no thongs or slip-ons.
- Correct collar and lead for your dog, no harnesses to be used in classes.

MONDAY

Monday Night Classes: 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.

FRIDAY

Friday Night Agility Sessions will not be held if the temperature forecast for Friday is 32 degrees or higher.

Obedience

Tricks

Rally O.

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Agility

LONG WEEKENDS

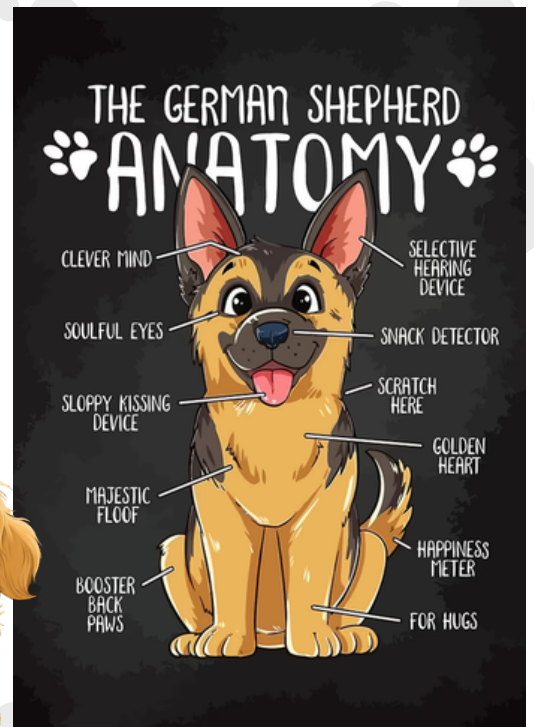
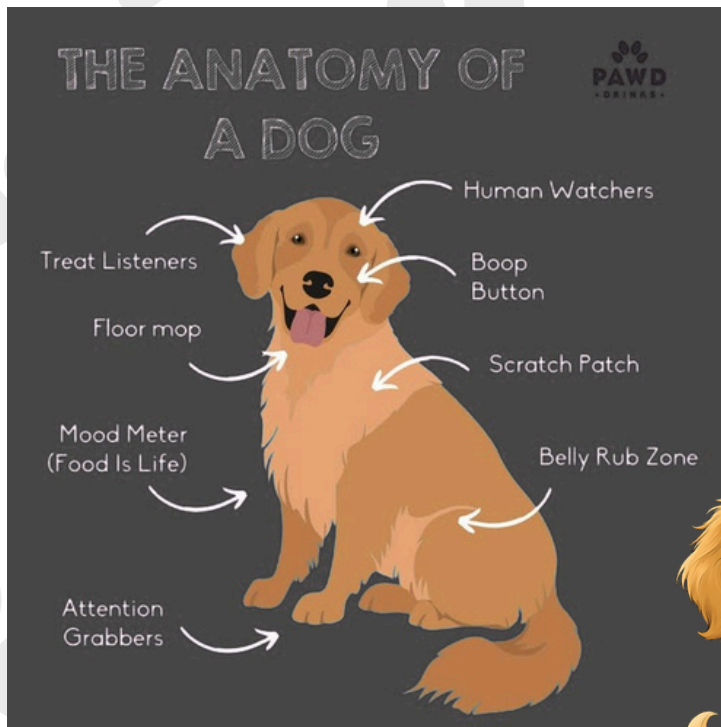
There will be no training on a long weekend
(where the Friday or Monday is a public holiday)

9:00am	Trial Rings
9:30am	First Timers (New Members)
	Foundation
	Beginners (B1 & B2)
	Class 5
10:30am	Learners, Class 2 & Class 6
11:15am	Class 4
11:20am	Class 3
11:30am	Class 1

11:00am-12:00pm	Tricks Class
9:00am-11:30am	Course available
10:15am	Newcomers (or by appointment)

Start 6:30pm	Set Up & First Timers
6:45pm-7:30pm	Non-Trialers
7:45pm-8:30pm	Trialers

Start 6:30pm	Beginners and New dogs
	First training session for first timers is the 1 st Friday of the month
8:00pm-9:00pm	Trialers Agility and Jumping



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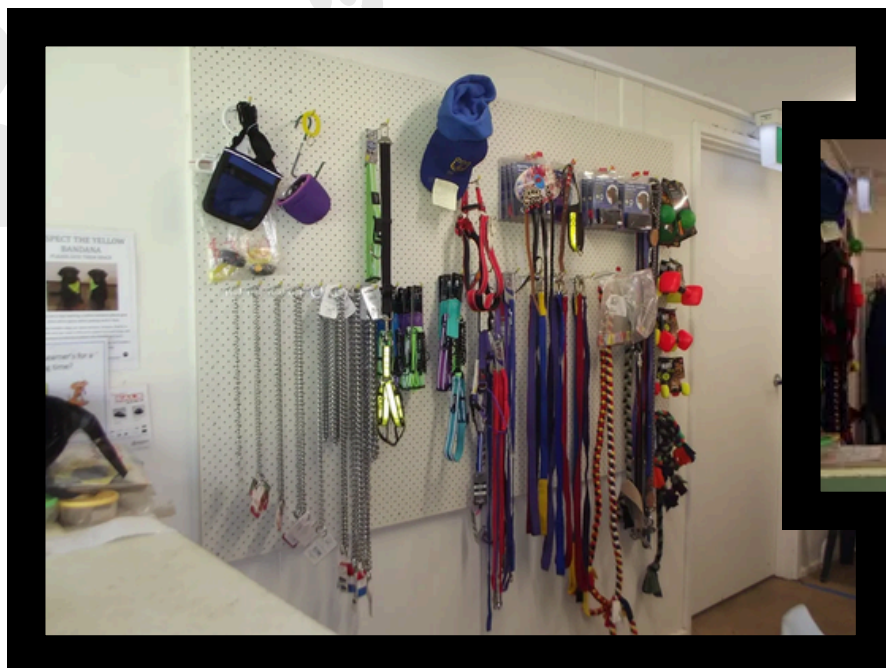
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